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RTMC INVESTIGATORS PROBING THE DEADLY WEST RAND CRASH

GAUTENG -: Crash Investigators from the Road Traffic Management Corporation have started putting together a chain of events that led to the crash in which 13 people were killed when a light delivery vehicle collided with a sedan in West Rand on Sunday.

The collision happened on the N12 between Westonaria and Fochville. It is believed that the light delivery vehicle suffered a tyre burst before the collision occurred. Five children age between 5 and 10 years are among the deceased.

Their burst tyre will be sent for forensic testing to determine what caused it to fail.

The RTMC is concerned about the increasing number of crashes involving light delivery vehicle. Very often, these collisions involve multiple fatalities.

Light delivery vehicles were involved in 20% of fatal crashes over the festive season. This was second to light motor vehicles which were involved in 47% of fatal crashes.

The RTMC sends heartfelt condolences to the families and friends of the deceased and undertakes to work with all other authorities to find the cause of this crash.

“It is now evident that light delivery vehicles (bakkies) are killing more people on the roads than minibuses and busses. We therefore call on drivers of these vehicles to be extremely cautious particularly when carrying passengers,’ said the RTMC said.

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