



## **POLICE NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Mid-Year Traffic Situation 2019 And Launch Of Singapore Ride Safe 2019**

On an overall basis, the road traffic situation has improved in the first half of 2019, although there remain key areas of concern, such as the increase in number of elderly pedestrian casualties and motorcyclist fatalities.

#### ***Decrease in Traffic Accidents Resulting in Fatalities and Injuries in the First Half of 2019***

2 In the first half of 2019, the total number of traffic accidents resulting in fatalities or injuries decreased compared to the same period in 2018, registering a 2.5% drop to 3,817, from 3,915.

(a) The number of accidents resulting in injuries in the first half of 2019 decreased by 2.6% to 3,757, from 3,858 in the same period in 2018. The number of injured persons in the first half of 2019 decreased by 3.7% to 4,779, from 4,963 in the same period in 2018.

(b) The number of accidents resulting in fatalities in the first half of 2019 increased by 5.3% to 60, from 57 in the same period in 2018. There was no change in the number of fatalities, which remained at 60.

#### ***Decrease in Speeding-Related and Drink-Driving Accidents, but Increase in Red-Light Running Accidents***

3 The number of speeding-related and drink-driving accidents in the first half of 2019 decreased, compared to the same period in 2018. However, the number of red-light running accidents increased.

##### **(a) Speeding-Related Accidents and Violations**

The number of speeding-related accidents in the first half of 2019 decreased by 5.3% to 341, from 360 in the same period in 2018. The number of speeding violations in the first half of 2019 decreased by 1.3% to 89,603, from 90,805 in the same period in 2018.

#### **(b) Drink-Driving Accidents and Arrests**

The number of drink-driving accidents in the first half of 2019 decreased by 25.6% to 67, from 90 in the same period in 2018. The number of persons arrested for drink-driving in the first half of 2019 decreased by 10.3% to 940, from 1,048 in the same period in 2018.

#### **(c) Red-Light Running Accidents and Violations**

The number of red-light running accidents in the first half of 2019 increased by 34.5% to 78, from 58 in the same period in 2018. The number of red-light running violations in the first half of 2019 increased by 6.6% to 28,098, from 26,346 in the same period in 2018.

4 The Traffic Police (TP) will continue its enforcement efforts, and will not hesitate to take action against errant road users.

### ***Accidents Involving Elderly Pedestrians and Motorcyclists Remain Key Concerns***

5 Traffic accidents involving elderly pedestrians<sup>1</sup> and motorcyclists remain key concerns.

#### **(a) Traffic Accidents Involving Elderly Pedestrians**

The total number of accidents involving elderly pedestrians in the first half of 2019 increased by 59.1% to 183, from 115 in the same period in 2018.

<sup>1</sup> Elderly pedestrians refer to pedestrians aged 60 years old and above.

The number of fatalities who were elderly pedestrians increased by 54.5% to 17, from 11 in the same period in 2018. The number of elderly pedestrians injured increased by 61.9% to 170, from 105 in the same period in 2018.

In the first half of 2019, close to 32% of all accidents involving elderly pedestrians were attributed to jaywalking. For their safety, elderly pedestrians should use pedestrian crossings when crossing the roads, and refrain from jaywalking.

### **(b) Traffic Accidents Involving Motorcyclists**

The number of accidents involving motorcyclists in the first half of 2019 decreased by 0.8% to 2,207, from 2,224 in the same period in 2018. However, the number of fatal accidents involving motorcyclists increased by 24.1% to 36 in the first half of 2019, from 29 in the same period in 2018. The number of fatalities comprising motorcyclists and pillion riders also increased, by 17.9% to 33, from 28 in the same period in 2018. The number of motorcyclists and pillion riders injured increased by 0.9% to 2,440, from 2,419 in the same period in 2018.

Motorcyclists made up about 58% of overall traffic accidents, and 55% of traffic fatalities, in the first half of 2019. TP will continue to work with stakeholders such as the Singapore Road Safety Council, to encourage safer riding habits amongst motorcyclists.

### ***Initiatives to Encourage Greater Road Safety***

6 TP and the Singapore Road Safety Council launched Singapore Ride Safe 2019 on 28 September 2019, at the ComfortDelgro Driving Centre. Ms Sun Xueling, Senior Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Ministry of National Development was the Guest of Honour for the event, which had the theme “Ride Responsibly, Staying Safe Every Journey.”

7 Besides promoting good road sense and riding behaviour among the motorcycle community, the event also recognised motorcyclists who were spotted wearing protective riding gear and displaying good riding behaviour under the new “Reward the Riders” initiative. In total, 465 riders were commended under this initiative by TP from 1 July to 31 August 2019.

8 TP will also organise the “Road Safety Carnival for Elderly” on 12 October 2019 at The Theatre at Mediacorp. The carnival aims to reach out to elderly pedestrians to raise their awareness on road safety and encourage them to adopt safe road practices, through performances and an exhibition on road safety.

9 Road safety is a shared responsibility. All road users must play their part in keeping our roads safe.

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OVERALL ROAD TRAFFIC SITUATION IN FIRST HALF OF 2019

# IMPROVED

BUT THERE ARE KEY AREAS OF CONCERN



ACCIDENTS RESULTING IN INJURIES

↓ 2.6%

2018	3,858
2019	3,757



INJURED PERSONS

↓ 3.7%

2018	4,963
2019	4,779



SPEEDING ACCIDENTS

↓ 5.3%

2018	360
2019	341



DRINK DRIVING ACCIDENTS

↓ 25.6%

2018	90
2019	67

## AREAS OF CONCERN

**1** Accidents involving **MOTORCYCLES** made up **58%** of **OVERALL TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS** (2,207 out of 3,817 in 2019)



TOTAL NUMBER OF MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENTS

↓ 0.8%

2018	2,224
2019	2,207

INJURY

↓ 1.1%

2018	2,195
2019	2,171

FATAL

↑ 24.1%

2018	29
2019	36

TOTAL NUMBER OF MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENTS AND INJURIES REMAIN **HIGH**, ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE DROPPED SLIGHTLY

**2** The number of **ELDERLY PEDESTRIAN CASUALTIES** **INCREASED**



↑ 61.2%

2018	116
2019	187

**JAYWALKING CAUSED** almost **32%** of the accidents involving elderly pedestrians

**3** The number of **RED-LIGHT RUNNING ACCIDENTS** **INCREASED**



↑ 34.5%

2018	58
2019	78

Note: All figures are for 1 January - 30 June



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