

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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## MEC ISSUES CAUTION AFTER RESURGENCE OF FATAL ACCIDENTS

MEC for Transport and Community Safety Susani Violet Mathye expressed shock after a fatal accident which claimed five lives today around 11h00 am. It occurred along the R71 road near JCI mine BaPhalaborwa Municipality, Mopani District. Unverified sources indicate that some of the passengers are hitch hikers which will delay identification.

Preliminary reports indicate that the driver of a sedan lost control after what appeared to be a tyre burst. The vehicle caught fire which resulted in serious fatalities Preliminary reports also indicated that a mechanical fault might be the cause of the accident.

"On behalf of the Department and people of Limpopo, I wish to convey sincere condolences to the next of kin to those whose lives perished, says MEC Mathye. We have just emerged from a no fatality weekend along the N1, and we can still do it along all our roads."

The Department will await the real cause of the accident after investigation from the South African Police Service.

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