



## POLICE NEWS RELEASE

### Annual Road Traffic Situation 2012

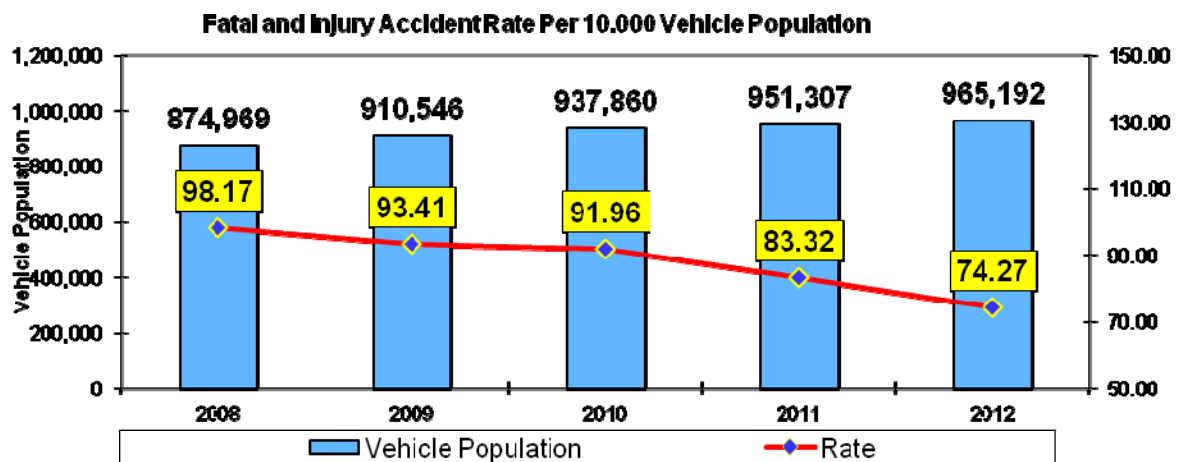
#### Number of traffic violations by motorists on the rise

##### Fewer accidents in 2012

There were 7,168 fatal and injury accidents in 2012, a decrease of 758 cases from 7,926 cases in 2011.

2 The fatal and injury accident rate (normalised against 10,000 vehicle population<sup>1</sup>) dropped from 83.32 in 2011 to 74.27 in 2012. . Please refer to [Chart 1](#) for the fatal and injury accident rates for the past five years.

**Chart 1: Fatal and Injury Accident Rate (2008 – 2012)**



<sup>1</sup> The vehicle population in Singapore increased by 1.45% from 951,307 in 2011 to 965,192 in 2012.

### **Drop in vulnerable road user fatalities**

3 The total number of fatalities decreased from 195 in 2011 to 169 last year, while the number of fatal accidents dropped from 192 cases in 2011 to 163 cases in 2012.

4 In particular, fatalities involving two vulnerable road user groups namely motorcyclists and their pillion riders, as well as pedestrians declined in 2012. The number of fatalities involving motorcyclists and their pillion riders fell from 99 persons in 2011 to 76 persons in 2012, while total pedestrian fatalities dropped from 49 in 2011 to 44 in 2012, with the number of elderly fatalities showing a decrease from 26 in 2011 to 23 in 2012.

### **Increase in traffic violations**

5 Despite last year's drop in the fatal and injury accidents, there is still a significant number of deaths on our roads. The increase in the number of traffic violations remains a concern as every traffic violation can potentially result in a fatal or injury accident and the loss of lives. The total number of traffic violations registered an increase of 3.6% in 2012 from 316,214 to 327,503 violations. Please refer to Table 1 below.

**Table 1: Total Traffic Violations Detected**

	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>
Traffic Violations	304,472	316,214	327,503

6 Of particular interest is the continued increase in the number of speeding and red-running violations from 2010 to 2012. These violations have the potential to cause greater harm to the violator as well as other road users around them. Please refer to Table 2 below.

**Table 2: Speeding and Red-Running Violations Detected**

	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>
Speeding Violations	205,623	225,550	244,806
Red-Running	17,185	17,492	17,705

## **NEW INITIATIVES FOR 2013**

7 The Traffic Police will continue its three-pronged strategy of Enforcement, Engagement and Education to prevent the occurrence of fatal and injury accidents and more importantly, to detect and deter road users from committing traffic violations.

8 A stronger police presence will be made on the roads. This will include engaging auxiliary police officers for traffic enforcement and leveraging on technology such as the digitisation of our existing enforcement cameras. There are also plans to increase the number of enforcement cameras over time.

9 We will also be increasing the number of engagement initiatives and outreach efforts with the community to foster a safety-conscious mindset in all road users. Traffic Police will identify more Road Safety Champions amongst the various industries such as those with a large fleet of heavy vehicles and stakeholders to advocate road safety within their spheres of influence.

10 In addition, Traffic Police will broaden its outreach efforts to the community to generate greater road safety awareness among road users. This will be done via the Community Safety and Security Program (CSSP) platform to engage the community on road safety issues. Traffic Police will also be facilitating the sharing of good practices on road safety amongst the various industries, particularly the Heavy Vehicle industry and companies that utilise motorcyclists for delivery duties.

## **CONCLUSION**

11 Commander of Traffic Police, Assistant Commissioner of Police, Cheang Keng Keong said: "While we will die from old age or may succumb to illnesses, we should not be dying on the roads due to traffic accidents. There is a need for road users to act responsibly and adhere to traffic rules. In the coming months, there will be announcements on the various initiatives that we will be implementing to deal with traffic violators. I urge everyone to be responsible on the roads."

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