

**PRESS RELEASE**

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Attention: News Editors

Young people urged to help reduce road crashes in Youth Month

The Road Traffic Management Corporation would like to call on young South Africans to play their role in reducing road fatalities on the country's roads.

This come as the Corporation is investigating is investigating two road crashes that claimed live 12 lives in Mpumalanga and the Eastern Cape.

Seven people were killed when a two vehicles collided head-on on the N2 near Kareedow in the Eastern Cape in the early hours of the morning today (Monday June 19, 2016). It is alleged the five people (3 females and 2 males) who were in one vehicle and two males from the other vehicle died on the scene. One vehicle was travelling towards Cape Town while the other was the ravelling to Port Elizabeth.

The drivers of the both vehicles also died on the scene and three other people were taken to hospital with serious injuries.

Five other people died when two other vehicles collided on the N17 near Bethal in Mpumalanga when two vehicles collided.

More than half of crashes in South Africa involved young people between the ages of 20 and 39 years-old. Last year 6 047 of young people in this age group died in on the roads mainly as a result of factors that could have been avoided. More than 1 790 of those who died were drivers and more than 2090 were passengers.

This calls on the youth to take more responsibility on the roads. Close to 80% of the accidents were caused by human factors, which means they could have been avoided.

This calls on the young people to play a more proactive role in reducing road fatalities in the country.

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