

DRIVER TRAINING/TESTING: THE NIGERIAN EXPERIENCE

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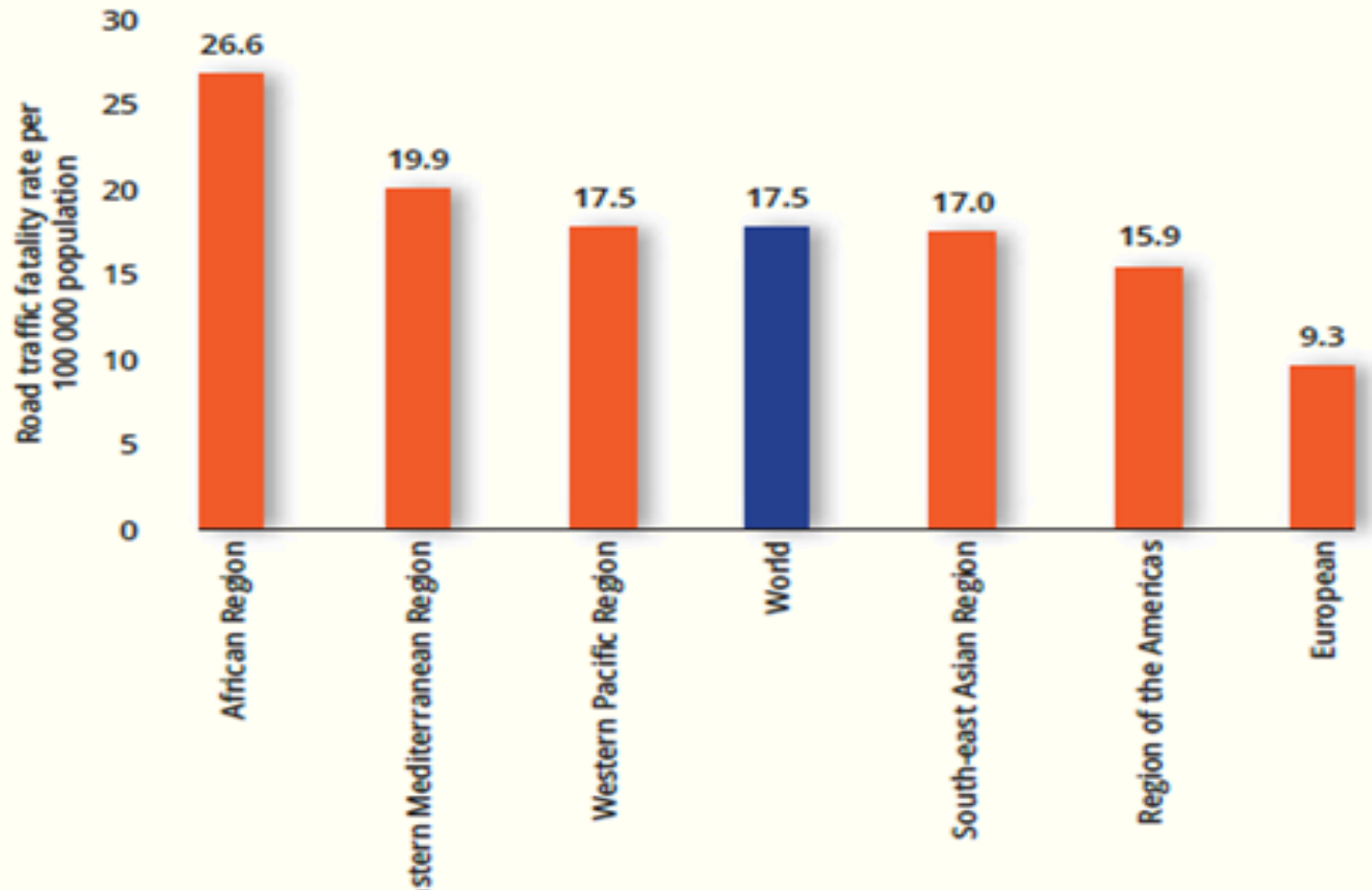
AIM OF THE PAPER

This paper aims to share the Nigerian Experience as it relates to driver training and testing

INTRODUCTION: THE GLOBAL TRAGEDY OF ROAD TRAFFIC CRASHES

- Over 1.2 million people die from road traffic injuries annually worldwide
- 24.1% of global road traffic deaths per 100,000 human population is in Africa
- Road injuries are among the leading 10 causes of death in both lower-middle- and upper-middle-income countries.

