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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

**To: All Media**

**Att: News Editors / Transport Reporters**

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### **MEC Mamabolo calls for cautious driving as more rain is forecast for Gauteng**

Gauteng MEC for Public Transport and Roads Infrastructure Jacob Mamabolo has once again made an impassioned plea to all motorists, to exercise extreme caution in an effort to reduce road fatalities in the province.

MEC's plea follows fatal accidents that occurred over the weekend where nine people lost their lives and several others were injured.

"My heartfelt condolences go out to the families of the victims, and I wish those injured a speedy recovery. We humbly appeal to road users to change their attitude and behaviour on the road to reduce the fatalities," MEC said.

MEC encouraged motorists to invest in life-saving driving skills such as advanced driving lessons.

"Our commitment to reducing road fatalities on our roads will be achieved through combined efforts between government and cooperation from all motorists.

This includes driver behaviour and attitude such as refraining from drunk driving, using cellphones while driving, and reckless overtaking. Adherence to speed limits, safe following distance as well as ensuring that vehicles are roadworthy is of the utmost importance," MEC appealed.

He further cautioned motorists to exercise patience and to avoid driving in low-lying areas that are prone to flooding as rains continue to pour throughout the province.

**ENDS!**

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