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The Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), Kwara state Command, rescued 1,554 road accident victims and arrested 1.4 million traffic offenders between January and June this year. The Corps Marshal and Chief Executive of the Commission, Mr. Osita Chidoka, disclosed this yesterday in Ilorin at a two-day capacity-building workshop organised for senior officers of the Commission.

Chidoka said during the period under review, the commission recorded a total of 2,709 accidents, in which 1,882 people lost their lives, while 8,728 others sustained varying degrees of injuries.

He declined that the various efforts by the commission have reduced road accidents by 51 percent in the first quarter of the year.

Chidoka identified absence of national standards on the training of drivers as well as poor road networks as some of the militating factor facing the factors militating against the commission's effectiveness.

He, therefore, urged the Federal Government invest more in road safety campaigns and roads network so as to ensure avoidable carnages on the road.

In his address, the Commanding Officer of Zone 8, Austin Aipoh, said the training was to prepare officers of the commission for the task ahead and keep them abreast of emerging trends in the road safety.

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