ROAD SAFETY IN TURKEY

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General Information

- **71.5 million** Population (%75 in cities)
- **10.436 US$** Gross National Product per Capita
- **10 billion US$** Socio economic cost of road crashes
- **64.000 km** State Roads
- **%90** Freight Transportation by Road
- **69.8 billion vehicle-km**
- **882,259** annually registered motor vehicles (average)
- **806,541** annually certificated drivers (average)
- **%16.6** female drivers
- **22,154** traffic police

**INCREASE ON NR. OF DRIVERS & MOTOR VEHICLES**
Road Traffic Crash Statistics

Killed & injured persons per 100 million vehicle km
1995-2008
Setting National Road Traffic Casualty Reduction Targets

- **“ATTENTION ON ROAD TRAFFIC: 10 THOUSAND LIVES”**
  - Estimated 10,000 deaths a year on roads / 30,000 death in three years
  - An umbrella project of all sub-projects executed by relevant authorities and NGO’s
  - Project’s objective: to reduce road casualties by raising the awareness
  - Partners: The Presidency; Ministries of Interior, Transport, Education; Universities, Bridgestone, Doğuş Automotive, Petrol Industry Association, Renault, Temsa, ToyotaSa and Volvo
Setting National Targets to Reduce Road Casualties Through ENFORCEMENT Activities

“NEW APPROACHES, TARGETS AND SOLUTIONS ON ROAD TRAFFIC SAFETY” PROJECT

- Coordinated by Turkish National Police, executed by relevant authorities
- Objective: Improving road safety by strengthening traffic law enforcement in coordination with infrastructure, emergency care and education activities (4E)

![Graph showing causes of road crashes in the last 3 years]

- Speed: 38%
- Tailgating: 30%
- Red Light: 26%
- Alcohol: 38%

Causes of road crashes in the last 3 years
Case Analysis on Violations 2005-2007

- **Speed violations**
  - 30% of all road crashes’ causes
  - 1 km/h decrease equals %4 decrease of nr. crashes

- **Safety Belt**
  - 12 killed / 1000 drivers fastened SB
  - 62 killed / 1000 drivers unfastened SB
  - Compliance makes the fatality risk decrease 43%-65% (WHO)

- **Driving under the influence of alcohol**
  - 2% of all road crashes’ causes
  - 20% (1/5) of all drivers are controlled annually

- **Motorcyclists / Helmets**
  - 15,4% of all vehicle types
  - 12% of all road crashes in built-up areas
  - 88% killed or injured motorists were without helmets

- **Heavy Vehicles (HV)**
  - 7,1% of all vehicle types
  - 13% Involved of all road crashes
  - 35% of all fatalities occurred in HV involved crashes

- **Red light violations**
  - 4 % built-up road crashes occurred because of red light violations
  - 20 % built-up road crashes occurred in junctions
Targets / ENFORCEMENT

- **Speed enforcement**
  - Increasing the ratio of random checks among all traffic police controls from 25% to 35%
  - Increasing nr of video-camera radar equipped vehicle from 450 to 650

- **Safety Belt Enforcement**
  - Increase compliance rate from 20% to 60% by 2010 on inter-city roads
  - Increase compliance rate from 70% to 90% by 2010 in built-up areas
Driving under the influence of alcohol
- 1 per each 3 drivers to be controlled

Motorcyclists / Helmets
- More strict controls & campaigns

Heavy Vehicles (HV)
- Nr each HV’s checks to be increased from 2.7 to 5.4 times a year by 2010

Red light violations
- More strict controls & campaigns
ENFORCEMENT Project Outputs
The first year - 2008

- Speed enforcement
  - Random checks ratio increased from 25% to 35%
  - Nr. VCR equipped vehicle increased from 450 to 800
  - Nr. fined offender drivers increased by 46%

- Safety belt enforcement
  - Nr. Controlled driver increased by 48.6%
  - Compliance ratio increased from;
    - 20% to 33% on inter-city roads
    - 70% to 74% in built-up areas
ENFORCEMENT Project Outputs
The first year - 2008

