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PRESS RELEASE

ROAD TRAFFIC CRASHES AND CASUALTIES KEEP REDUCING INTO 2023

(23/03/23) The National Road Safety Authority (NRSA) is encouraged by the continuous reductions in Road Traffic Crashes, Injuries and Deaths (CIDs) from the year 2022 through to this year 2023.

Provisional statistics available at the Authority, gathered from the Motor Traffic and Transport Department (MTTD) of the Ghana Police Service, indicates that the CIDs saw consistent month-by-month reductions in 2022 ending the year with 14,960 Crashes, 15,690 Injuries and 2,373 Deaths representing 7.55%, 1.54% and 20.1% reductions, respectively, compared to the year 2021.

For January and February this year, according to the statistics gathered by the Police, there has been 2,222 recorded Crashes, 2,452 recorded Injuries and 321 recorded Deaths representing 15.35%, 8.27% and 31.56% reductions, respectively, compared with the same period last year.

The statistics also show similar reductions in the number of Pedestrians knocked down on the road by 23.78%, as well as the total number of Vehicles Involved in road crashes by 12.63%. The NRSA is particularly enthused with the recorded reductions in number of Commercial Vehicles, Private Vehicles and Motorcycles involved in crashes, in the 2 months under review, by 23.17%, 10.74% and 15.85%, respectively.

The Authority attributes these achievements to consistent engagement of the public and road users through the Media under its flagship "Stay Alive" Road Safety Campaign which is systematically and progressively influencing behavioural/attitudinal change among road-users and driving advocacy to admonish greater responsibility and compliance in terms of road safety interventions among stakeholders, especially the strong collaboration with the Ghana Police in education and enforcement.

The Authority salutes and commends all road safety stakeholders across the country particularly the Media for their various contributions and wish to indicate that the leadership and staff of the Authority are highly encouraged by these reductions in all the key indicators and assures the nation that all is not lost and through the same spirit of shared and collective responsibility to continue to work together, Ghana can achieve the 50% reduction targets for CIDs under the United Nations Decade of Action for Road Safety and the Sustainable Development Goals.

The recent crash at Babatokuma on the Techiman - Kintampo highway in March this year which claimed 23 lives and injured many others, is a wake-up call that we still have some more work to do. As we gear up for the Easter festivities in the next two (2) weeks, the Authority in collaboration with the MTTD of the Ghana Police Service and all road safety stakeholders including commercial road transport operators, are putting in place measures to deeply engage road-users through the Media and to ensure compliance with road traffic laws and regulations.

It is the expectation that all road-users, drivers in particular will demonstrate high level of responsibility to drive with posted speed limits, avoid driving tired, avoid wrongful overtaking and avoid driving under the influence of alcohol to prevent road crashes before, during and beyond this year's Easter festivity.

For any further information and enquiries, call 0244040615/0248041040 or send information of any road safety related problem to the short code 194 (all networks) for immediate redress.

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About NRSA

The National Road Safety Authority (NRSA) was established by an Act of Parliament, Act 993 in August, 2019 to replace the National Road Safety Commission (NRSC) Act, 1999, Act 567.