



## **PRESS STATEMENT**

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### **ROAD SAFETY REPORT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2016/2017**

Statistics indicates that a total of 2,834 lives were lost on our roads as at 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2017 compared to 3,150 lives during a similar period in the previous year. The lowest reduction was recorded in the month of July 2016 and the highest in month of June 2017. Significant reduction in fatalities was observed among pedestrians while the weekends had the highest number of fatalities in comparison to the weekdays. Notably, majority of the road crash victims comprised of the youth aged between the 20 and 44 years. The Authority for the first time since its establishment met its performance target of reducing road traffic crashes by 10%. This translates to 361 lives saved.

Pedestrians continued to be the most vulnerable group in as far as road traffic crashes is concerned. Pedestrian safety interventions on high risk roads was an area of interest to the Authority during the year. As a result of collaboration with stakeholders in the **Save a Thousand Lives Initiative**, pedestrian fences along high risks road such as the North Airport Road, Waiyaki Way, Popo Road, Imara Daima junction, Landhies road and Mombasa Road ( Nyayo Stadium Round About and opposite Standard Media Group offices ) were erected.

We would like to take this opportunity and thank all government agencies and corporates who played a part in this initiative and urge other institutions to support this noble cause. The impact of this intervention is visibly high and more support from stakeholders will go a long way in reducing pedestrian fatalities in the country.

Additionally, the Authority deployed traffic marshals to assist pedestrians at the designated crossing points and ensured implementation of the 50kph within the Nairobi metropolitan area. The interventions within Nairobi County, lead to a drop from 376 to 270 pedestrian fatalities which represents a 39% reduction in pedestrian fatalities.

Despite the 10% reduction, evidence indicates that 91% of the traffic crashes were attributed to human related factors. They included; **speeding, reckless driving, dangerous overtaking, drink driving, drink walking, drink riding, motorists using unfamiliar roads during weekends and lack of use of helmets.**

As the lead agency in road safety management, the Authority employed various evidence based interventions to deal with road crash fatalities. The initiatives related to enhanced

awareness on risks of drunk driving through anti-drunk driving operations, speed assessment through use of speed cameras in various highways in the country and increased public education through mass media campaigns.

Road safety trainings also played a critical role as the Authority targeted vulnerable road users such as school children, pedestrians, and motorcyclists. The Authority also engaged stakeholders in the PSV sectors to ensure compliance with speed limiter requirement to manage speed.

The Authority also focused on improved road crash data collection and analysis in order to understand causes of crashes with the aim of developing evidence based interventions. The inauguration of the County Transport and Safety Committee in 14 counties also had an impact on road safety at the county levels.

In a bid to manage road safety, the Authority will invest in modern technology in its enforcement efforts and with the support of development agencies we have acquired modern breathalyzer gadgets and night vision speed cameras.

The Authority is also in the process of rolling out the new smart driving licence. The new DL will have a biometric system that will facilitate capturing of driver details with the aim of profiling them. This data will help the Authority and any other interested institutions profile drivers based on their behavior and driving history. Through its demerit point system, the Smart DL will go a long way in improving road safety as rogue drivers will be punished while good drivers will be rewarded. The DL will also have a payment wallet that will be used to pay traffic fines.

The need to provide sufficient education and skills to enable our drivers use and follow traffic is a priority. The Authority has since developed a new curriculum for training and testing of drivers and handbooks to guide trainees. The curriculum covers both theoretical learning, practical training and examinations. Currently, driving school instructors are undergoing training on the new curriculum to facilitate its roll out in the coming year.

NTSA is committed to keeping our roads safe but this cannot be achieved by the Authority alone. We call upon all stakeholders to play their part in dealing with road safety because road safety is a shared responsibility.

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## ROAD CRASH STATISTICS

### COMPARISON OF FATALITIES BASED ON ABSOLUTE FIGURES (FINANCIAL YEAR 2016/2017)

Month	F/Y 2015/2016	F/Y 2016/2017	Variance	% Variance
July	220	216	-4	-1.8
August	248	240	-8	-3.2
September	249	218	-31	-12.4
October	264	230	-34	-12.9
November	283	190	-93	-32.9
December	304	289	-15	-4.9
January	272	253	-19	-7.0
February	305	227	-78	-25.6
March	250	269	19	7.6
April	255	265	10	3.9
May	246	259	13	5.3
June	254	178	-76	-29.9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,150</b>	<b>2,834</b>	<b>-316</b>	<b>-10.0</b>

### COMPARATIVE FATALITIES BY CATEGORIES OF VICTIMS

Category	F/Y 2015/2016	F/Y 2016/2017	Variance	%Variance
Pedestrians	1,306	1,021	-285	-21.8
Passengers	687	743	56	8.2
Motor Cyclist	512	465	-47	-9.2
Drivers	369	319	-50	-13.6
Pillion Passengers	200	232	32	16.0
Pedal Cyclist	76	54	-22	-28.9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,150</b>	<b>2,834</b>	<b>-316</b>	<b>-10.0</b>

### FATAL CRASHES (JULY TO 26<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017)

Month	2016/2017	2017/2018	Variance	% Variance
July	216	214	-2	-0.9
August	240	228	-12	-5.0
September	199	177	-22	-11.1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>619</b>	<b>-36</b>	<b>-5.5</b>

### CATEGORIES OF VICTIMS (JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2017)

Victim Type	2016	2017	Variance	% Variance
Pedestrians	219	230	11	5.02
Passengers	202	156	-46	-22.77
Motor Cyclists	98	103	5	5.10
Drivers	74	69	-5	-6.76
Pillion Passengers	46	45	-1	-2.17
Pedal Cyclists	16	16	0	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>619</b>	<b>-36</b>	<b>-5.5</b>