

3 killed, 5 rescued in Lagos auto crashes

THE Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA) says three persons lost their lives when a truck (DCG-TM-028), experienced a brake failure while descending from Ita-Opo, Epe.

The LASTMA General Manager, Mr Olalekan Bakare-Oki, confirmed this in a statement on Monday in Lagos.

The statement was signed by Mr Taofiq Adebayo, Director, Public Affairs and Enlightenment Department, LASTMA.

Bakare-Oki noted that the out-of-control vehicle collided with a tricycle (AGL 442 QC) and a stationary Toyota Camry at the Ayeyoro traffic light before veering into the Ayetoro Market Complex in Epe.

"The unfortunate collision resulted in the fatalities of the tricycle driver and two students from Manpower Technical School.

"First responders from LASTMA, with the assistance of the Federal Road Safety Corps, swiftly arrived on the scene to secure the area.

The deceased were respectfully transported to the Epe General Hospital mortuary.

"Prompt efforts were made to clear the wreckage, including the truck, to alleviate traffic congestion and safeguard other road users," he said.

He added that in a separate but related incident, another accident was reported at Ijaye inward Abule-Egba.

Bakare-Oki said that the crash which involved an LT Bus (FKJ 762 AD) and a Toyota Hiace Bus (MUS 154 YE) was attributed to brake system failure.

"LASTMA personnel acted swiftly, extricating the driver and two passengers, who were then urgently conveyed to a nearby medical facility for treatment.

"Additionally, LASTMA officers successfully rescued three individuals — two females and one male — from a multi-vehicle collision at Tsunami Bridge, inward Ketu.

"This accident, involving two Volkswagen commercial buses (LSD 483 CT & AGL 267) and a 10-tyre DAF truck, left victims with varying degrees of injuries.

"They were promptly transported to a nearby hospital for immediate medical intervention, while officers from Alapere Police Station provided essential security support during the rescue operations," he said.

Bakare-Oki reiterated the importance of vehicular maintenance and implored all motorists to diligently ensure that their vehicles, particularly the braking systems, are in optimal condition before setting out on any journey.