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MEC Mazibuko saddened by the passing away of a GTP officer on R551

The Gauteng MEC for Community Safety, Ms Faith Mazibuko, is saddened by the passing away of a Gauteng Traffic Police officer, Moses Nose Mathebula, who passed away in a tragic incident involving an unroadworthy taxi on the R551 road. Officer Mathebula, who was deployed at Vereeniging Regional office, and his colleagues were conducting a roadside checkpoint, on the R551 on Wednesday 29 September 2021 when he was hit by a taxi and later died in hospital.

The roadside checkpoint was aimed at enforcing road safety, checking the fitness of drivers and roadworthiness of vehicles. Reports received from the scene of the incident indicate that the taxi was on the queue approaching the operational area, and the taxi driver allegedly failed to slow down when approaching the roadside checkpoint area due to brake failure. The taxi driver is reported to have tried to swerve into the left shoulder to avoid other stationary vehicles that were on the queue, then pulled back on the road and crashed into the officer.

The Gauteng Traffic Police officers rushed officer Mathebula to Clinix Naledi-Nkanyezi Private Hospital to receive medical attention but lost his life at the hospital due to critical injuries sustained during the accident. The driver was arrested and detained at the De Deur police station in Sedibeng district and will face charges relating to reckless and negligent driving, possession of unroadworthy vehicle and culpable homicide.

“It is heartbreaking that a Gauteng Traffic Police Officer lost his life in the line of duty, due to negligent and reckless driving and the use of an unroadworthy vehicle by a taxi driver. Officer Mathebula paid the ultimate price in a tragic accident while trying to ensure the safety of Gauteng road users. His selfless service must continue to inspire all law enforcement officers to continue doing their jobs with diligence and commitment” said MEC Mazibuko.

“We are appealing to all road users, including public transport users, to assist law enforcement to enforce road safety measures by reporting reckless and negligent driving and unroadworthy vehicles on our roads. I would also like to appeal to taxi owners to ensure that their vehicles are roadworthy upon embarking on trips.” added MEC Mazibuko.

The MEC has conveyed her heartfelt condolences to officer Mathebula family, friends and colleagues within the law enforcement fraternity. Meanwhile, the Gauteng Department of Community Safety will, through Ikhaya Lethemba Victim Empowerment, provide psycho-social support to the family of the officer during these difficult times.

Road traffic violations, which include reckless and negligent driving, unroadworthy vehicles and driving under the influence of alcohol, can be reported on the Road Traffic Management Corporation’s (RTMC) control room line 011 266 2088 or via Whatsapp on 083 293 7989.

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