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MEC NTULI TASKS ACCIDENT EXPERTS TO INVESTIGATE THE CAUSE OF THE FATAL CRASH THAT CLAIMED THE LIVES OF FIVE PEOPLE IN NEWCASTLE

KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Bheki Ntuli has called on accident reconstruction experts to analyse the complexities that might have caused the fatal crash that claimed the lives of five people on the road between Madadeni and Newcastle yesterday evening (09/02/2020) at around 21h30.

Preliminary reports reveal that a Toyota Conquest and a BMW who were travelling from opposite directions collided on the P483. Five people from the Toyota Conquest died at the scene while two people travelling in the BMW, who sustained injuries, were treated on the scene and transported to a nearby hospital.

Law enforcement officials have instituted an investigation into the cause of the accident and are working tirelessly to ensure that the deceased are quickly identified. The cause of the accident is unknown at this stage, but police are investigating a case of culpable homicide.

MEC Ntuli has expressed his heartfelt condolences to the families of the five people who died as a result of the car accident.

“I wish to express my deepest condolences to the bereaved families of those who lost their lives in this horrific accident. However, we urge all motorists to be extra careful on the road especially during rainy weather conditions to avoid unnecessary accidents. I need to stress that ensuring safety on roads in KwaZulu-Natal is a shared responsibility. This calls on motorists to obey the speed limits and be extra cautious when driving, especially since we are experiencing heavy rains in most parts of the province. Although we have recorded a decrease in the number of accidents and fatalities on our roads during the festive season, I am concerned that far too many people are still dying on our roads. In our road safety campaigns, we always urge motorists to ensure that they refrain from speeding and to obey the rules of the road,” said MEC Ntuli.

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MEC Ntuli called on law enforcement officials to quickly investigate the cause of the accident.

“I urge our law enforcement officials to work tirelessly to uncover the cause of the accident and ensure that all necessary measures are taken should police investigations reveal that the cause of the accident was as a result of driver negligence. Many fatal accidents on the road can be avoided if the drivers are extra cautious,” added MEC Ntuli.

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