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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

**To : All News Editors**  
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**Attention : News Reporters/Transport Reporters/ Newswires**

### **Three Tshwane Metro traffic officers killed in an accident.**

**Gauteng:** The Road Traffic Management Corporation (RTMC) would like to express its deepest and heartfelt condolences to the families, friends and colleagues of the three Tshwane Metro Police officers who were killed in a collision with a suspected drunken driver in the early hours of this morning.

We call on all our traffic officers to remain committed and not be discouraged. This unfortunate event should strengthen their resolve to fight lawlessness and violation of traffic violation with all the power and might at their disposal.

There should be a closer focus paid to drunk driving and law enforcement operations should be conducted every night and every evening to ensure that no one dares to drink and drive on public roads.

The officers died when their vehicle collided head-on with a vehicle, they were pursuing on suspicion of drunken driving. The driver of the vehicle they were pursuing also died on the scene. Bottle containing alcohol and empty containers were in the suspect's vehicle.



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The case follows another alcohol related accident that took place in Benoni on Tuesday night. Five people were killed when the two vehicles collided.

These crashes provide further evidence of the devastating impact of alcohol on road accidents in the country. It is estimated that 27% of collision in the country are alcohol related. Alcohol plays a key contributory role in most crashes occurring at night and over weekends.

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