



## Gruesome crash worst 'seen in 26 years'

Five people died in a "gruesome" accident when a tanker carrying methanol collided with their car on the N17 highway near Devon, Secunda, Netcare 911 said on Monday.

Spokesperson Paul Nel described the scene as "the worst I have seen in my 26 years".

The accident happened around 6.30am, when the tanker appeared to have hit the car head-on. It drove over the car, dragging it for about 150 metres.

Four of the occupants of the car died instantly, and one woman died on the way to the hospital.

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Nel said the bodies were unidentifiable, and that police would have to use the licence plates and registration to find out who was in the car.

"There is no way they could identify the bodies, there where limbs everywhere, it was gruesome."

After the accident the tanker burst into flames, and fire services concentrated on preventing a large explosion.

Nel said firemen were still trying to "cool it down". The N17 highway was closed off to traffic for most of the day.

Nel attributed the accident to speed and recklessness, saying the tanker "must have been travelling at a hell of a speed".

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It was not known what had happened to the driver of the tanker, as the scene of the accident had been very chaotic.

"We don't know whether he burnt to death or escaped the scene at this stage," Nel said. - Sapa

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