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DCSSL traffic officer killed by a truck along N4 toll road near Middelburg

The Mpumalanga Department of Community Safety, Security and Liaison (DCSSL), has lost a traffic officer, Mr. Gijimane July Nkabinde (57) after he was hit by a truck along the N4 toll road on Monday evening around 19h30.

This happened while Nkabinde was on duty at Middelburg weighbridge. It is alleged that at the time the accident occurred, he was directing the truck to the weighbridge situated along the road. The investigation into the circumstances surrounding this tragedy is already underway.

Mpumalanga MEC for Community Safety, Security and Liaison, Vusi Shongwe, has sent his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family, friends, and colleagues of Nkabinde. He has called on Nkabinde's colleagues in the law enforcement fraternity not to be discouraged by this incident. He says they should rather continue working harder to deal with errant drivers as part of honouring the departed official.

"Truck drivers must at all times cooperate with law enforcement officers because the directives of these officials supersede all other signs on the road. We have noticed that some truck drivers are at times not working with our officials. There is a problem of attitude on some truck drivers who constantly disregard the rules. The attitude of some of these drivers must change and trucking companies must instill in their employees the culture of considerate and courteous driving," says Shongwe.

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