RESPONDING TO NATIONAL SECURITY THREATS:

THE FRSC EXPERIENCE

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Population: 173.6 million (2013)

GDP Growth rate: 5.4% annual change (2013)

Fertility Rate: 6.00 births per woman (2012)

Population Growth rate 2.8% (2013)
Transportation is a part of the key national infrastructure that plays a significant role in the realization of national objectives and grand strategy in social, economic, political and military spheres.

The most common forms of transportation in the country are Air, Water, Railways and Road.

With a total of 204,000 km of (paved and unpaved) road network, road transportation accounts for about 80% of national transport needs.
The country has the potential to become one of the world’s leading economies by 2030, because of the existence of 3 key developmental parameters:

- A large consumer market
- A strategic geographic location
- A young and highly entrepreneurial population
Insecurity: An impeding economic risk

Insecurity has the capacity of grossly eroding investors' confidence which ultimately leads to decline in economic growth in the short and long term. There can be no development without peace and security.
Insecurity: An expensive concern

From 2011-2015, a total N4.62 Trillion has been committed to security alone remaining steadily above N924.8 billion on the average annually:

- N920 billion (2011)
- N924 billion (2012)
- N923 billion (2013)
- N923 billion (2014)
- N934 billion (2015)


N4.62tn
~ $236bn
NATIONAL SECURITY: THE ROLE OF THE FRSC
The FRSC is the lead agency on road traffic and safety management in Nigeria.

The Corps, therefore evolves policies and programmes aimed at achieving its mandate by ensuring that traffic rules and regulations are obeyed and the roads are free from obstructions.
It is also the duty of the FRSC to maintain surveillance on all roads to ensure the punishment of traffic offenders and the emergency rescue of crash victims.

The Corps also carries out researches, road audits and studies into the causes of crashes, all with a view to proffering solutions.
Responding to National Security Threats: Contributions of the FRSC
With State-of-the-art technology infrastructure in place at the FRSC, biometric capture and verification of the holder is at the speed of light.

The same portal provides for instance verification of vehicle details irrespective of where it may be found in Nigeria.

This is an edge in enhancing national security since virtually all security threats are perpetuated through one form of mobility or the other on the roads.
It is estimated that by the end 2016 10,565,571 vehicles will flood Nigeria’s roads.

Approximately, a minimum N 132,069,637,500 would be generated to the States through Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) by end of 2016 from Number Plates production alone at a unit cost of N12,500 (JTB rate) while N 75,523,045,550 is expected from Drivers Licensing issuance at N6,350 (JTB rate).
The FRSC has continued to work towards obtaining the legacy records from the first generation of driver’s licenses issued, by working with the state government including the VIOs.
Effective management of the issuance of the new drivers licenses and maintenance of its national data-base
This initiative of the Corps, put a stop to the owning of multiple licences and identities of road users in Nigeria and ensured a reliable and secured databank.
With synergy and collaboration already established with the Nigerian Customs Service (NIS), vehicles’ identity and other useful records can be obtained via the Chassis or Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) especially when the vehicle plate number has been removed.

This feature can assist in knowing the origin of a particular vehicle of interest and also its transaction history.

Flexible Fuel Vehicles can be identified by the 2nd, 3rd and 8th digits of the VIN.

- 1st character: Where the vehicle was built
- 2nd and 3rd characters: The manufacturer
- 4th - 8th characters: Portrait of the vehicle - brand, engine size and type
- 9th character: Security code that identifies the VIN as being authorized by the manufacturer
- 10th character: Model year of the car
- 11th character: Indicates which plant assembled the vehicle
- Last 6 characters: Serial number of the vehicle

Source: Society of Automotive Engineers, Code of Federal Regulations
Develop and maintain a data bank for all registered vehicles nationwide with owners’ bio-data.
In compliance with the Road Transport Safety Standardization Scheme (RTSSS), FRSC maintains the record of all registered Fleet operators in the Country. Annual Inspections, Certification and Re-Certification exercises are conducted annually to these fleet operators.

Maintain a record of all transport unions, motor parks and fleet operatives in the country.
OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE CORPS TOWARDS NATIONAL SECURITY
We acknowledge the risks unregistered vehicles portend on our highways
Overcoming challenges associated with claimants for insurance coverage must be uniformly tackled nationwide through full implementation of insurance policy number

Mobile or Internet or SMS = ‘33810’ Code
The revamped portal of Driving School Standardization Programme (DSSP) has been developed to:

- Enroll trainee Drivers
- Update driver training records
- Update their profiles.
States like Nasarawa, FCT, Cross River, Akwa Ibom, Edo and Delta States have distinguished themselves in recovering stolen vehicles. I have no doubt that with greater efficiency and diligence by those managing the system, more stolen vehicles could still be recovered from across the country.
Full Integration of FRSC and VIO Traffic Databases in all States of the Federation

Plans to integrate the FRSC database with that of NIMC is underway
Introduction of e-ticketing
As part of efforts towards ensuring the safety of Nigerians, the Corps aims to make available to all consumers, independent information about a car’s comparatives safety.
With the injection of more emergency ambulances into the system, the Corps has reduced response time to 15 minutes.
The Corps has institutionalised the conduct of road audits and periodic road assessments.
VOLUNTEERISM

• Through the special marshal initiative and the National Community Post crash Care Initiative (NCPCCI), the FRSC gets the public involved in the business of road safety

• This also further helps the Government’s ‘know your neighbour’ policy for combating terrorism
Effective management of traffic database will not only secure our roads or soar our economic ambition, but secure our national posterity.

Individually, when our roles are executed effectively, national security apparatus becomes efficient arising from pro-active measures through purposeful intelligence sharing and deployments to nip potential conflicts in the bud, instead of reactionary
Safety starts with you