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## **MEDIA LIAISON AND PUBLIC RELATIONS**

### **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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ATTENTION: Editors, News Editors & PR Wires

#### **MEC KAUNDA CONCERNED OVER THE SPATE OF ROAD CRASHES IN THE PROVINCE**

The MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Mxolisi Kaunda, has expressed his concerns over the spate of road crashes that have claimed the lives of nearly 10 people over the weekend and this morning.

Preliminary reports reveal that this morning on the M1, a driver of the Olympic Bus Services was travelling to Pinetown when he lost control and went off the roadway into the bank. There were three (3) people who were confirmed dead, while one critically injured person was airlifted to RK Khan Hospital and the further 54 passengers who sustained injuries were taken to Inkosi Albert Luthuli Hospital for medical attention.

In a separate incident last night (04 December 2016) on the R66 in Ncinyane, a bakkie and a Toyota Corolla collided, leaving one person dead on the scene. In another crash that happened on the R603 near Gum Tree stores, it is alleged that two bakkies collided head-on leaving three people dead on the scene and one who died on the way to hospital.

Kaunda expressed his concern over the number of crashes and fatalities that occurred over the weekend as the festive season approaches.

**“This poses a serious concern as we are preparing for the festive season campaign. We have already started intensifying our law enforcement and road safety programmes to ensure that we prevent crashes and fatalities during this festive season. We are, however, extremely concerned about the fatal crashes recorded over the weekend and this morning,”** said Kaunda.

The Road Traffic Inspectorate has started working tirelessly to ensure that all the law breakers are brought to book. Reports reveal that yesterday a driver was nabbed doing 181km/h on the N2 Ellingham. He was arrested at Scottburgh and received bail of R1000. In a separate incident, RTI Park Ryne caught a driver who was doing 173km/h travelling on the N2 Ellingham.

**"This shows that our officers are already out there in full numbers to ensure that we deal decisively with lawlessness on our roads. On behalf of the Government, I wish to send our deepest condolences to the families of those who lost their lives and also to wish those in hospital a speedy recovery,"** said Kaunda.

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