- Drinking & Driving Enforcement
  - 24.9% increase on nr fines
  - ½ of all drivers controlled

- Motorcyclists / Helmet control
  - 62% increase on fined offenders

- Heavy vehicle (Fatigue / AETR)
  - 168% increase on fined violators
  - Nr each HV’s checks is increased from 2.7 to 3.7 times a year

- Red Light
  - 6.4% increase on fined offender road users

![Increase ratio of fined offenders 2007-2008](chart.png)
Digitalized Enforcement and Analyzing Spatial Road Traffic Crash Data by Using Geographical Information System (GIS)

- Police enforcement applications are digitalized and directly transferred to Enforcement Database
  - Enables to have a knowledge and control on enforcement activities, road user behaviors and decision making/planning

- Crash spot coordinates are filled on “traffic crash report” by police and transferred to digital maps
  - Enables to focus law enforcement on hot spots and decision making, also to rehabilitate black spots in coordination with relevant authorities
Setting National Targets to Reduce Road Casualties Through ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE Projects, MoT

- HIGHWAY UPGRADING PROGRAM
  - Executed by DG Highways, MoT
  - Project objective:
    - to prevent head on collisions
    - Extension of dual carriageway (divided multilane highway) length to from 6.000 km to 22.500 km by 2012
      - 9.500 km constructed and opened by now (within 5 years)
      - Target: 22.500 km(2012); reached 15.500(2009)
  - DG Highway Strategic Plan’s objectives& measures
    - to reduce the number of road fatalities and injuries by %40 within 5 years
    - Accepted road safety impact assessments as a part of the road design
    - Road safety audits& inspections to be carried out at planning, design and operational phases
    - Black spot eradication to be facilitated
    - Comprehensive road maintenance works to be carried out
### Black Spot Eradication Activities

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Safety Aspects / Road Infrastructure

- 16 million m² horizontal road markings constructed
- 136,255 standard traffic signs renewed
- 24,885 m² information signs renewed
- 11,054 m² direction signs constructed
- 111 signalization complex established
- 550 km barriers constructed
- %20 of road signs and markings to be renewed annually
Min. Of Health
Improving POST CRASH CARE

- As motorization increases road traffic injuries are predicted to rise to become the eighth leading cause of death by 2030
- Ministry of Health’s strategic plan:
  - To reduce 30% the deaths and injuries pertaining to road traffic crashes by 2030
  - strengthening the emergency health care
  - increase the first aid trained people as 1% of population
Increasing of the number of emergency health care stations decreases the population per station to 50,000 people as a target.
Reaching in 10 minutes to the emergency cases (%)
Emergency Health Care Services 112
Command and Control Centers

- At the beginning of 2008 Digital Take Calls and Operation Management System are established and activated under the Ministry of Health Crisis Center in 81 provinces.
Emergency Health Care Services 112

- 1,314 emergency health care stations
- 2,235 road ambulances
- 7 helicopters
- 17 helicopters will be in use by September 2009
- In Air Ambulance System, 2 ambulance planes are planned to take service by the end of 2009
First Year Results / 2008 Statistics

Fatalities [2003-2008]

Number of injured [2003-2008]
First Year Results / 2008 Statistics

Fatalities per 100 million vehicle km [2003-2008]

- 2003: 7.5
- 2004: 7.7
- 2005: 7.0
- 2006: 7.2
- 2007: 7.2
- 2008: 6.1

% -15.7
2007-2008
First Year Results / 2008 Statistics

Injured per 100 million vehicle km [2003-2008]

- 2003: 226
- 2004: 236
- 2005: 252
- 2006: 261
- 2007: 271
- 2008: 264

% -2.6
2007-2008
supports;

- UN initiatives on improving global road safety “Call for a Decade”
- First Global Road Safety Ministerial Conference in Moscow
- Make Roads Safe Campaign

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Thank you