

CORPS MARSHAL'S CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE ON THE OCCASION OF 36 YEARS ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Today we are privileged to celebrate 36 years of the Corps' existence. Despite observed challenges, the ecstasy which today's event brings is evoking, is beyond words. And I must therefore use this medium to appreciate the entire management and staff of the Corps, our stakeholders and all road users for your contributions towards the realisation of the corporate mandate of the Corps.

- 2. Permit me to remind us of our modest successes, which informed the choice of the philosophy this current leadership has adopted. A key gratifying accomplishment to me is the signing into law, the Federal Road Safety Commission Training Institutions (Establishment) Bill 2023 as well as the downward trend that road traffic crashes statistics is witnessing since assumption of office.
- 3. Our quest for a better FRSC remains firm and unwavering. Our administration has indulged in some key reforms which reflect in the expansion of the operational base of the Corps through establishment of 39 Area Commands, 69 Unit Commands, 1 Outpost, and 2 Zebra Commands. We also commenced the development of Policy on pre-fitted speed limiting device, conducted road safety audit across 17 major corridors nationwide, and secured the injection of the following vehicles: 59 Patrol vehicles, 5 Ambulances, 25 Tow Trucks, and 6 Patrol Bikes.
- 4. Frantic efforts were also made to achieve the clearance of backlogs of promotion of a total of 7188 personnel, comprising of 3660 Officers, 1086 Marshal Inspectors, 2076 Road Marshal Assistants and 466 Drivers.
- 5. All these initiatives and the accompanying efforts led to drastic reduction in road traffic crashes, fatalities and injuries on our roads. As a matter of fact, we recorded an impressive 22% reduction in RTC, 21% in number of people killed and 18.1% decrease in injuries.

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- 6. On the premise of the aforementioned accomplishments, I feel obliged to first congratulate all of you for the successes recorded by the Corps in its 36 years of existence. Each and every one of us must take pride in the unmatchable contributions we made in the realization of these achievements. Without your sacrifices, tenacity, and untiring efforts and limited resources, these accomplishments wouldn't have been possible.
- 7. Together, we have achieved a commendable mileage in our advancement as an organisation, but it is apt and right to say to all of us that we have not gotten to our destination yet. The very responsibility of nurturing the Corps to even more enviable heights, therefore falls on all of us-both Management and Staff. But most importantly, are those of us who bear the burden of leadership, who are saddled with the responsibility of managing the human and material resources of this great organisation at various levels.
- 8. We must therefore work together as a single force, not a group of divergent forces because without collectively striving for more positive results, this organisation would not make expected progress. The critical issues before us are to ensure that we remain focused, improve the vision of our founding fathers, which in one word behaves on us the consolidation of the past gains.
- 9. Let me therefore use this opportunity to restate my commitment to creating an enabling environment within this great organisation. To whom much is given, much is expected. We cannot but strive to make the actualisation of safer roads possible in Nigeria. We cannot be laid back in ensuring that we support the socio-economic growth and development of Nigeria as well as align with the vision of the President Bola Ahmed Tinubu's administration by seeing to the safe transportation of people, goods and services across the country.

10. On this note, I wish you a memorable and happy 36 years anniversary

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