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PRESS STATEMENT

IMMEDIATE RELEASE

TO THE EDITOR

SUBJECT: THE MUNICIPALITY LENDS A HELPING HAND TO BEREAVED FAMILIES

The municipality will assist in the burial of the five (05) people who died in a fatal car accident that happened on the 14th of August 2011 on the Tsuvulani to New Forest road T – junction next to Amashangaan Tribal Authority offices. The victims were travelling in an open van from Zion Christian Church (ZCC)'s night prayer meeting (Mpogo) when the accident happened. The open van was carrying 20 people with two (02) people who died on the spot, another three (03) on their way to hospital.

Each family will be given a coffin, a tent and R5 000.00 to buy food for those who will be attending the funerals. The municipality will further engage the road accident fund (RAF) on behalf of both the deceased and injured families for further possible payment as per Road Accident fund assessment report on the accident. A clarion call is made by the municipality to all communities around Bushbuckridge to stop ferrying people with open vans and trucks as people cannot be transported like bags of potatoes or boxes of tomatoes.

The municipality's law enforcement unit (Traffic Section) has been sanctioned to issue heavy fines for offences such as this one. The Executive Mayor of Bushbuckridge local municipality would like to send his condolences to all the affected families. The funeral has been arranged for the 20th and 21st of August 2011 as per each family's wish.

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