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RTI OFFICERS CRITICALLY INJURED IN A ROAD ACCIDENT

KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Ms Neliswa Peggy Nkonyeni wishes the two Road Traffic Inspectorate officers who were injured when their car was knocked by a bakkie on the N2 near Caribbean Estates on the South Coast this morning (24 September 2021) a speedy recovery.

Reports suggest that the two officers were parked on the side of the road conducting their routine operation when the bakkie approaching from behind crashed into them. The two officers and two other occupants from the bakkie sustained serious injuries and were all taken to hospital for emergency medical treatment.

As the province we are experiencing an increased traffic volume, MEC Nkonyeni appeals to motorists traveling around the province to obey traffic rules especially during this long weekend. Traffic volumes have increased since Thursday (23 September 2021) as more people are traveling in and out of the province as part of the Heritage Day long weekend. As of 10h:00 this morning over 1500 vehicles have passed through the Mariannhill Toll Plaza coming to Durban.

MEC Nkonyeni expressed her sympathy to the injured officers and wished them well in their recovery. She also warned motorists to be extra vigilant and to keep to the speed limit.

"We wish our officers a speedy recovery. We have requested police to conduct a thorough investigation as to what could have been the cause of this accident. We appeal to motorists to respect traffic officers and to obey traffic rules. As we are preparing to launch the October Transport Month we will intensify our road safety operations."

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