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Three Public Works employees died instantly in truck accident

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Three employees of Public Works North West- including the driver- died instantly when the sewage truck they were traveling in overturned near the Mafikeng Airport outside Masuthe Village today (Tuesday).

The victims were: **Mr Elias Monaka Setlhodi (54)** of Setlopo Village; **Isaac Kgotlaetsile Marosane (46)** of Seweding Village and **Richard Bahapani Mokalane (63)** of Magogoe Village.

MEC for Public Works, Jerry Thibedi and head of department, Obakeng Mongale, have reacted with shock to the news.

Both have sent their condolences to the families, friends and colleagues of the deceased on behalf of management and staff.

The trio was based at the Molopo District office in the Central Region, Mafikeng.

The accident happened at about 1pm when the three workers were returning from a rural-based clinic in Tshidilamolomo village. They were on a routine trip from emptying a septic tank at the clinic and transporting the waste to the sewerage near the airport.

The cause of the accident is yet to be established.

The victims' bodies were flung out of the cabin when the sewerage truck they were traveling in veered off the road and rolled several times.

The bodies were taken by a police mortuary van to the government mortuary at the Mafikeng Provincial Hospital.

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