#### THE FEDERAL ROAD SAFETY CORPS

#### **ORGANIZATION AND ROLES IN INTERNAL SECURITY AND LOW INTENSITY CONFLICT**



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#### **INTRODUCTION**

- The Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) which was established in 1988 by Decree No. 45 and amended by Decree No. 35 of 1992 is Nigeria's lead agency for road safety management and traffic administration
- The latest amendment to the FRSC enabling law is the promulgation of the FRSC (Establishment) Act, 2007 which repealed the FRSC Act CAP F19, 2004



#### **AIM OF PRESENTATION**

- Discuss with participants the history of Federal Road Safety Corps – Nigeria's Lead Road Safety Agency
- The constitutional roles and capabilities of the FRSC
- The organisational structure of the FRSC
- The inter service cooperation between the FRSC and the Armed Forces





### MANDATE

The FRSC's critical mandate is Road Crash Prevention and Making Roads Safe



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# **VISION AND MISSION**

The FRSC's Vision is to eradicate road traffic crashes and create safe motoring environment in Nigeria

The Mission of the Corps is to Regulate, Enforce and Coordinate all Road Traffic and Safety Management activities through:

- Sustained public enlightenment
- Promotion of stakeholder's cooperation
- Robust data management
- Improved vehicle administration
- Prompt rescue services
- Effective patrol operation



FRSC has the responsibility for the interplay of Driver, Road and Vehicle (DRV), because most RTCs involve a driver in a vehicle and on the road

# **HISTORY OF THE FRSC**

According to the UN Decade of Action for road safety, Road Traffic Crashes in Africa accounts for 24.1 deaths per 100,000 population

This situation is much worse in sub-Saharan Africa and especially in Nigeria, which was once described by the WHO, as the worst country to drive a car in - Second only to Ethiopia.

Worried by this trend, the Nigerian Army took the initiative and introduced 'Road Safety Week' in Army Day Celebrations

The idea appealed to the Old Oyo state Government, which then established a Road Safety outfit

The Military Government of Nigeria, later established the FRSC via Decree 45 on 18 February 1988

## **ORGANIZATIONAL STUCTURE**

- The Command structure of FRSC is comprised of a National Headquarters and;
- 12 Zonal Commands
- 37 Sector Commands
- 206 Unit Commands
- 200 Driver's License Centres
- 27 road side clinics
- 26 emergency Ambulances centres located along critical route corridors
- 3 Number plate production plants
- 1 National Driver's license printing farm
- FRSC Academy and
- FRSC Training School



#### **OPERATIONAL STRUCTURE II**

- The FRSC's activities are carried out by a combination of Regular Marshals, Special Marshals and Road Safety Clubs
- While the Regular Marshals are the uniformed and remunerated arm of the Corps with powers to enforce traffic laws
- the Special Marshals who constitute the volunteer arm of the FRSC have power to enforce traffic laws
- The third arm of the Corps are members of the Road Safety Clubs, who are pupils in primary schools, students of secondary schools or fresh university graduates undergoing national service, who volunteer their time and efforts in educating members of the public on safe use of the roads

#### FRSC ESTABLISHMENT HAS PRESERVED LIVES IN NIGERIA

As a direct result of the establishment of the FRSC, RTC in Nigeria has trended down and fatalities resulting from crashes have reduced drastically





#### CONSTITUTIONAL POWERS OF THE FRSC

The constitutional role of the Federal Road Safety Corps is enshrined in the Corps Act known as FRSC (Establishment) Act, 2007







#### PREVENTING OR MINIMIZING CRASHES ON THE HIGHWAY



#### PROMPT REMOVAL OF OBSTRUCTIONS FROM THE HIGHWAYS

The Corps has deployed heavy and light duty tow trucks to ensure that no obstructions remain on the Highways



#### DESIGNING AND PRODUCING DRIVER'S LICENCE AND VEHICLE PLATE NUMBERS FOR DIFFERENT CATEGORIES OF ROAD USERS

- FRSC currently operates 3 Number plate production plants and 1 National Driver's license printing farm
- Holders of Nigeria's drivers' licence are recognised to drive in the US and EU countries



#### **STANDARDISATION OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC CODES**

In view of changing times, the FRSC periodically updates the Nigerian Highway code.

