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The Corps Marshal and Chief Executive of FRSC, Mr. Osita Chidoka

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Eight persons, including a male child, were feared dead while three others were reportedly seriously injured following an auto accident along Abuja- Lokoja Road at Ohono village near Koton Karfe on Wednesday.

Our correspondent gathered that the victims were on their way to Okene, Kogi State to buy goods when their vehicle, a white Toyota passenger bus with registration number: Kogi XB 641 LKJ, collided with a truck with registration number Lagos EKY 244 XG at about 6am.

According to the Kogi State Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety

Corps, Mr. Godwin Omiko, the truck was coming at high speed and collided with the passenger bus.

He added that the eight people including the driver and seven other occupants, died on the spot.

He blamed human error for the accident.

He added that the remains of the dead victims had been deposited at the Federal Medical Centre, Lokoja while the injured victims were taken to the same hospital for treatment.

Omiko said the FRSC had embarked on further investigation into the accident. Our correspondent learnt that many officials of the police and the FRSC came to the scene after the accident to ensure free flow of traffic.

Meanwhile, the Corps Marshall and Chief Executive, FRSC. Mr Osita Chidoka, on Wednesday admonished retiring FRSC officials to be enthusiastic and determined to lead a successful and happy life in retirement.

Speaking at the opening of a three-day pre-retirement workshop for FRSC officials, Chidoka, who was represented by the Deputy Corps Marshall, Administration and Human Resources, Mr. Chidi Nwachukwu, stated that the organisation by its operations and commitment to quality service delivery had sufficiently armed the retirees well for happy life after service.

Our correspondent gathered that 43 officials comprising 20 officers and 23 marshals would be due for retirement from early next year.

The FRSC boss urged the retiring staff to continue to exhibit discipline that had already been instilled in them by the organisation.

Omiko earlier in his address stated that the pre-retirement workshop was an opportunity for decision making for the 43 retiring officials.

He said, "The success of the next phase of your private or public endeavours largely depends on your



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