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MEC MCHUNU CALLS FOR EXTRA VIGILANCE AFTER THE DEATH OF SIX PEOPLE ON THE N2 SOUTH OF DURBAN

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Willies Mchunu, has called for extra vigilance on the road following the death of six people last night on the N2 in uMkhomazi, South of Durban.

Preliminary reports have revealed that yesterday (3 January 2015) about 22h00 a VW Polo lost control and veered onto the opposite carriageway and collided head-on with an oncoming truck, which resulted in the death of six people on the scene.

All six deceased were occupants in the VW Polo. At this stage police and Department of Transport's officials are working to locate the next of kin.

Commenting on this accident, MEC Mchunu expressed concern that this accident happened at a time when the province has experienced a reduction in road accidents and fatalities this festive season.

"It is extremely painful to lose so many lives in one accident, although we maintain that one life lost on the road is one too many. We urge motorists as they are making their way back from the holidays to drive cautiously and strictly observe traffic rules. As a province we will continue to ensure visibility of traffic officers and intensify measures to curb road accidents. On behalf of the government, I wish to send our deepest condolences to the families and friends of the deceased," said Mchunu.

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