Road traffic fatality rates per 100 000 population, by WHO region



INTRODUCTION (cont)

- Nigeria has a total road network of about 204,000km
- Out of the total road network, about 35,000km are inter-state roads also known as Federal Roads, 30,489.40km are State roads, while about 129,581.40km others are Local Government roads.
- The total population of Nigeria is about 182 million as at 2016 estimate
- Estimated vehicle population in Nigeria is 12.5 million
- Out of this number, commercial vehicles constitute 53.8%, private vehicles 44.5%, government vehicles 1.65% and Diplomatic vehicles about 0.1%
- Road Transportation accounts for over 90% of Human mobility and haulage needs in Nigeria



FRSC VISION, MISSION AND CORE MANDATE



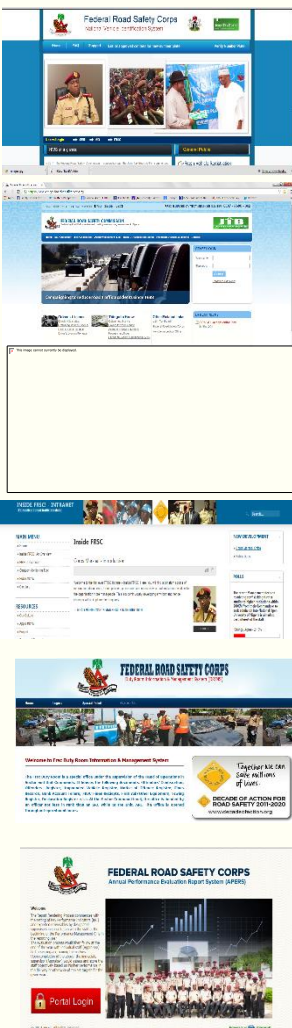
- The Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) was established in 1988 as Nigeria’s lead agency for road safety management and traffic administration
- The Corps’ critical mandate is “**Road Crash Prevention and Making Roads Safe**”
- The FRSC’s Vision is to eradicate road traffic crashes and create safe motoring environment in Nigeria
- The Mission of the Corps is to Regulate, Enforce and Coordinate all Road Traffic and Safety Management activities through:
 - Sustained public enlightenment
 - Promotion of stakeholder’s cooperation
 - Robust data management
 - Improved vehicle administration
 - Prompt rescue services
 - Effective patrol operation

FRSC STRUCTURE

The Command structure of FRSC is comprised of a National Headquarters and;

- **12** Zonal Commands
- **37** Sector Commands
- **199** Unit Commands
- **214** Driver's License Centres
- **27** Road side clinics
- **17** Staff Clinics
- **43** Emergency Ambulances centres located along critical route corridors
- **37** Outpost Commands
- **3** Number plate production plants (Lagos, Gwagwalada and Awka)
- **3** Mini Number plate production plants
- **1** Signage production plant
- **1** National Driver's license printing farm
- FRSC Academy and
- FRSC training School

FRSC SCHEMES



National Vehicle Identification Scheme (NVIS)	www.nvis.frsc.gov.ng
Nigeria Driver's Licence (NDL) website	www.nigeriadriverslicence.org
Information verification portal (IVP)	www.ivp.frsc.gov.ng
FRSC Intranet	www.intranet.frsc.gov.ng
Duty Room Information Management System (DRIMS)	www.dutyroom.frsc.gov.ng
Annual Performance evaluation Reports System (eAper)	www.apers.frsc.gov.ng



RTSSS	www.rtsss.frsc.gov.ng
Speed Limiter Portal	speedlimiter.frsc.gov.ng
Driving School Standardization Programme (DSSP)	www.dssp.frsc.gov.ng
Insight Newsletter	www.frscinsight.org
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TACKLING THE MENACE OF RTCs



