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LESS SPEEDING AND REFRAINING FROM DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL PARAMOUNT TO REDUCING FATALITIES ON OUR ROADS

Georgetown Guyana- Guyana has recorded an increase of road fatalities for the period January 1, – September 14, 2020. This has been revealed by the Guyana Police Force (GPF) Traffic Department Statistics which show that speeding and driving under the influence of alcohol, are the leading cause of fatal accidents on our roads.

Over the review period, fatal accidents have increase by 37% with deaths increasing by 42% when compared to the same period in 2019. The statistics show that motor cyclists are among the largest categories of road users killed for the year thus far. They also reveal that these fatalities occur mainly on Saturdays and Sundays, between 18:00: hrs to 00:00hrs. Further, the stats show a decrease of children involved in fatal accidents by 43%. However, they also reveal that these fatalities have greatly affected our youth population, with the highest age range of persons involved in fatal accidents ranging between 17-24 and 25-42 years old.

Road traffic accidents and deaths are a major concern to us, since they affect individuals, communities, and the country at large. It depletes our human capital resources which by extension affects the economics and growth of our country. Therefore, we call on all drivers and motorist to desist from speeding and driving under the influence of alcohol on our roads, and to adhere to all road safety rules and guidelines, to help reduce the worrying high incidence of fatal accidents on our roads.

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