RECOGNIZING RELEVANCE OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ROAD TRANSPORT SAFETY STANDARDIZATION SCHEME TOWARDS ROAD TRAFFIC CRASH

# THE ANNUAL SAFETY MANAGERS` RETREAT

## RTSSS

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## OUTLINE

# Introduction

# The mandate of the RTSSS

# **Implementation of RTSSS**

# **RTC reduction: A joint responsibility**

Conclusion

Thank you

### INTRODUCTION

The Road Transport system in Nigeria accounts for over 75% of mobility needs across the country with fleet operators contributing over 60% of this figure.



Less attention was given to its regulations until recently

This neglect resulted in unpleasant consequences such as involvement in Road Traffic Crashes

### INTRODUCTION...ii

The business of acquiring fleet of buses by persons who have little or no knowledge about fleet management

Drivers who are not properly trained to operate these buses Involvement of commuter buses in RTC over the years

coupled with the poor conditions of our roads It is against this backdrop and in line with international best practices that FRSC introduced RTSSS.

The policy stipulates minimum safety requirements for fleet operators (Organizations, companies, Road Transport Owners) with at least five (5) vehicles in their fleet.

### The mandate of the RTSSS



### **Implementation of RTSSS**

#### For the effective implementation of the RTSSS, the scheme assigned specific roles as follows

The fleet operators are expected to: Establish fully functioned safety units headed by qualified, competent and experienced Safety Manager

Provide standard terminus/registered office in locations that will not lead to traffic problems such as congestion Ensure nonengagement of drivers with more than one licence, suspended, removed, cancelled or disqualified from driving Write on their vehicles contact phone numbers, preferably those of the Safety Managers for feedback from the public especially on the behavior of heir drivers

Have an established policy on training and retraining of drivers

Put in place a standard recruitment policy as well as drivers certification programme for its drivers

Operate a comprehensive vehicle maintenance policy Maintain records on drivers, vehicles and road traffic crashes and submit same to relevant agencies

Provide recovery vehicles and well designed emergency evacuation plan

#### Implementation of RTSSS...Role of Fleet Operators

Entrench security plans, ensuring that all passengers and properties are safely handed over at the terminals and also along the route

Participate in fleet operators forum Ensure that their operations meet their client's expectations and are within the standards required by the laws of the land

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Safety Managers on the other hand are

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Risks arising from driving are recognized as an integral part of the organization safety policy

They have knowledge of the National Road Traffic Regulation 2012

Ensure that the vehicles meet the minimum safety standard

They have the knowledge of the **Nigerian Highway Code**  Must have knowledge of the basic crash investigation skills/techniques

Ensure enforcement of the maximum driving period, rest hours (8 hours rest within 24 hours per trip) and that no driver is engaged more than 24 hours

#### Implementation of RTSSS... Role of Safety Managers



Ensure periodic certification of drivers Ensure the use of passengers manifest for each trip

Assess and determine crash prone routes periodically and develop defensive driving techniques to ensure safety

Ensure that the appropriate road worthiness certificate is obtained

Maintain a log book for each drivers Send safety report on quarterly basis to FRSC using the approved format

#### Implementation of RTSSS... Role of Safety Managers

Observed and vet drivers temperament and criminal records(s) before employment, and

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Ensure regular training and re-training of drivers

### **Implementation of RTSSS**

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The driver's roles include

Possession of valid driver's licence Must pass driver certification programme Familiarization with the company's safety policies

#### Implementation of RTSSS.... Role of Drivers

Familiarization and obedience to the traffic rules and regulations

Understanding different driving conditions Periodic medical/Health examinations including eye test

#### Implementation of RTSSS.... Role of Drivers

#### Use of log book

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Knowledge of vehicle working system and pretrip post –trip inspection Proper use of communication systems to aid emergency processes

# GROUPING



## **CLASSIFICATION**

<u>CLASS</u> A -Operators with at least 80% Score of the variable parameters

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<u>CLASS</u> B -Operators with at least 60-79% Score of the variable parameters

<u>CLASS</u> C -Operators with at least 50-59% Score of the variable parameters

<u>CLASS</u> CP/F - Operators with less than 50% Score of the variable parameters

#### **COMPARISONS OF CERTIFICATION EXERCISE**



## **RTC reduction:** A joint responsibility

Fleet Operators perform useful services to humanity through the services they render either for profit maximization or for welfare purposes

In order to ensure mutual benefit from the services, there is urgent need to take a critical look at the current status of operation Hence, for effective and efficient rendering of services by fleet operators and attainment of the RTSSS goal which ultimately is the reduction of RTC

#### the followings are critically imperative



There must be collaborative efforts among all the stakeholders; the operators and enforcers

There must be a periodic forum such as this where transport operators are educated on traffic rules and regulations among others pertinent motoring issues



Full enforcement, blacklisting and prosecution of non-compliant operators



Strict compliance to the roles assigned to various stakeholders in this Scheme

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Full implementation of the approved passengers manifest

### THANK YOU



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