



MEDIA STATEMENT

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RTMC "653 Road Users Died in the Month of February 2015".

A total of 653 people died on South African roads in the month of February as a result of motor vehicle crashes. A preliminary report by the Road Traffic Management Corporation (RTMC) shows that the deaths were from 578 crashes recorded throughout the country from 1 -27 February 2015.

Most cases were recorded in Gauteng with 128 fatal crashes resulting in 136 deaths. Kwa-Zulu Natal was the second highest with 94 fatal crashes and 102 deaths Mpumalanga recorded 73 crashes and 93 fatalities, Eastern Cape recorded 78 crashes and 83 fatalities while Limpopo registered 64 crashes and 80 fatalities. The province with the least number of crashes and fatalities was the Northern Cape with 14 crashed and 20 deaths. North West recorded 37 crashes and 44 deaths, Free State 41 crashes and 46 deaths and Western Cape experienced 49 crashes and 49 deaths.

The information is obtained from records registered by the South African Police Service and traffic authorities throughout the country. The RTMC captures, processes and verifies all the statistics in order to compile a consolidated report. The highest number of crashes was reported

in the second week of February (6 to 13) when a 162 crashes resulted in 186 fatalities. A high number of crashes (160) were also experienced in the third week of the month with 183 deaths. The RTMC remains concerned about the high number of fatalities on the roads. Efforts are continuously being made to enforce the law, ensure traffic police visibility on the roads and implement a 365 days road safety plan.

Individual road users are called upon to play their part in reducing carnages on our roads. Road users are also urged to avoid alcohol and drug abuse, reckless and negligent driving, driving un-roadworthy vehicles and using cellular phones while driving. Everyone is expected to respect the rules of the road all the time.

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