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MEC NTULI SADDENED AT THE PASSING OF EIGHT PEOPLE IN N11 ACCIDENT

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Bheki Ntuli is saddened at the continued loss of life following the death of eight people on the N11 Model Kloof near Newcastle last night.

Preliminary reports reveal that a Porsche with no number plates was allegedly speeding when it became involved in a head-on collision with a Toyota Fortuner at around 22:00pm.

The Porsche caught alight and four people travelling in it were burnt beyond recognition. In addition, four people (two adults and two children) travelling in the Toyota Fortuner also died on the scene.

Traffic officials are working around the clock to find out who the owner of the Porsche is as the car had no registration so that they can be able to identify the deceased.

On the other hand, a Zimbabwean identity document was found in the Toyota Fortuner which will assist traffic officials to be able to identify the deceased. Ntuli extended his condolences to the families of the deceased and pledged the support of the Department. Ntuli said that it was worrying that there continued to be huge road fatalities particularly over the weekend.

"Im deeply saddened at the continued loss of lives, particularly as we just laid to rest six people who died in another accident last week in Peacevale. What is most worrying is that it seems as though our motorists are not adhering to our road rules and speed limits which in the main is leading to these accidents. I will be meeting with RTI officials to see how we can increase our visibility particularly in the hotspots over the weekend. We will also continue using our October Transport Month Programmes to preach road safety in all our communities," said Ntuli.

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