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### One more death on NW roads

Bokone Bophirima has yet experienced another tragic accident involving three cars near Rooigrond on the R503 road. At least one person died and four survived with critical injuries and 8 slightly injured.

The accident happened around 14:00 when a black Toyota RunX with an expired license disc collided with a Botswana registered white Toyota SUV Land cruise. It is alleged that the RunX, traveling from Lichtenburg to Mahikeng was overtaking a number of vehicles at the time of collision along the barrier line at a road construction.

The third car involved in the accident, was a white Ford ST, which unfortunately in an attempt to avoid collision veered off the road disembarked badly onto incomplete lowered gravel surface area.

A driver of the RunX was certified dead on the scene before jaws of life equipment could even be used to remove his trapped body. The four co-occupants sustaining serious injuries were rushed to Mahikeng Provincial Hospital. Meanwhile the 5 occupants of the SUV and the 3 in Ford sustained slight injuries.

The police have opened a case of culpable homicide for investigation.

Community Safety and Transport Management MEC, Dr Mpho Motlhabane who was leading a roadblock in Danville, near Mahikeng had to abandon the Easter operation and rush to the scene with both departmental, Traffic and Police officials in order to witness and offer support.

"This tragedy is indeed an indictment to our efforts to reduce fatalities and blatant disobedience of the rules of the road.

Unfortunately, whilst we are doing our best to reduce lawlessness on the road motorists, and passengers should do their part to remind one another that: speed kills, unroadworthy cars are a hazard, reckless driving is forbidden, drinking and driving is not allowed, take a comfort rest and leg stretch every 200 km or 2 hours of the trip," said the visibly distraught MEC Motlhabane.

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