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KWAZULU-NATAL PROVINCIAL SUMMIT ON POLICE KILLINGS

MEDIA STATEMENT

The National Summit on Police Killings recently held by the Minister of Police was aimed at addressing the high number of attacks and killing of police members. Data released at the time of the national summit indicated that KwaZulu-Natal came a close second with 178 police deaths compared to Gauteng's 201 for the period 2003 to 2011. Meanwhile, from January to July 2011 alone, 56 police members were killed nationally.

KWAZULU-NATAL PROVINCE

Although KwaZulu-Natal figures come a close second to Gauteng, there is cause for concern regarding the killing of police members due to the historical proliferation of various weapons, including guns, in the Province.

In response to the above the MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison in KwaZulu-Natal, Mr T.W. Mchunu, has called for a Provincial Summit on Police Killings, which will allow a wide range of contributions from different sectors of society. The Summit will be held on **16 August 2011** and its main objectives are to identify the root causes of police killings and to mount a concerted response to the problem.

The summit will draw on a wide spectrum of sectors and stakeholders including, but not limited to the Public Protector, SAPS, Metro Police, Civilian Secretariat for Police, Provincial Secretariats for Police, RTI, Taxi Association, Legal Profession, Interfaith organisations, Community Police Forums, JCPS members, Traditional Leaders, Business sector, Youth Organizations, Trade unions, Political parties, Ward committees, Street Committees, Street patrols and neighbourhood watches, Formal and informal community safety structures, Private Security Companies, Academics in safety and policing, Departmental Heads and representatives, NGOs, and Media.

Contributions from these stakeholders will be sought to formulate and develop effective responses to the problem at hand.

At the end of the proceedings, the Premier of KwaZulu-Natal, National Minister Mr N Mthethwa, KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport Community Safety & Liaison Mr TW Mchunu and the National Commissioner of Police General BH Cele will facilitate a pledge of commitment to be signed by the various stakeholders.

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