

## PRESS RELEASE

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Following a meeting with Home Affairs Minister, Hon. Robeson Benn, and the Guyana National Road Safety Council (GNRSC), it was disclosed that serious accidents have increased by 18 per cent, with speeding and inattentiveness while driving contributing to 90 per cent of road fatalities in the first half of the year.

However, fatal accidents have decreased by 34 per cent, and adult and children deaths were recorded with 31 and 50 per cent decreases respectively year to date.

Pedestrians and motorists make up a proportionate amount of victims, with majority of fatal accidents occurring between 18:00hrs – 23:59hrs.

Minor and damage accidents have increased by 8 and 18 per cent respectively.

Minister Benn urges road users to practice road safety to minimise road fatalities and injuries.

Further, the two agencies discussed GNRSC's plans for July – December 2021.

Computerising the driver's licence system, implementation of High Security Number Plates, strengthening of the School Road Safety Patrols programmes with the involvement of the Community Policing Groups (CPG), vandalism of traffic signs, a website for GNRSC, and the inclusion of Drivers Education programmes were some of the priority actions discussed.