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MEC KAUNDA TO PAY HIS LAST RESPECTS TO THE 11 VICTIMS OF THE HARDING BAKKIE ACCIDENT

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Mxolisi Kaunda, will lead mourners to pay their last respect to the 11 victims of the Harding bakkie accident. All 11 victims will be laid to rest at a mass funeral service to be held on Saturday (16 July 2016), at Gumbatana sports ground (uMzumbe Local Municipality ward 2).

Kaunda will be accompanied by the leadership of the 12th Apostolic Church, mayors of uGu district, uMziwabantu local municipality, uMzumbe local municipality, the local traditional leaders, and the Interfaith.

Commenting on the preparation for the funeral, Kaunda said the government will always be with bereaving families during the most difficult times.

“As a caring government we will always operate on the basis of our Ubuntu values of empathy, and of being with the people in times of great need. We are therefore working together as the Department of Transport, the Road Accident Fund, local municipalities and other community structures, to assist the bereaving families with the funeral arrangements. The loss of 11 people in one accident is very tragic and we should all make sure it does not recur. The most difficult experience is to meet with these bereaving families, because of the pain they are going through. After visiting the accident scene on Monday, we visited all the affected families and we could see and feel their pain and suffering. We will provide comfort to the families and also to send a strong message to other road users; that we will now act harshly against those who continue to violate the law,” said Kaunda.

Details of the funeral service:

Date: 16 July 2016
Venue: Gumbatana Sport Ground
Time: 10h00

The names of the victims are:

1. Zanele Mkhungo (25)
2. Sanelisiwe Mkhungo (19)
3. Bawinile Mkhungo (14)
4. Enzokuhle Mkhungo (5 months)
5. Sthembile Mkhungo (21)
6. Neliswa Mqadi (15)
7. Baqondile Mkhungo (47)
8. Omuhle Mkhungo (2)
9. Thembeke Dlulisa (20)
10. Lungisile Dlulisa (18)
11. Slindokuhle Prince Dlamini (2)

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