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KZN Health MEC heaps praise to Emergency Rescue personnel involved in saving lives of horrific bus accident in Chatsworth

KZN Health MEC, Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo thanks all the Emergency Medical Services as well as the Forensic Pathology Teams who assisted in the horrific bus accident early this morning at Savannah area in Chatsworth.

Here, it is understood that a bus fully laden with passengers veered off the road and rolled down an embankment trapping people inside the wreckage in the process.

Health MEC directed that other operations be stood down in order for personnel to respond to this accident. An Emergency Wing Services Helicopter as well as 15 Ambulances and Forensic Pathology Mortuary vehicles were dispatched to the scene.

4 people are currently confirmed dead. 3 passengers are in a critical condition; 12 are very serious and 17 found with minor injuries.

MEC Dhlomo says more lives could have been lost if it were not for team cooperation:

‘We greatly appreciate the zeal and preparedness shown by our Emergency personnel in responding to this early morning bus accident.

It was also very fortunate that in that area where the accident happened, we had a Senior Doctor who is based at Inkosi Albert Luthuli Central Hospital who immediately got involved.

Many lives were saved as Dr Hardcastle assisted with the on-site emergency operations before the injured were dispatched to various hospitals in the EThekweni area.

MEC Dhlomo says the Doctors and nurses will do everything possible to save the lives of those admitted.

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