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MEC KAUNDA OFFICIALLY UNVEILS PROVINCIAL VISIBLE ROAD SIGNAGE CAMPAIGN TO SAVE LIVES ON THE ROAD

KWAMAPHUMULO-The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Mxolisi Kaunda, today (08 October 2017) unveiled a provincial campaign aimed at creating awareness on the importance of road signage.

Kaunda participated in the mounting of signage on main road P15 in Ntunjambili, between Nkandla and Kranskop. Road P15 is a road crash hot spot due to a number of fatal crashes that have occurred in the area. One of the major crashes that occurred on this road happened in April 2017, when a bus lost control, resulting in the death of 20 people, who were attending a traditional function.

Kaunda has emphasised the importance of having visible signage on all the provincial road networks.

"This road is downhill and curvy, which has been a site of numerous crashes. Having visible signage will assist motorists and road users in promoting road safety and curbing accidents. It will also assist drivers to be more cautious especially in high crash zones," he said. Kaunda also cautioned the public against vandalising signage, which puts the lives of road users at risk.

The department will be rolling out signage throughout the Province's roads, especially targeting high crash zones and roads with poor signage.

Kaunda together with some families of road crash victims also participated in the wreath-laying ceremony at the bus accident scene. "This is a sign that the Department has not forgotten about what happened to the victims. We want to show the families of the victims that we are still with them. Through this service called "Siyabakhumbula" we hope that they will find comfort and healing," he said.

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