

FRSC records 6 deaths in Cross River state

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THE Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), Cross River State Command said it recorded a reduction in the number of road accidents last December with just six deaths against December 18 in 2008.

This was disclosed to our Correspondent in Calabar during an interview with the Sector Commander, Mr. Taiwo Gabriel Eseyin, who spoke through the command's Public Relations Officer, Mr. God's Gift Ogban Uwen Wednesday in his

office in Calabar.

"The reduction is attributed to God's intervention coupled with the high level of public enlightenment towards road traffic regulations on the part of road users in the state."

"Out of 15 cases of accidents recorded between December 18, 2009 and January 10, this year during the 'Operation Zero Tolerance on Road traffic crashes', 50 people were affected out of which 31 cases involved injuries which affected 26 men and

5 women."

He emphasized that the six who lost their lives during the road accidents were all men, pointing out that "for the previous year, 2008, 22 cases were recorded out of which 18 persons lost their lives.

The Sector Commander stated further that during the past years, the command "employed all necessary measures to stem the tide of road accidents in the state through the distribution of incentives, including ambulances."

He also that as part

of the Operation Zero tolerance on road traffic crashes campaign, the command mobilized its men to the roads to ensure that traffic regulations were strictly adhered to.

The command he said, has not been given certain facilities like "help canters" for medical emergency since Cross River was not known to be accident prone noting that road users in the state were very enlightened about traffic regulations, a situation, he added assisted the efforts of the command in its public awareness campaign.