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Annual Report on Tipperary Road Safety Strategy 2019

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Tipperary Road Safety Strategy 2018-2020

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Introduction

June 2018 saw the launch of the first Road Safety Strategy for all of Tipperary covering the period 2018-2020. This is a joint strategy involving Tipperary County Council (TCC), An Garda Síochána (AGS), Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), Road Safety Authority (RSA), Tipperary Fire and Rescue Services and Health Service Executive (HSE), through the National Ambulance Service.

The aim of the Strategy is to build on former road safety interventions and offer a strategic direction for road safety in Tipperary in terms of Education, Engineering, Enforcement and Evaluation. It reflects the National Road Safety Strategy 2013-2020 in its aims and objectives which are:

- ➢ To create a safer road environment in Tipperary for all road users
- ➢ To improve co-operation between the agencies and groups represented on the Road Safety Working Together Group (RSWTG)
- ➢ To improve road user behaviour by co-ordinating public education and awareness

It is designed to ensure a co-ordinated, collaborative and consistent approach to improving road safety for all road users in Tipperary and it targets actions to be delivered throughout Tipperary.

The Mission Statement contained in the strategy is "To create a greater awareness of road safety through all our stakeholders with the aim of reducing the number, severity and life-changing impact of road collisions, thereby making County Tipperary a safer place for all road users."

The Strategy sets the ambitious target of reducing fatalities and serious injuries to 4 and 10 respectively per year in County Tipperary by 2020. This would require a reduction of 69% on the 2016 figures.

Deaths on Irish Roads 2019

Last year (2019) saw an increase in road deaths in Ireland. There were 148 fatalities compared with 141 in 2018. This data is provisional and correct as of 17 January 2020.

This represents two more collisions and 5% more deaths (+7) compared to provisional Garda data for the full year of 2018.
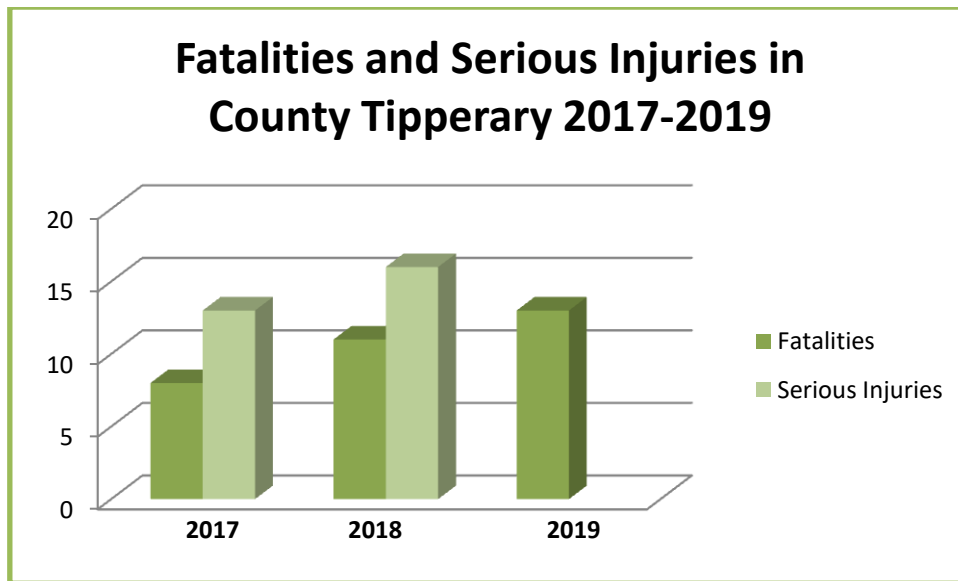
Of the 148 fatalities, there were 81 Drivers killed, 16 Passengers, 27 Pedestrians, 16 Motorcyclists and 8 Pedal Cyclists.

July and August (9 each) had the lowest number of fatalities in 2019. September (20) and December (16) were particularly dangerous.

The average number of deaths per month in 2019 (12 deaths per month) is the same as the monthly average in 2018 (12).

Sunday (32) was the most dangerous day in 2019, followed by Friday (26).
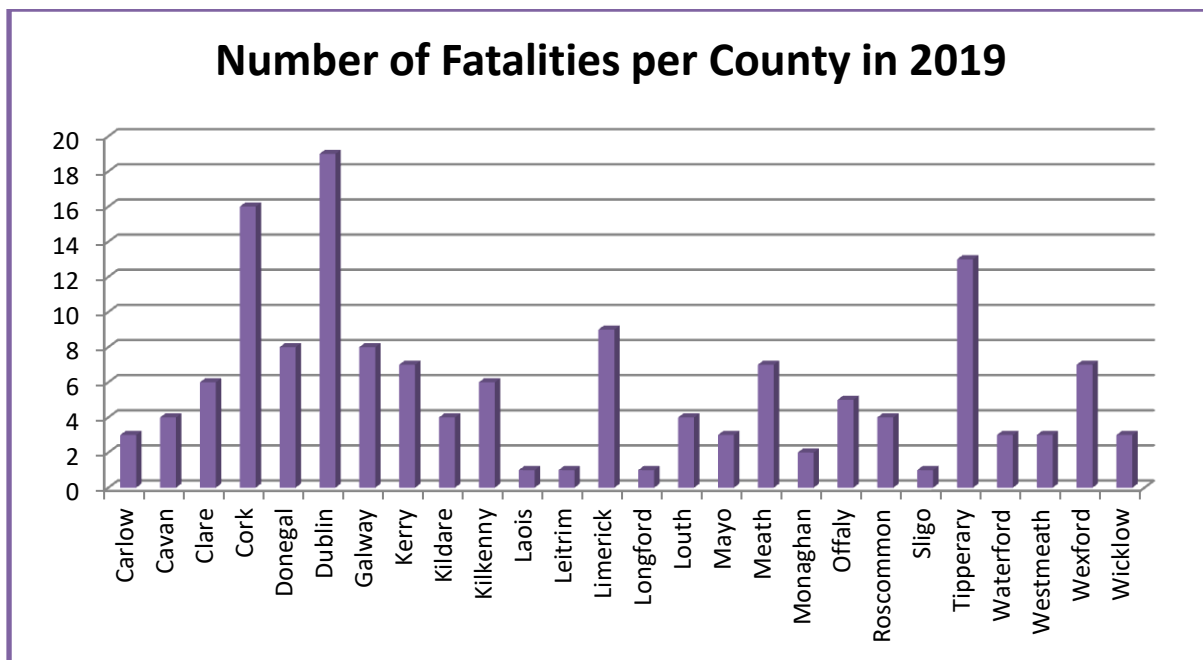
Just as in 2018, Tipperary again had the third highest number of fatalities in the country (13). Only Dublin (19) and Cork (16) had a higher number of fatalities. This represents an increase of 18.2%.

