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## **MEDIA ALERT**

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## MEC NTULI ON HIS WAY TO THE ACCIDENT SCENE THAT CLAIMED 12 PEOPLE OUTSIDE PIETERMARITZ BURG THIS MORNING

Kwazulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Bheki Ntuli is currently on his way to the accident scene that claimed the lives of 12 people outside Pietermaritzburg this morning.

Upon arrival MEC Ntuli will receive a full briefing from members of the law enforcement agencies who are currently working to reconstruct the scene as part of initiating the investigation into the cause of the accident.

At this stage reports suggest that four vehicles are involved in this fatal crash that happened on the intersection of R33 and R614. The accident happened in the early hours of the morning at around 06h40.

Commenting after hearing the sad news MEC Ntuli said he will be visiting the scene as part of a fact-finding mission into the cause of the accident.

"We are on our way to the scene to inspect the damage caused by this fatal accident. It is heartbreaking that when people are going to work, their life is suddenly cut short in such a gruesome manner. The investigating teams are already on the scene and we hope to receive a full briefing and be able to determine the way forward. We call for extra caution on the road and as we are approaching the October Transport Month, we will intensify our enforcement operations and road safety campaigns," said MEC Ntuli.

A comprehensive media statement will be issued during the cause of the day.

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