

A major accident on R34 caused by a drunk and reckless taxi driver: Duma mandates RTI to press for attempted murder charge and to sustain a Zero Tolerance posture

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R34 Empangeni: Our teams from the Road Safety Directorate and Road Traffic Inspectorate together with our District Chaplain, Fata Sipho Mbatha are currently at the scene of an accident involving a taxi and Ford Ranger on R34.

The taxi was travelling from Empangeni to EMasangweni and carrying passengers of the same family.

According to the passengers, the taxi driver was heavily intoxicated and was driving recklessly. He attempted to overtake the Ford Ranger and hit the rear-end causing the two cars to veer off the road down the embankment.

This was corroborated by the driver of the Ford Ranger.

I have mandated our highly efficient and dedicated team from RTI to work with SAPS and press for attempted murder charges.

In order to achieve that, they must ensure the following:-

- Subject the taxi driver to a breathalyzer test;
- Conduct blood tests to confirm the blood alcohol concentration;
- If the blood test confirms the driver is over the legal limit, they must arrest him.
- He must remain in custody until he is sober. And they must ensure that he appears in court within 48 hours.

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