It was most recently updated in 2013



#### **SUSTAINED PUBLIC ENLIGHTENMENT**

- In addition to the traditional electronic and print media, the Corps has deployed the use of social media in a bid to educate the populace
- FRSC formations across the country also continue to engage their host communities in rallies and debates
- Youths and school children are introduced into the Corps' mandate through the NYSC and Road Safety Club initiatives
- Arrested offenders and applicants for drivers' licence are also enlightened

#### **PROMPT ATTENTION AND CARE TO VICTIMS OF RTC**

- In order to improve response time, the FRSC established 27 Road crash response posts called 'Zebras' at strategic locations all around the country
- Mobile Clinics were also established to provide care to RTC victims with the goal of reducing Fatalities





#### DETERMINING AND ENFORCING SPEED LIMITS THROUGH THE USE OF SPEED LIMITING DEVICES

- As a way of reducing speed induced fatality, FRSC introduced the speed limiting initiative
- Phase one commences with commercial vehicles



CONDUCTING RESEARCHES INTO CAUSES OF MOTOR ACCIDENTS AND METHODS OF PREVENTING THEM AND PUTTING INTO USE THE RESULT OF SUCH RESEARCHES.



#### ROAD TRAFFIC CRASH INVESTIGATION REPORT

INVOLVING THE HON. MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND PRODUCTIVITY BARR JAMES OCHOLI, SAN Presented to the Federal Executive Council by Boboye Oyeyemi, MFR, mni, NPoM Corps Marshal

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#### REGULATING THE USE OF SIRENS, FLASHERS AND BEACON LIGHT ON VEHICLES OTHER THAN MILITARY PARAMILITARY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES



# INITIATIVES OF THE CORPS TOWARDS IMPROVED





#### EMERGENCY TOLL FREE NUMBER AND 24/7 CALL CENTER

The Corps launched the tollfree emergency contact number "122" and a call center that caters to the major indigenous languages in the country at all times



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#### INFUSION OF ROAD SAFETY IN SCHOOL CURRICULUM

- The Corps secured FEC approval for infusion of Road safety in school curriculum
- This will help Nigeria raise a new generation of safety conscious drivers



#### **FLEET OPERATIONS**

The Corps launched the **RTSSS** scheme to supervise and adequately monitor the operations of Fleet operators



# DSSP

- The prevalence of poorly trained drivers plying the country's roads led to the institution of the Driving School Standardisation Programme (DSSP)
- <u>http://frscdssp.org/</u>



#### **TECHNOLOGY**

FRSC has transformed into a technology driven organisation currently operating with 27 different web applications to enhance its operational activities aimed at promoting public safety and security



### **SAFE-TO-LOAD PROJECT**

The FRSC has a robust engagement with stakeholders and this culminated in the recent organisation of a haulage summit which addressed the crashes that involved fuel tankers and trailers

The Corps has deployed 169 FRSC personnel to fuel depot to ensure safe practice in haulage business

A special operation for enforcement of infractions associated with trucks and trailers was conducted in phases along the delineated corridors, from which a total of 2,261 trailers were arrested for 3,289 offences. Over 1,000 of them were prosecuted by mobile courts

# NRSS (Nigeria Road Safety Strategy)

As attained in countries that have the safest road safety records, FRSC has developed for the Nation, a Nigeria Road Safety Strategy (NRSS) 2014-2018 document for chronicling the country's path to evolving a country where road traffic crashes will result in zero death

The draft NRSS is awaiting NEC approval and final FEC endorsement

### **ISO Certification**

- The Corps is also ISO 9001 certified. The certification made FRSC to be the first and only law enforcement agency in Africa and the 3rd in the world
- The World Bank has also declared Nigeria's road safety as the best example of a lead agency in Africa and recommended it for emulation by other African and Latin American counties
- This is against the background that Nigeria in the 1980's, prior to the establishment of the FRSC, was once declared by the World Health Organisation as the worst country, next only to Ethiopia to drive a motor car



#### COLLABORATION WITH BODIES OR AGENCIES OR GROUPS ENGAGED IN ROAD SAFETY ACTIVITIES, IN THE PREVENTION OF ACCIDENTS ON THE HIGHWAYS AND THE SECURING OF LIVES IN NIGERIA



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The Federal Road Safety Corps continually collaborate with sister security agencies towards ensuring effective service delivery and national security

### WHERE WE ARE GOING?

The FRSC projects to place Nigeria's roads among the league of 20 safest roads in the world by year 2020



# Safety starts with YOU

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