



Ministerial Statement to the House of Assembly

Road Safety Summit 2015

By

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Mr. Speaker, I rise to report that the Ministry of Tourism Development and Transport hosted the Road Safety Summit 2015 at the Elbow Beach Hotel this week Wednesday February 11th, 2015 under the theme, 'How do we make Bermuda's roads and road users safer?'

The Summit was attended by 48 representatives from relevant government ministries, the Opposition, the Bermuda Police Service, the insurance sector, CADA, Road Safety Council, Bermuda Health Council, and the Corporation of Hamilton among others.

The half-day event was a forum for key stakeholders to engage in open and meaningful dialogue to identify immediate tangible solutions to make Bermuda's roads and road users safer.

Inspector Robert Cardwell of the Bermuda Police Service provided a very comprehensive presentation on Road Traffic Collision Statistics and the Bermuda Police Service Road Strategy.

Dr. Joseph Froncioni, a former chair of the Road Safety Council provided a very riveting presentation with startling facts about the cost of treating accident victims and post accident care.

Mr. Speaker, throughout the Summit there was a constant call for collaboration between all stakeholders and resources. I am pleased to advise that the Ministry of

Tourism Development and Transport will take the lead to immediately progress three recommendations from the Summit:

- Establish a continuous working group to implement road traffic safety concerns and initiatives set out in the Bermuda Police Service Road Safety Strategy
- Roadside sobriety checks
- Speed cameras and other traffic calming deterrents to encourage drivers and riders to slow down

In the meanwhile, I urge all Bermuda residents to drive responsibly and have consideration for the safety of themselves and other road users.

Thank You, **Mr. Speaker!**

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