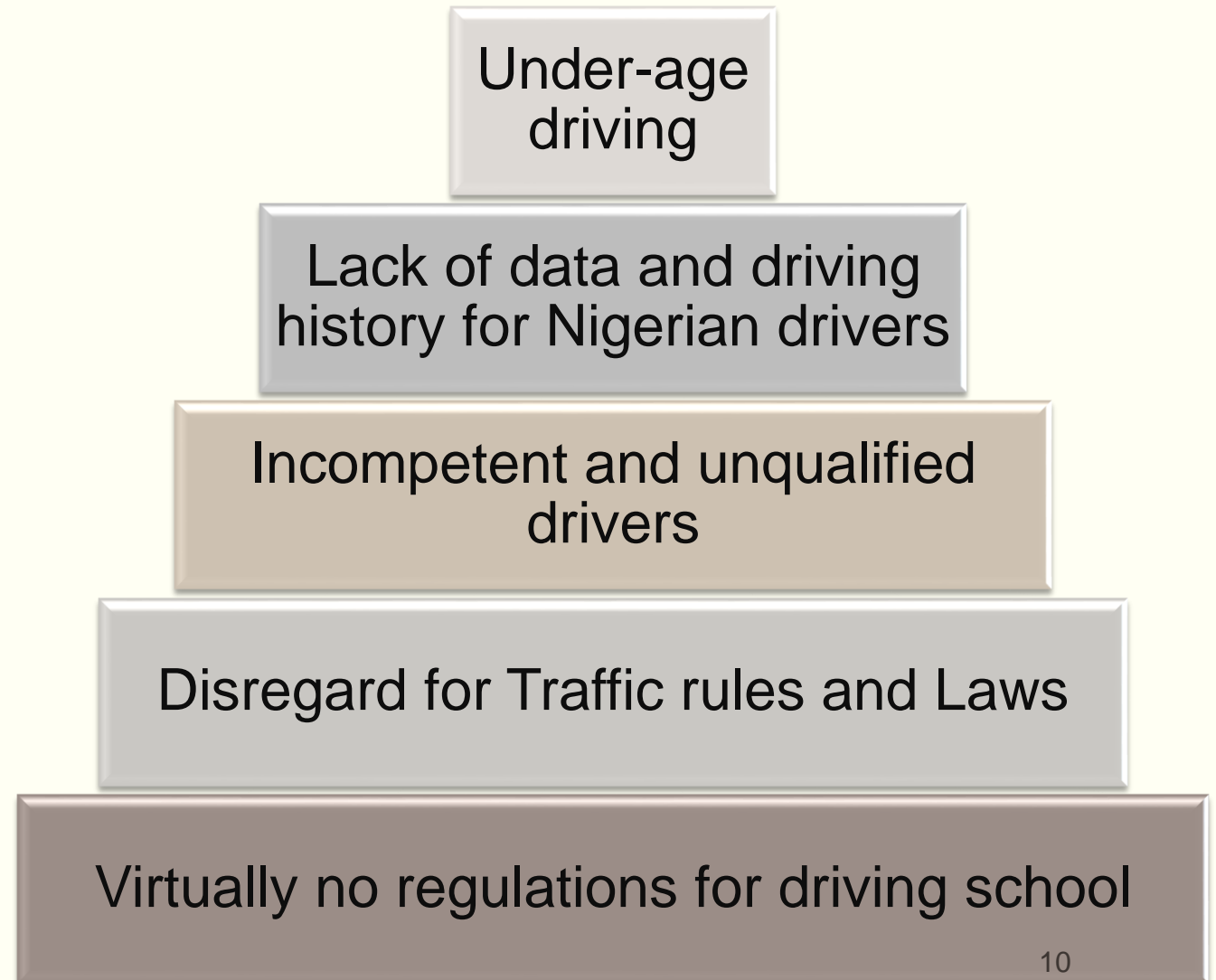
Road safety intrinsically revolves around three (3) major factors; the road, the vehicle and the driver

The Global Strategic plan to reduce world wide deaths from Traffic Injuries recognizes the **Driver** as a key element in its approach

Hence Driver education and programmes are accorded highest priority – in Nigeria – and are anchored by the Federal Road safety Corps

FRSC AND DRIVER EDUCATION:

