

According to a report from the Lagos State Emergency Agency (LASEMA), in 2013 alone, about 214 hit and run cases were recorded.

Also, another report in the 2013 global status road safety report of the World Health Organisation (WHO) 2013, said although Africa contributes only 2 per cent of the world's vehicles, it however contributes 16 per cent of global traffic deaths and it also pegged Nigeria as the highest, having 33.7 deaths per 100,000 persons.

Record of Hit-and-Run

Although, not comprehensive enough, the statistics gotten from the police archives by THISDAY revealed that many cases abound and in some cases, most of them are unknown.

On February 4, 2014, a report was made at Meiran Police Station that at Ijaiye Bus Stop along Lagos-Abeokuta Expressway a yet to be identified driver of an unknown vehicle hit one Lucky Eboh and escaped.

The victim died on the spot and the corpse was deposited at Mainland General Hospital Mortuary Yaba for autopsy.

Again last year, precisely on February 15, another hit and run was reported at Alakara Police Station that yet another unidentified vehicle driven hit a yet-to-be identified male pedestrian along Ikorodu Road inward Yaba by Fadeyi Bus Stop.

The victim was said to have died on the spot and was deposited at Mainland General Hospital mortuary for autopsy.

Still on the same day, a similar incident occurred at Maroko when another unidentified vehicle hit a yet-to-be identified male pedestrian along Lekki-Epe Expressway by Elf Bus-Stop, Maroko.

The victim died on the spot and the corpse was deposited at Lagos Island General Hospital mortuary for autopsy.

Fast forward two months later, an unidentified vehicle hit a female pedestrian opposite Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) lane along Ikotun Idimu Road, Ikotun.

The victim also died on the spot and the corpse was deposited at the Isolo General Hospital for autopsy.

On July 2, 2014, at Oshodi, along the Apapa-Oshodi Expressway a yet-to-be identified driver hit one unidentified male pedestrian and he died on the spot and the corpse was deposited at Mainland General Hospital Mortuary, Yaba.

Still in July, along School Bus Stop Coker, Orile, an unidentified tricycle rider hit one 60-years-old Emmanuel Ebdodeghe.

The victim had survived the accident but sustained injuries. He was rushed to Aishat Hospital, Idi-Araba where he later died from the outcome of the injuries sustained.

The corpse was then deposited at Lagos State University Teaching Hospital morgue (LUTH), Idi-Araba, for autopsy, while investigation was carried out by the Orile Division.

On the last day of the same month, along Ita-Oluwo Road by Cele Bus-Stop, Ikorodu, another yet-to-be identified driver of Volkswagen Bus ran over a Bajaj Boxer Motorcycle with Reg. No. QZ 812 APP ridden by one Jamiu Olatunji.

However, in this case, the accident did not record only the loss of the motorcycle rider but also that of his two passengers. The driver as usual ran away.

The two passengers were a woman and her baby and they both died on the spot alongside the motorcycle rider. Their corpses were deposited at Ikorodu General Hospital mortuary.

On August 21, 2014, at Five Star Bus Stop along Apapa-Oshodi expressway, one Bello Ibrahim was hit by a yet-to-be identified vehicle and he died on the spot. His corpse was deposited at Isolo General Hospital Mortuary.

Another hit-and-run case was recorded on December 28, at Mile 2 Expressway after an unidentified vehicle driven knocked down one Gladys Umeh 'and she died on the spot and the corpse has been deposited at Lagos State University Teaching Hospital (LASUTH) Ikeja.

Also at Ojota Bus Stop, along Ikorodu Expressway, another man was killed by a hit and run driver who knocked him down and fled. His corpse was removed by the police hours later.

During the second week of December, two persons were knocked down by a hit-and-run driver at the Ikeja area of Lagos.

These and many more are the records of victims of hit and run in Lagos, although a police source who would not want to be mentioned told THISDAY that most of such cases are often undocumented.

According to him, "beyond these few cases we have, cases of hit and run account for most of the unclaimed corpses you often see on the streets. Most of the times, people call us in but other times, the Lagos State Environmental Health Monitoring Unit (SEHMU) handle it."

SEHMU's Role