



PRESS STATEMENT

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ROAD SAFETY DURING THE ELECTION PERIOD

The Authority has noted with great concern the rising cases of road traffic crashes during the past one week. Reports indicate that 71 persons have lost their lives between 26th July and 1st August 2017, compared to the same period last year where 45 lives were lost. This translate to an increase of 58%. The number of serious injuries stands at 96, compared to last year when 79 serious injuries were reported. Notably, 91% of the crashes were as a result of human related factors. The crashes were attributed to speeding, reckless driving, dangerous overtaking, drink driving among other issues.

During this election period, we expect high volume of traffic as Kenyans travel to different destinations to vote. This high travel will lead to serious offences such speeding, drink driving, contravening of routes by Public Service Vehicles, boarding of unlicensed vehicles that operate as Public Service Vehicles, use of un-roadworthy motor vehicles among others. These coupled with heavy rains experienced in some parts of the country, increases the risk of road crashes.

As an Authority, we are committed to keeping our roads safe and to this end, our teams will be on the all major highways to undertake enforcement operations such as speed checks, lane discipline, driving licence verification, random drunk driving tests, general compliance checks and crackdown on overloaded vehicle and illegal PSVs.

We urge motorists to be cautious and report any incidences on the road via the free NTSA App, available on apple and google playstore.

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