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MEC WARNS ROAD USERS TO BE EXTRA VIGILANT OVER THE WEEKEND

MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Willies Mchunu, has issued a stern warning to road users, particularly pedestrians and cyclists to be extra vigilant when using the roads over the weekend.

This warning comes after reports indicating an increase in pedestrian fatalities. He has further urged cyclists to observe road rules and cycle in designated cycling areas to avoid crashes. Last Sunday morning, two cyclists were killed after being knocked down by a motorist who allegedly drove under the influence of alcohol on the M4 in Durban.

In a separate incident on Wednesday (10 February 2016) along the N2 South near uMgababa off ramp, a Road Traffic Inspectorate's officer was knocked down by a taxi whilst trying to stop it for allegedly exceeding the speed limit on the N2.

In yet another incident that took place today (12 February 2016) on the N3 near Pavillion, a pedestrian died after being knocked down by a vehicle.

MEC Mchunu has raised his concerns on the increasing number of people dying on the roads on a daily basis.

"I want to appeal to all the road users be they motorists, pedestrians or cyclists, to be extra cautious. Cyclists and pedestrians are urged to use designated lanes provided to them to avoid fatalities. We are deeply saddened by the loss of lives on our roads including pedestrians and cyclists who are among the most vulnerable road users in South Africa, hence we urge for strict adherence to the road rules and regulations to avoid crashes and fatalities. I want to further urge pedestrians not to cross highways and use pedestrian bridges," said Mchunu.

Mchunu indicated that law enforcement officers will be deployed throughout the province to deal with those who want to be a law unto themselves.

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