

One dies, 18 others injured in Osun auto crash

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ONE person yesterday died, while 18 other travellers sustained injuries in a lone accident on Osogbo-Ibadan Expressway in Osogbo, capital of Osun State. Public Relations Officer, Osun State Sector of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Mrs. Agnes Ogunyemi confirmed the accident, adding that the crash happened about 1:45p.m. Ogunyemi explained that a white Toyota Hiace marked: EKY 213, lost control due to brake failure and skid off the road.

She said one passenger died while other injured occupants of the bus were rushed to UNIOSUN Teaching Hospital, Osogbo. "The body of the victim has been taken by the family, while the survivors are receiving treatment at UNIOSUN Teaching Hospital, Osogbo. The incident occurred at about 1:45 p.m. in front of Abere Secretariat first gate. "The incident involved a white Toyota Hiace with Registration number EKY 213. "Obstruction cleared by FRSC Personnel and the vehicle has been towed to Dugbe

Police Station," she added.

MEANWHILE, the state Sector Commander of FRSC, Mr. Paul Okpe, has appealed to motorists and road users travelling across, during and after Christmas to be cautious to minimise loss of lives through road crashes.

Okpe noted that his command has embarked on safety-awareness campaigns through meetings with the members of National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW) and relevant stakeholders with a view to reducing carnage on the road.

The FRSC boss, in a statement issued yesterday by the command's spokesperson, said it is working round the clock, by moving from park to park to campaign against the danger of using worn out tyres, overloading, speeding, consumption of alcohol before and while driving as well as the use of dangerous drugs.

To ensure that the campaign is successful, Okpe said men of the command have been deployed to all roads in the state to ensure safety compliance.



The accidented bus in Osun . yesterday

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