

Five feared dead in Imo auto crash

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Five persons who were returning from the matriculation ceremony of the Alvan Ikoku Federal College of Education, Owerri, Imo State, which held on Friday, died in an auto accident.

Eyewitnesses told *SUNDAY PUNCH* that the victims, who were returning home in a Sienna with registration number FKJ866ER (Lagos), were involved in an auto crash along the Owerri -Onitsha Expressway.

An official of the Federal Road Safety Corps, who was part of the rescue operations of the victims, told our correspondent that no fewer than five persons lost their lives in the accident.

The FRSC officer, who declined to disclose her name because she was not authorised to speak on the matter, said the accident was caused because the driver was speeding and suddenly lost control of the vehicle.

She said all the victims were rushed to the hospital, adding that the vehicle had been removed from the tarred road to pave way for free flow of traffic.

The officer said, “When we got to the scene of the auto crash, we quickly rushed all the victims to the hospital. The investigation we carried out revealed that the accident occurred as a result of speeding and loss of control by the driver of the Sienna vehicle.”

When contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer in the state, Andrew Enwerem, told our correspondent that he had yet to be briefed officially.