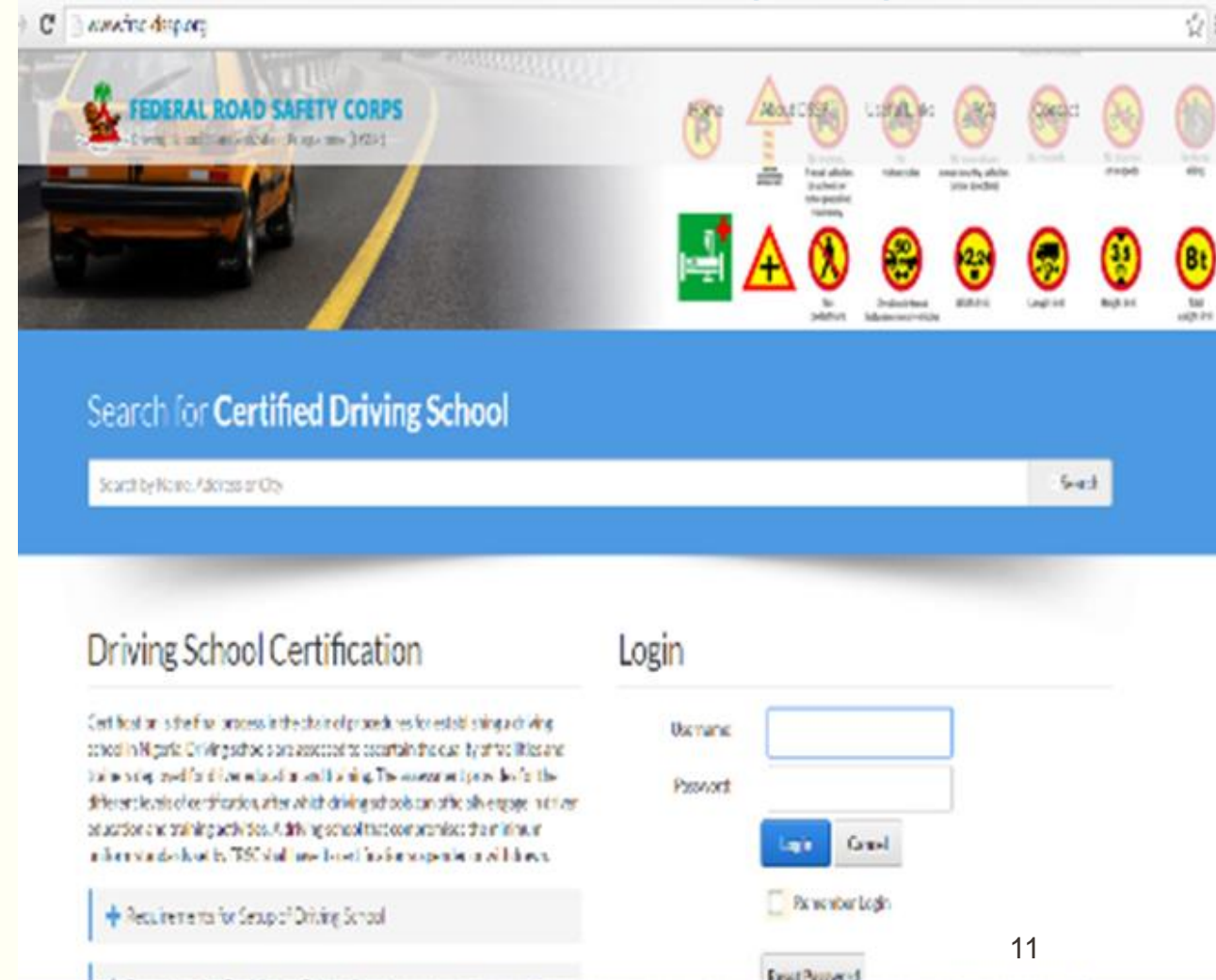
- Prior to the interventions of the FRSC, Nigeria had a largely unregulated driving culture which was identified as the major cause for the epidemic of RTCs in the country
- Some of the issues identified by the Corps included:



FRSC RESPONSE: THE DRIVING SCHOOL STANDARDIZATION (DSSP)

- The Driving School Standardization Programme (DSSP) is an intervention strategy of the Federal Road Safety Corps, towards the actualization of its statutory function to educate all road users on the proper use of highways
- In line with this mandate, DSSP was established and launched in May 2010, to standardize and create uniformity in driver education and training provided by driving schools for drivers, who have a significant role to play in ensuring safety on the road

<http://dssp.frsc.gov.ng/>



THE DRIVING SCHOOL STANDARDIZATION PROGRAMME (DSSSP)

