

Mass funeral for Victims of Road Accident | Taxi drivers arrested for driving without PRDP

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Folweni, Ward 67 eThekweni Municipality: We wish to express our deepest condolences to the Gumede family following the unfortunate, horrific accident that resulted in the death of five family members - a mother and children.

The accident took place in the vicinity of Harrismith.

May the following departed souls rest in peace:

1. Ms Nonzuzo Gumede
2. Samkelo Gumede
3. Mpendulo Gumede
4. Mngqobi Gumede
5. Ngobile Gumede

No amount of words will comfort the family and relatives following this tragic loss that took place during this time of the year.

As the Department, we have made a decision to assist the family to bury their loved ones.

We thank neighbours and religious leaders for the support that is being extended to the family during this time of difficulty.

Tomorrow, I will join the family as they lay to rest their loved ones. The funeral is scheduled as follows:

Date: 16 December 2024

Time: 09h00

Venue: Umkhasandoda Sports Ground, Ward 67 – Folweni Golokodo

We continue as the Department to intensify our road safety campaign throughout the corners of the province.

We have charged and arrested more than ten drivers of taxis for driving passengers without a PRDP. This includes a driver from the Eastern Cape who was involved in a collision on the N3, Van Reenen Pass.

In particular, we wish to warn taxi drivers driving from other provinces that we will have no mercy against anyone driving passengers without a professional driving permit (PrDP).

We have always emphasized that to drive on a public road in South Africa transporting goods, dangerous goods, or passengers for an income, drivers must have a PrDP.

We remain satisfied with the work of the highly dedicated team from Road Traffic

- Officially opening of a satellite station in Underberg under the Harry Gwala District.
- Integrated roadblock on the R617 with more than 585 vehicles being stopped and more than 24 people have been charged and nine were arrested for various road offences.
- In addition 12 summons were also issued.
- Eight vehicles were also impounded which included seven taxis and one bus.

Our team is carrying our road safety operations in other satellite stations such as in Gingindlovu, Jozini, Phongolo and others bringing the total number of stations to 26.

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