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## COMMUNICATIONS

### MEDIA STATEMENT

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#### **WEEKEND CRASHES SIGNAL NEED FOR MORE DECISIVE ACTION**

The MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mxolisi Kaunda has called on law enforcement agencies to intensify road blocks and increase visibility in light of the several crashes that led to deaths and injuries of scores of road users this past weekend.

There were at least 13 reported crashes across the province, which occurred between Friday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September to Sunday, the 25<sup>th</sup> of September 2016, and resulted in the loss of more than 10 people's lives. In addition, there were at least 18 critical injuries and 28 moderate to minor injuries, excluding 61 injuries from the bus collision that was traveling from Pietermaritzburg towards Durban on R603 yesterday.

Kaunda has expressed concern on the growing number of accidents on the KZN roads.

**"We are very disturbed by the rate of crashes especially in the last few months, which have led to the loss of scores of people's lives. As a province we are now more than ever called upon to act as a collective to create national consciousness on road safety. We should all be very concerned that people still drink and drive, disrespect road traffic rules and signs, and drive recklessly without due regard to the implications on people's safety. As a department we will be scaling our programmes which emphasise visibility of law enforcement and ensuring that all those who break road traffic rules face the full might of the law,"** said Kaunda.

Kaunda has also, on behalf of government, conveyed his deepest condolences to the families who lost their loved ones and wished the injured a speedy recovery.

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