RTI's patriotic, dedicated, and award-winning Chief Provincial Inspector from RTI Park Rynie to be laid to rest tomorrow: Duma sets time aside to be with the family, mourners, RTI, Operation Shanela and SAPS as we bid farewell to Mr. Timothy Simpson. He died tragically in a burning state-owned vehicle while on duty.

Media Advisory and Public Statement by the MEC for Transport and Human Settlements, Siboniso Duma.

10 October 2026

Inkosi Mhlabunzima Maphumulo House: Sadly, tomorrow I will join the family and colleagues of our departed Road Traffic Inspectorate Chief Provincial Inspector Timothy Shane Simpson as we lay him to rest.

The family will also be joined by mourners, RTI, Operation Shanela, SAPS and other law enforcement officers.

Tim died tragically when he burned to death inside the state-owned vehicle while on duty along the N2 freeway in Park Rynie on the 22nd of September 2026.

The funeral service is scheduled as follows:

Date: 10 October 2026

Time: 11h00

Venue: Ebenezar Church, Umkomaas

We wish to assure his family, his colleagues and the peace-loving people of KwaZulu-Natal that a team assigned by the KwaZulu-Natal Police Commissioner Lt General Nhlanhla Mkhwanazi to investigate circumstances around his death is continuing with the work. This specialized team of investigators is working with the RTI and other law enforcement agencies.

Throughout his years within the RTI, Tim demonstrated reliability, efficiency, and a high level of integrity. This earned him genuine admiration across all sections of society. The young law enforcement officers looked up to him for guidance and inspiration.

Last year, 2025, we honoured Tim during the #NenzaniLaEzweni Awards Ceremony. He received the Highest Speed Recorded Award.

This was at the back of another award, the MEC's Service Excellence Award for Bravery, which he received in 2024. This award helped solidify his reputation as a leading champion of road safety.

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