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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

## 20 JULY 2022

## MEC NKONYENI TO ACCOMPANY MOURNERS OF 12 VICTIMS KILLED ON THE R617 AT MPHOPHOMENI OUTSIDE PIETERMARITZBURG

MEC for Transport Community Safety and Liaison Ms Neliswa Peggy Nkonyeni will tomorrow (Thursday, 21 July 2022) accompany mourners at the memorial service of 12 victims that were killed in a horrific accident on the R617 Mphophomeni outside Pietermaritzburg last Sunday (17 July 2022).

Preliminary reports revealed that a minibus taxi was travelling from a function in Impendle to their place of residence at uMlazi when they met this fatal accident. A total of 10 people died on the scene and two people later died in hospital, one of them being a 37-year-old police officer, Sergeant Sizwe Madondo, stationed at Mpophomeni Police station.

A separate memorial service for other three victims including Sergeant Madondo will be held at Mpophomeni Community Hall tomorrow at 10h00.

MEC Nkonyeni will be accompanied by members of the portfolio committee, traditional leaders, members of the interfaith and other political leaders.

The details are as follows:

Date: 21 July 2022

Venue: Umlazi- W Hall (Cinema)

Time: 09H00

Ends.

Media is invited to attend and report on the service.