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MID-YEAR TRAFFIC SITUATION AND LAUNCH OF SINGAPORE RIDE SAFE 2018

The overall road traffic situation improved slightly in the first half of 2018. In particular, the number of fatal traffic accidents and number of fatalities fell, compared to the same period last year. This continued a downward trend since 2012.

Fewer Traffic Accidents which Resulted in Fatalities or Injuries in the First Half of 2018

2. In the first half of 2018, the total number of traffic accidents which resulted in fatalities or injuries fell very slightly compared to the same period last year, registering a 0.1% drop to 3,905, from 3,908.
 - a) The number of traffic accidents resulting in fatalities in the first half of 2018 decreased by 5.1% to 56, from 59 in the same period last year. The number of fatalities decreased by 1.7% to 59, from 60 in the same period last year.
 - b) The number of accidents resulting in injuries was 3,849 for the first half of the year in 2018. This was the same number as the first half of 2017.

Accidents Involving Elderly Pedestrians and Motorcyclists Remain Key Concerns

3. Traffic accidents involving elderly pedestrians¹ and motorcyclists remain key concerns.

(A) Traffic Accidents Involving Elderly Pedestrians

The total number of accidents involving elderly pedestrians in the first half of 2018 decreased by 4.4% to 130, from 136 in the same period last year. The number of fatal accidents involving elderly pedestrians and the number of

¹ Elderly pedestrians refer to pedestrians aged 60 years-old and above.

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fatalities who were elderly pedestrians in the first half of 2018 remained the same as in the first half of 2017, at 11 each. The number of elderly pedestrians injured increased slightly by about 0.8% to 119, from 118 in the same period last year.

In the first half of 2018, close to 40% of all accidents involving elderly pedestrians were attributed to jaywalking. The Traffic Police would like to remind elderly pedestrians to use pedestrian crossings when crossing the roads, and refrain from jaywalking.

(B) Traffic Accidents Involving Motorcyclists

The total number of accidents involving motorcyclists increased by about 1.9% to 2,216 in the first half of 2018, from 2,175 in the same period last year. The number of fatal accidents involving motorcyclists increased by 12.5% to 27 in the first half of 2018, from 24 in the same period last year. The number of fatalities comprising motorcyclists and pillion riders increased by about 8.3% to 26, from 24 in the same period last year. The number of motorcyclists and pillion riders injured increased slightly by about 0.7% to 2,411, from 2,394 in the same period last year.

Motorcyclists make up about 57% of overall traffic accidents, and 44% of traffic fatalities, in the first half of 2018. The Traffic Police will continue to work with relevant stakeholders such as the Singapore Road Safety Council to encourage safer riding habits amongst motorcyclists. One such event is the annual Singapore Ride Safe campaign.

Singapore Ride Safe 2018

4. In conjunction with the Singapore Bike Show 2018, the Traffic Police and the Singapore Road Safety Council launched Singapore Ride Safe 2018 on Saturday, 18 August 2018, at the Singapore Expo Hall 5. Ms Sun Xueling, Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs & Ministry of National Development was the Guest of Honour for the event.

5. The theme for Singapore Ride Safe 2018 is “**Gear Up, Ride Safe**”. The campaign builds on last year’s efforts to remind the motorcycling community of two major aspects of rider safety. “**Gear Up**” encourages motorcyclists to protect themselves and minimise injuries by wearing protective riding gear, such as jackets,

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covered shoes and gloves. **"Ride Safe"** inculcates good riding habits in motorists. These habits include maintaining safe braking distances, steering clear of blind spots of larger vehicles, and using designated rain shelters when it rains.

6. This year's campaign will feature a new road safety jingle 'Gear Up, Ride Safe' produced by Singapore Youth Award winning singer-songwriter, Mr Shabir Tabare Alam, in collaboration with a group of delivery riders. The jingle calls on all motorcyclists to gear up, ride safely and make it home to their loved ones. This road safety jingle will be shared on SPF's social media.

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THE OVERALL ROAD SAFETY SITUATION

IMPROVED IN THE FIRST HALF OF



FATAL ACCIDENTS

↓ 5.1%



FATALITIES

↓ 1.7%



AREAS OF CONCERN

1

Accidents involving **MOTORCYCLES** make up **57%** of overall traffic accidents (2,216 out of 3,905)



↑ 1.9%

TOTAL NO. OF CASES



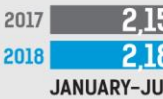
↑ 12.5%

FATAL



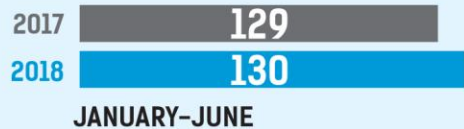
↑ 1.9%

INJURY



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The number of **ELDERLY PEDESTRIAN CASUALTIES** INCREASED



↑ 0.8%

JAYWALKING CAUSED almost **40%** of the accidents involving elderly pedestrians.