

MEDIA STATEMENT

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EC DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SADDENED BY DEATH OF TWO PATIENTS IN AN ACCIDENT

The Eastern Cape Department of Health (ECDoH) would like to convey condolences to the family of the two patients who died during a tragic car accident while they were enroute to Frontier Hospital today.

The accident occurred when the ambulance that was rushing the two patients who cannot be named at this stage, collided head on with another vehicle on R61 road between Cofimvaba and Komani.

The patients were being referred from Cofimvaba hospital to Frontier Regional hospital when the accident occurred.

The department would like to confirm that both patients on board the ambulance died instantly. The crew members, a male and a female sustained serious injuries and jaws of life had to be used to free them from the wreckage.

The other person, also a government worker who was driving a DRDAR vehicle is in critical condition.

The department wishes to send its heartfelt condolences and wishes the injured a speedy recovery.

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