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## **MEDIA LIAISON AND PUBLIC RELATIONS**

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### **MEDIA STATEMENT**

TO: ALL MEDIA  
DATE: 10 August 2017  
ATTENTION: Editors, News Editors & PR Wires

#### **MEC FOR EDUCATION MTHANDENI DLUNGWANE TO ACCOMPANY MOURNERS AT A MASS FUNERAL FOR SIX AT DALTON**

MEC for Education, Mr. Mthandeni Dlungwane, together with the Head of the provincial Department of Transport, Mr. Sbusiso Gumbi, will accompany mourners on Saturday (12 August 2017) at the mass funeral of six young people who passed on in a gruesome crash involving two minibuses last Friday.

The crash occurred on 4th of August 2017 at about 16H15, along R614 Mount Elias Road near Fawn Leas under the UMshwathi Local Municipality. The crash involved a Toyota Siyaya minibus ferrying learners from Matatane, Cool Air Secondary School and other passengers as well as a Toyota Quantum minibus with the driver and his assistant, which collided head-on.

It is alleged that the drivers were playing a game called "chicken" when the collision happened, resulting in the Quantum catching fire. Five learners from the Siyaya and the driver's assistant from the Quantum, passed away on the scene. Six learners who were passengers of the Toyota Siyaya, were transported to Greys and Appelsbosch Hospital with severe injuries while other seven (7) passengers were treated for minor injuries and released.

MEC Dlungwane together with religious and other stakeholders will be part of the mass funeral.

#### **LIST OF THE DECEASED**

<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Gender</b>	<b>Age</b>
Ngubane Senamile	Cool Air	Female	12
Myako Nosipho	Cool Air	Female	14
Ngube Mthokozisi	Cool Air	Male	13
Ngubane Londani	Matatane	Male	12
Zondi Wendy	Matatane	Female	12
Ngcobo Sandile	Conductor	Male	15

The details of the funeral are as follows:

**Venue: Emakeni Sportsfield (near Emakeni Primary School), KwaWobhu in Dalton**

**Date: 12 August 2017**

**Time: 10h00 am**

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