

## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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### **17 die on the R24 and N4 road crushes**

MEC for Human Settlements Public Safety and Liaison Nono Maloyi has expressed concern over the increasing number of deaths on the main roads of the province. The concern follows the death of 17 people over the past weekend, in three separate accidents in the Bojanala District alone.

Two of the accidents happened on the N4 and the third one on the R24, 25 km outside Rustenburg towards Magaliesburg. According to Police and traffic officials all three accidents were head on collision and it appears that speed was the main course.

“We cannot continue to loss our beloved people like these. I urge motorist not to be speed stars on our road, especially in the evening. Speed kills and today we have all these deaths due to speed,” said Maloyi.

According to MEC, the department will have to increase visibility at all times. He however, sent a strong warning to motorists who continue to endanger other motorist’s lives that his department will not hesitate to punish and advocate for a heavy sentence.

“On Friday we will be welcoming 42 traffic officers in the province. We are going to fully equip them with every needed resource that will make the lives of offenders very difficult,” said Maloyi.

The recruitment of these officers follows a commitment made by the MEC before the provincial legislature that the department is going to recruit new traffic officers to increase visibility in the province.

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