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“Prayers for the Victims of Fatal Satala Holiday Accident.”

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Governor Lemanu recently reacted to the fatal Satala holiday accident that occurred over the weekend when a car headed eastbound suddenly lost control and struck a group of Starkist workers as they were receiving their annual holiday gifts from the company. The crash resulted in multiple deaths and injuries.

"My prayers and thoughts are with the families of those who lost their lives during the fatal Satala accident. What saddens me the most is that this holiday season will not be complete for all those affected. The families, churches, children, and communities of those who have passed and those who have sustained injuries will be grieving during a season that is normally filled with happiness and joy. The case is still under investigation, and the cause of the car losing control is still not known. As we await those findings, I ask that the Territory continues to pray for the victims and the families affected by this senseless act."

"Several things I want to remind the general public while holiday celebrations are underway:

1. Please practice safety on our roads. There is no reason to be speeding and driving recklessly at any time of the day. Wear your seatbelt and adhere to the speed limit.
2. Do not text and drive. Driving while distracted creates a higher chance of causing an accident, than drinking and driving.
3. Do not drive under the influence. The Department of Public Safety will be conducting enforcement checkpoints and patrolling our streets to ensure your safety. If you know you will be consuming alcohol during the holidays, I suggest you have a plan and not get behind the wheel."

"There is no reason to drive while impaired. Deaths caused by impaired driving are not accidents. These deaths and injuries are preventable. We all need to do our part and help save lives and prevent future tragedies."

"On behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, I would like to extend our deepest condolences to the

families who are experiencing this unexpected loss this holiday season. I would also like to extend our thoughts and prayers to those affected from the Independent State of Samoa. Too many lives are lost and cut short, and we will fight to keep our streets safe from impaired and reckless driving."

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