

The Prevention of pedestrian fatalities in Polokwane Policing Area, Limpopo Province

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Abstract

The main objective of this article was to explore measures to prevent pedestrian fatalities in the Polokwane Policing Area (PPA), Limpopo Province. The inability of both pedestrians and motorists to understand and interpret the rules of the road is a major problem in the Polokwane Policing Area. The quantitative research method was used to conduct the study. Data were gathered by distributing questionnaires to respondents in the Polokwane Policing Area. This study sample consisted of 58 municipal police officials, 105 community members, 10 traditional leaders, 10 non-governmental organisations, and 19 businesses. The total size of the sample was 202. 69.2% of the respondents indicated that PPA experiences challenges in preventing pedestrian fatalities. Most of the participants (72.8%) indicated that road designs do not accommodate pedestrians in the PPA. Most of the participants (80.8%) stated that road users do not obey the rules of the road. This study recommends that law enforcement agencies in the PPA should work with other major stakeholders to counteract pedestrian fatalities by means of road safety campaigns, visibility of law enforcement officials, building roads that accommodate pedestrians, and encouraging road users to adhere to the rules of the road.

Keywords: Pedestrians, Road Fatalities, road users, law enforcement agencies and Polokwane Policing Area.

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