

## **An Analysis of Police Perspectives on Road Fatalities and Road Users' Behaviour in the Umlazi Township, Kwazulu-Natal, South Africa**

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### **Abstract**

The objective of the paper is to analyse police perspective on road fatalities and road user's behaviour South Africa. These perspectives have not been fully explored in the South African context, with its road accident and fatality rates, and road user's behaviour. The paper did not aim to measure the degree of police perspectives to road fatalities and road users' behaviour in the KwaZulu-Natal (KZN) province but provide insight on some factors that might, if not sufficiently attended to by different administrators, contribute to the reduction of road fatalities and address road users' behaviour as a contributing factor. Data was obtained through the supervision of a questionnaire from 132 participants using stratified random sampling. The results showed that most of the respondents were of the view that driving at high speed, driver/passenger failure to wear seat belts, driver intoxication, and unlicensed driving were related in deadly collisions. This paper recommends an awareness campaigns for road safety to readdress road fatalities.

**Keywords:** Police, Road fatalities, Road traffic injuries, Road Safety, Road design, Vehicle design, Poor road user behaviour, Pedestrian, Prevention.

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