- The programme runs a user friendly portal that allows driving schools to update data in real time
- The progress of the trainees enrolled in various driving schools are updated daily
- The curriculum and certification is uniform across the board
- Minimum technical requirements are set by the Corps and regular inspections of facilities are carried out by the state committee on DSSSP
- The DSSSP portal interfaces with the Drivers' Licence application portal such that only a graduated trainee from the DSSSP portal can initiate an application for a new drivers' licence

FEDERAL ROAD SAFETY CORPS
Driving School Standardization Programme (DSSSP)

Home About DSSSP Useful Links FAQ Contact

Search for **Certified Driving School**

Search by Name, Address or City

Driving School Certification

Certification is the final process in the chain of procedures for establishing a driving school in Nigeria. Driving schools are assessed to ascertain the quality of facilities and trainers deployed for driver education and training. The assessment provides for the different levels of certification, after which driving schools can officially engage in driver education and training activities. A driving school that compromises the minimum uniform standards set by FRSC shall have its certification suspended or withdrawn.

- + Requirements for Setup of Driving School
- + Procedures for Establishing Driving Schools
- + Driving School Certification
- + Uniform Curriculum for Driving Schools
- + Instructor's Training
- + Assessment/Grading of Driving Schools

Login

Username:

Password:

Remember Login

Verify Graduate Trainee Certificate

Please Enter Certificate Number

Quick Links

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Driving school certified by the Driving School Standardization Programme.

PROCEDURE FOR REGISTRATION OF A DRIVING SCHOOL IN NIGERIA

Completion and submission of registration form

Inspection and assessment of proposed driving school by relevant Agency

Approval and certification if minimum standard is met



REQUIREMENTS FOR OPERATING A DRIVING SCHOOL IN NIGERIA

1

Classroom and Administrative offices

2

Roadworthy vehicles for driving instruction (Including Dual Control vehicles)



REQUIREMENTS FOR OPERATING A DRIVING SCHOOL IN NIGERIA (cont.)

3

Licensed Driving Instructor(s)



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A licensed Demonstrator



REQUIREMENTS FOR OPERATING A DRIVING SCHOOL IN NIGERIA (cont.)

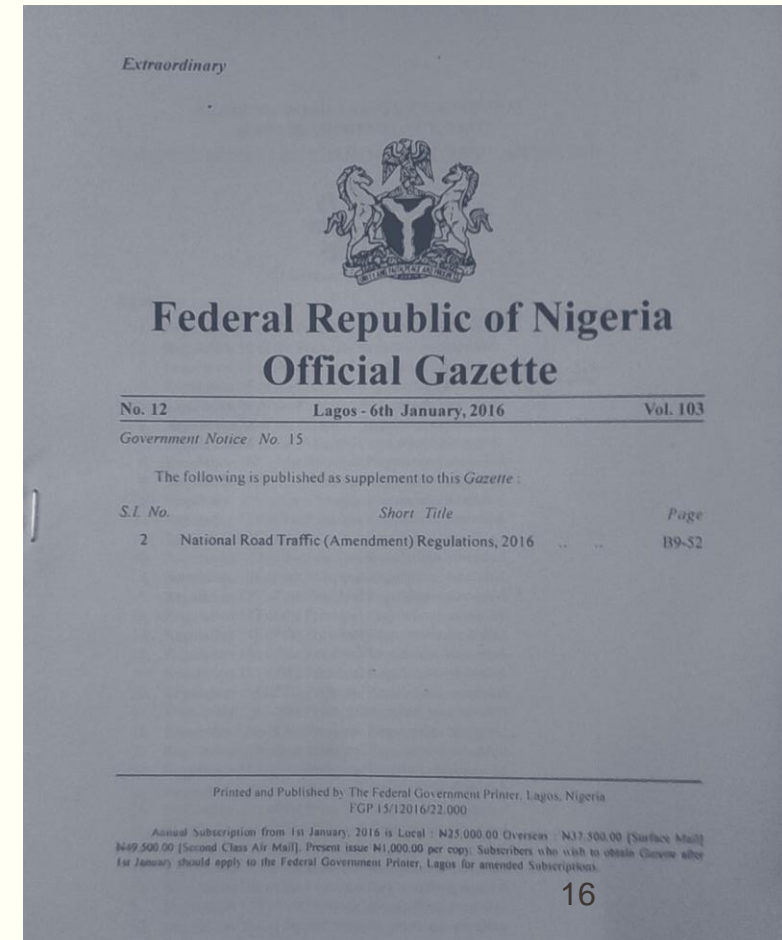
5 Course Manual



6 Highway Code



7 Traffic Laws/ Regulations



REQUIREMENTS FOR OPERATING A DRIVING SCHOOL IN NIGERIA (cont.)

