



**MINISTERIAL STATEMENT
To the House of Assembly**

by

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Traffic Safety - Road and Boating

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Mr. Speaker, as we approach the festive holiday season, we at the Ministry would like to pause and remind Bermuda about the importance of safety on the road and on-water. I genuinely believe that collectively we are concerned about the manner some road users flout the rules of the road and some in the boating community blatantly disregard water safety in general.

Mr. Speaker, whether in control of a motorcycle or vehicle on our roads or a boat on the waters around the island, practicing safety and applying common sense is essential.

Every year we are faced with the daunting reality of poor riding and driving practices both on land and on the water that results in loss of life and many horrific injuries and lifetime disabilities – the vast majority of which for the most part, are avoidable. As a community, we must take responsibility to ensure we are doing all that we can to curb this behaviour.

Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday 18 November 2020 I will have the privilege to participate in the Bermuda Road Safety Council's Road Safety Day recognition event on the grounds of City Hall from 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm.

I urge all residents to come out and participate in the activities and learn more about road safety from the Council and the attending partners including CADA, the Bermuda Police Service's Road Policing Unit, and the Bermuda Fire and Rescue Service. The Water Safety Council will also have a booth at the event to share pertinent information about safety on the water and responsible boating.

Mr. Speaker, as we prepare to celebrate with loved ones and friends this holiday season, we ask that everyone does their part to keep Bermuda's roads and waters safe.

Thank You, **Mr. Speaker!**

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