



## Media Alert

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### MEC Shabalala visited families of R544 Road crash victims

Mpumalanga Community Safety, Security and Liaison MEC, Ms. Gabisile Shabalala today visited the families of the six people who perished in a head on collision between two sedans that took place on Friday, 14 June 2019 on R544 Road between Emalahleni and Verena.

She first stopped at Twee fontein Village in Thembisile Hani Local Municipality at a family which lost five family members that include three children.

Shabalala offered her condolences to the visibly distraught Ndhlovu and Masombuka families.

The MEC decried these road crashes saying that it was devastating for one family to lose five members in one crash.

"One road death is one too many and losing five family members at a go is too much. We all need to play our role to bring an end to these tragedies," the MEC said.

She went on to visit the second family that lost one member in Hlalanikahle near Vosman in Emalahleni Local Municipality.

Shabalala was accompanied by Road Accident Fund (RAF) officials who immediately kickstarted the process of assisting the affected families with claiming from RAF.

Two of those who were injured on Friday's crash have already been discharged from the hospital.

The deceased are as follows:

1. Orris Ndhlovu (33)
2. Elsie Masombuka (28)
3. Minienhle Ndhlovu (8)
4. Ntombikayise Ndhlovu (6)
5. Luckia Masombuka (11)

The above listed were all occupants in the VW Polo sedan.

The sixth victim, Prince Manzi, was a passenger in the Mercedes Benz sedan.

The MEC has meanwhile called on motorists who will be travelling in and out of the province after the long weekend to do so with great caution in order to avert road crashes.

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