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First Aid Facilities



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Fire Extinguishers



REQUIREMENTS FOR OPERATING A DRIVING SCHOOL IN NIGERIA (cont.)

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Open Space /
Driving range



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Road Sign Models



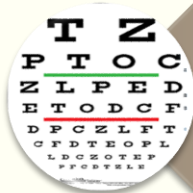
OTHER REQUIREMENTS FOR OPERATING A DRIVING SCHOOL IN NIGERIA INCLUDE



Visual and Audio visual Instructional Aids



Simulator(s)



Vision acuity Test Facility



Library









Inspection Pits/ Workshop

SUCSESSES OF THE DSSP SCHEME

- Over the years, registration and accreditation of new driving schools has soared
- As at February 2018, 1450 driving schools have been registered and 925 schools have been accredited and certified
- Enrolled trainees as at February 2018 remains at an all time high of 983,949
- So far, 727,830 trainees have graduated from the scheme and are now licensed drivers
- Graduate trainee certificates can be verified on the DSSP website



SUCSESSES OF THE DSSP SCHEME: Over The Years, Road Traffic Crashes In Nigeria Has Trended Down

YEAR	TOTAL RTC CASES	
2011	13196	
2012	13262	
2013	13583	
2014	10380	
2015	9734	
2016	9694	
2017	9383	

CHALLENGES OF THE DSSP

- Some Driving School Operators assess the business more from its economic profits than for its road safety benefits.
- Consequently, they get involved in sharp practices and short-cuts and some even get involved in producing fake drivers licences



- Some Driving schools operate rickety vehicles and non-conducive learning facilities

ADDRESSING THE CHALLENGES

- The Corps adopted the strategy of consistent and continuous supervision of the driving school processes. Trainee feedback was also used to refine the processes.
- Defaulting driving schools were penalized and their operating licences withdrawn. So far, 26 driving schools have had their operating certificates withdrawn
- The establishment of States Committee on Driving Schools Standardization Programme ensures effective regulation of the driving schools nationwide
- The Corps conducts monthly trainings for the driving school instructors
- The Corps engages in continuous public awareness to educate the prospective drivers on the proper procedures for obtaining the Nigerian drivers' licence



LESSONS LEARNT FROM THE DSSP

Driving on our roads require the engagement of well trained and sound persons who can understand and rightly interpret different traffic situations and respond appropriately

Driving Schools have emerged – not only as the foundation for securing the life of road users in the country – but are also mega lucrative businesses for those who may invest in it

The Corps is better able to maintain its full regulatory role through the establishment of States Committee on Driving Schools Standardization Programme

The firm stance of the Corps in ensuring that standards are not compromised is slowly yielding a crop of highly trained defensive drivers on the roads with consequent effect on crash reduction

The strict interface between the DSSP portal and the Drivers' licence application portal prevents the proliferation of fake drivers' licences and hence, improves the validity of the drivers' database in Nigeria

THE WAY FORWARD

- In sub-Saharan Africa, human population and the attendant transportation needs will continue to soar
- Among the three (3) major causative factors of RTCs, human error accounts for 90% of the causes of road crashes
- The importance of Drivers' education cannot be over-emphasized
- Effective Driving Schools are the foundation for sound driver training and road use
- To achieve effectiveness in driver education through driving schools, it is imperative to establish a strong regulatory framework and impeccable standards
- Consistency is key
- Ultimately, the goal is to eradicate road traffic crashes and make the highways safer

CONCLUSION

The FRSC remains committed to her mandate to create a safer motoring environment in Nigeria by enforcing the traffic laws of the land, continuously improving her mode of operations and domesticating world best practices in the country

Driver education remains at the forefront of the Corps' strategy in sanitizing the Nigerian highway and actualizing the Country's vision of eradicating road traffic crashes in Nigeria



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