ROAD SAFETY MANAGEMENT IN GHANA

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GHANA’S ROAD SAFETY VISION

Ghana, a country with the Safest Road Transportation System in Africa
GHANA
Population: 24 Million (as at 2010)
Road Network: 65,000 km
Vehicle Popn: 1.5 Million (as at 2012)
Fatalities: 2,000 annually
Serious Injuries: 5,400 Annually
Fatality Rate: 14 per 10,000 vehicles (as at 2012)
THE NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY COMMISSION
(NRSC – GHANA)

ESTABLISHMENT
The lead agency in Road Safety Management, established by an Act of Parliament (Act 567 in 1999).

FUNCTION
To develop and promote road safety activities in Ghana and coordinate policies related to that.

MISSION
To promote best road safety practices for all categories of road users.
MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT

BOARD

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

RESEARCH, MON. & EVAL. DIRECTORATE
- Research, Monitoring, Evaluation

FIN. & ADM DIRECTORATE
- Finance, Administration, Stores

PLAN NING & POLICY DIRECTORATE
- Planning & Policy Devt., Information, Education, Advocacy

GAR Office
ER Office
VR Office
CR Office
WR Office
AR Office
BAR Office
NR Office
UER Office
UWR Office
KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

1. To undertake nation-wide road safety planning, education, advocacy and resource mobilization for interventions.

2. To encourage the development of road safety education as part of the curriculum and the training of teachers in road safety.

3. Set standards for road safety equipment and ensure their compliance.

4. To co-ordinate, monitor and evaluate road safety activities, programmes and strategies.

5. To undertake research into road safety.

6. To develop and maintain a comprehensive road traffic crash database and publish reports related to road safety.

7. Act in liaison with the Licensing Authority and any other bodies and institutions to ensure road safety.
• ACT 567 of 1999 gives the NRSC an ‘Advisory, Coordinating and Advocacy’ role in road safety management (No Regulatory)

• ACT 569 of 1999 gives the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Authority (DVLA) an ‘authority’ status to license drivers and vehicles and regulate them

• ACT 540 of 1997 gives Ghana Highway Authority (GHA) an “Authority” status to develop and maintain road infrastructure

• Police ACT gives the Ghana Police Service the mandate to establish a Motor Traffic and Transport Unit/Department to enforce Road Traffic Laws and Regulations

• A new ACT to establish a Road Transport Authority under the Ministry of Transport is on-going
The Road Transport System

- **ROAD**
- **VEHICLE**
- **HUMAN BEING**
- **CRASH**

No Crash
NEW MANDATE

We are seeking an amendment of NRSC ACT 567 of 1999 to transform the Commission to “Authority” status:

The new mandate is to empower the National Road Safety Authority (NRSA) to ensure the COMPLIANCE of all road safety related activities and standards without conflicting existing ACTS especially DVLA ACT 569, Police ACT and GHA ACT 540

(Monitoring)
## FUNDING OF NRSC

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<th>FUNDING SOURCE</th>
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<td>ROAD FUND (By LAW)</td>
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<td>INSURANCE INDUSTRY</td>
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<td>GOVERNMENT OF GHANA CONSOLIDATED FUND</td>
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### 2014 ANNUAL BUDGET

| TOTAL IN GH₵                                 | 4.50 Million     |
| TOTAL IN US$                                 | 1.57 Million     |

### OTHER ROAD SAFETY RELATED INSTITUTIONS (4-10 TIMES NRSC BUDGET) – ROAD AGENCIES

| TOTAL IN GH₵                                 | 34.00 Million    |
| TOTAL IN US$                                 | 15.40 Million    |
PROJECTED vs ACTUAL (ROAD FUND)
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<th>Fund Received for Road Safety Activities Expressed as a % of Road Fund Annual Budget</th>
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Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) Projects

- Spot Fines with the Police
- Towing of Disabled Vehicles
- Operation of Speed Cameras
- Seek Strategic Partners for Special Projects
- Sale of Road Safety Equipment e.g. Retro-tapes

(NON-SUSTAINABLE)
In the Amendment of NRSC Act: Proposed:

- 3% of Road Fund Annual Budget
- 2% of Vehicle Registration and Inspection Fees
- 2% of Insurance Premium
MINISTERIAL/POLITICAL SUPPORT FOR ROAD SAFETY

• Regular interaction/meetings between Executive Director and Management of NRSC and Minister of Transport
• NRSC submits Quarterly Reports to Ministry of Transport
• Annual Report to Parliament
• Invitation of very high profile politicians – The President and Vice to road safety events/functions
Eight (8) Key Stakeholder agencies

DVLA is the key partner of NRSC:
- We undertake joint projects
- Innovative projects – PVTS, Automation system, Computer Based Theory Test, mobile satellite services, among others
- Current CEO was a management staff of the Commission
- Both agencies are under one Ministry – Ministry of Transport
- Both agencies were established in the same year (1999) to promote road safety

- We think DVLA is the most effective agency that can help in crash and casualty reduction
## Strength of NRSC

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<td>Monitoring and Evaluation</td>
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<td>Research, Development and Knowledge Transfer</td>
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LESSONS TO BE PASSED ON

- There must be a lead agency with sustainable structure
- Lead agency must be autonomous
- National RS Policy and Strategy
- Must have a coordinating role
- Mandate to regulate and demand compliance
- Should have sustainable financing
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