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## PRESS RELEASE

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### RECENT ROAD TRAFFIC CRASHES, DEATHS AND INJURIES.

The National Road Safety Authority (NRSA) is deeply worried about the rising incidents of road traffic crashes over the past few weeks, particularly the Crashes at Obretema, near Suhum; Atwedie near Juaso; East Legon, and Kwapia near Obuasi, which occurred on September 21, 2024, October 11, 2024, October 12, 2024, and October 14, 2024, respectively. These crashes have resulted in the death of thirty (30) persons and many injuries within a space of one month. Given the increased public education on the risk associated with road use and operational controls required of commercial road transport companies and unions, the Authority finds this unacceptable.

Preliminary investigations by the Ghana Police Service and the NRSA revealed excessive speeding, parental irresponsibility, and reckless driving as the main contributing factors to the crashes. This notwithstanding, the NRSA intends to commission a multi-stakeholder investigation into the crash occurring in Kwapia near Obuasi, under Regulation 8 of the National Road Safety Authority Regulations 2022 (L.I.2468).

While these crashes are unrelated to political activities, the Authority wishes to remind Political Parties of the road safety risk associated with electioneering campaigns and the need to observe the **Road Safety Code for Political Parties** as the electioneering activities reach their peak in the coming weeks.

To ensure a reduction in crashes, injuries, and deaths, the Authority, in collaboration with the Ghana Police Service, will deploy MTTD Officers and Road Safety Inspectors on all major road corridors across the country from **1<sup>st</sup> November 2024** to ensure strict compliance with road traffic regulations and road safety operational standards. In view of the pending coordinated enforcement action, the Authority directs as follows:

1. Pursuant to earlier public notices between June – September 2024, all commercial road transport operators (both passenger and goods), transport departments and units of public agencies and private organizations, including school bus services and ride-hailing service operators, yet to register their operations or services with the Authority, must ensure compliance by registering via <http://transportghana.org> or face sanctions prescribed by the National Road Safety Authority Act, 2019 (Act 993) or National Road Safety Regulations, 2022 (L.I.2468).
2. All inter-city passenger (**long-distance**) commercial road transport companies, unions, or operators must ensure the implementation of prescribed road safety standards and controls, including *Pre-departure Checks, Passenger Manifest, Speed control, and Driver Tracking among others*.
3. All persons or individuals operating commercial passenger and goods services, known as "floating" or 'waa-waa' should take steps to regularize their operations by registering with a recognized Commercial Transport Union or Company by **March 31, 2025**.

Further, the Authority wishes to remind parents and guardians that the legal age for driving in Ghana is eighteen (18). Consequently, parents and guardians should show interest in the safety of wards as road users.

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