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## **Media Statement**

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### **MEC NKONYENI DIRECTS TRAFFIC LAW ENFORCEMENT TO REINFORCE MEASURES ON DRUNK DRIVERS AFTER THE ACCIDENT THAT LEFT 5 PEOPLE DEAD ON THE N2 - MTETWENI**

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Ms Neliswa Peggy Nkonyeni has directed traffic law enforcement to reinforce measures on the excessive drinking of drivers after the horrific accident that left five people dead on the N2 – Mtetweni yesterday.

Preliminary reports have revealed that, a driver of the VW Golf lost control of the vehicle while overtaking on the barrier line and collided head-on with an oncoming vehicle along the N2. The accident involved two more vehicle, which were a Toyota Condor and a Nissan Navara.

Five people were declared dead on the scene and six were critically injured and were taken to various hospitals for further medical assistance.

Further investigations have revealed that the driver of the VW Golf was driving under the influence of alcohol, which instigated this accident.

MEC Nkonyeni has expressed her concerns on road-users that continue to ignore the rules of the road.

"We are deeply saddened by this tragic accident, which could have been easily avoided had the driver adhered to the rules of the road. The Department is always preaching the gospel of road safety and those who continue to disobey the rules of the road unfortunately always end with fatal consequences."

"As we are heading for the festive season, we want to again appeal to road users to be extra cautious and always practice patience when travelling on our roads to avoid such unnecessary deaths. We cannot afford to lose lives due to recklessness and that simply means that our law enforcement will be beefed up to hit hard on those who are law breakers. Those who continue to break the rules of the road will be dealt with harshly."

"On behalf of the government, I would like to send my deepest condolences to the families of the deceased," she said.

As the Festive Season is approaching, the Department will be intensifying our law enforcement officers on our roads to make sure that all motorists adhere with traffic laws.

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