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**SAEPU IS SADDENED BY THE ROAD ACCIDENT OF AN
AMBULANCE INVOLVING THE EMERGENCY PERSONNEL IN
FREE STATE**

The South African Emergency Personnel's Union is saddened by a road accident which occurred on the 13th of August at 06h20 in the morning, whereby an ambulance collided with a wild animal leaving the personnel with injuries.

The emergency personnel (female) was on her way to Bloemfontein to drop off 18 patients for their clinical appointments when the ambulance collided with a wild animal at R709 road which is between Hobhouse and Tweespruit in Free State.

It is with great sadness that the station manager did not offer to take the personnel to health facilities for proper check-ups instead he forced the personnel to continue with duty after the traumatic experience she went through. The incident revealed that the station manager is heartless, selfish and unprofessional, you cannot send someone back to work after an accident one would swear that the manager is living with schizophrenia.

The manager failed to execute his duties by not arranging counselling for the personnel and also the patients who were in the Planned Patient transportation, the personnel is now experiencing shoulder and knee pains because the manager failed to organise medical treatment for her.

We are calling on the MEC to ensure that a proper training is organised for appointed station managers in order for them to execute their duties in a professional manner.

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