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#### **MEC MCHUNU STEPS UP EFFORTS TO PROMOTE SAFETY OF LEARNERS ON THE ROADS**

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Willies Mchunu, has called on integrated law enforcement team to intensify operations targeting vehicles transporting learners in the province.

MEC Mchunu has urged vehicles owners and drivers entrusted to transport learners, to make sure they adhere to all safety standards or risk being suspended.

Mchunu's bold intervention comes just a day before the schools opening tomorrow, the 13<sup>th</sup> of January 2016, in KwaZulu-Natal.

Multi-disciplinary enforcement operations are going to be mounted across the province as part of ensuring compliance and reduction in accidents involving learner transport.

**"We call on all those transporting learners to respect and adhere to all road traffic regulations. Safety of learners is our priority and we appeal for maximum cooperation from all stakeholders. Parents, School Governing Bodies and the community must collectively ensure that the lives of learners are protected by using safe and reliable vehicles,"** said Mchunu.

Early last year a tragic accident happened in Imbali Township in Pietermaritzburg where a bakkie lost control and plunged into a nearby house, killing scores of learners.

**"Incidents such as the Imbali township bakkie accident are a constant reminder that we must always monitor vehicles transporting learners, and we should spare no effort to prevent their recurrence. We have operations throughout the province targeting learner transport to ensure maximum impact,"** said Mchunu.

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