Fatalities and Serious Injuries in County Tipperary 2017-2019

Figures for the no. of serious injuries in Tipperary in 2019 are not yet available (Jan 2020)

Below: No of fatalities per County in 2019

County	Fatalities	County	Fatalities	County	Fatalities
Carlow	3	Kilkenny	6	Offaly	5
Cavan	4	Laois	1	Roscommon	4
Clare	6	Leitrim	1	Sligo	1
Cork	16	Limerick	9	Tipperary	13
Donegal	8	Longford	1	Waterford	3
Dublin	19	Louth	4	Westmeath	3
Galway	8	Mayo	3	Wexford	7
Kerry	7	Meath	7	Wicklow	3
Kildare	4	Monaghan	2	**Total**	**148**

Number of Fatalities per County in 2019

All statistics are based on provisional Garda data for 2019 and are subject to change.

A breakdown of the figures for Tipperary in 2019 is currently unavailable (Jan 2020).

A review of the Actions in the Tipperary Road Safety Strategy for 2019 is set out hereunder:

Review of Action Plan 2019

8.1 Education

Action No.	Project	Lead Dept or Agency	Support Dept or Agency	Action	Timeframe	Target	Achieved
1.	**Pre-school**	RSA	Tipperary County Childcare Committee (TCCC)	Promote the use of Simon and Friends Education Programme	Annually	1 Session	Exceeded 4 sessions complete
2.	**Primary School**	RSA & TCC (Tipperary County Council)	TCC	Deliver road safety talks to primary schools, promoting the use of road safety programmes such as Be Safe, Let's Go, Seatbelt Sherriff, Hi Glo Silver and Safe Cross Code	Annually	30 Primary schools	Exceeded 36 school visits undertaken
3.		Tipperary Sports Partnership/TCC	Cycle Ireland	Provide Safe Cycle Training to fifth and sixth class	Annually	20 schools per year	19 schools received the programme with 842 pupils benefiting.
4.		TCC		Provision of adult School Warden Service	Ongoing	Continue to provide school warden service at identified schools and have wardens trained	Achieved

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						as prescribed.	
5.		TCC	Schools	Road Safety Poster Competition	Annually	3rd class in all primary schools in 1 M.D. per year	Competition held in Q4 in Nenagh M.D. Seven schools participated and there were 73 entries.
6.		AGS		Deliver Personal Safety Lecture which includes road and traffic safety		One lecture in each of the 170 primary schools in the county	Achieved
7.	**Post Primary School**	RSA	TCC	Deliver road safety talk to secondary schools, promoting the programmes 'Road Safety Matters', 'Your Road to Safety' and 'Wrecked' to schools	Annually	10 Schools

*RSA & AGS to liaise regarding list of schools which it is intended to visit to allow maximum exposure of Road Safety Initiatives. | Achieved
Talks delivered to 10 schools |
| 8. | | RSA | TCC | Deliver in-service training on the junior cycle and transition year | Annually | 3 new schools to undertake programme each year | Exceeded
4 schools undertook the programme |

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				programmes in schools			
9.	Linked with next item	AGS	TCC	Deliver transition year programme "It Won't Happen to Me"	Annually	Deliver to Transition Year students in 2 schools per year	Achieved
10.	Linked with above	AGS		Road Safety Talk delivered by members of the Divisional Traffic Corps		Twice per year capturing 15 schools	Achieved
11.	**Third Level**	RSA/AGS	TCC	Deliver road safety talks to third level students	Annually	1 session	Achieved
12.	**Companies**	RSA	TCC	Deliver road safety talks to companies including roll over and RSA shuttle	Annually	5 Sessions	Achieved
13	**Community**	RSA	Voluntary groups	Protecting our community – a call to action Mobility Matters – road safety which targets the elderly	Annually	4 sessions	Exceeded 16 sessions delivered
14	**Road Safety Promotion**	RSA/AGS	TCC	Implement public awareness campaigns which target the main	Annually	Utilise national/local media to increase public awareness	Achieved

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				causal factors for collisions, deaths and serious injuries for all road users but in particular the high risk groups.		of road safety issues.	
15.		RSA	TCC/AGS	High visibility materials	Ongoing	Distribute high visibility and road safety resources as required/planned and in conjunction with other media campaigns.	Achieved
16.	**Road Safety Interactive Resources**	RSA	AGS/TCC	'Check it Fits' road show	Annually	3 locations in Tipperary each year	Exceeded 4 locations
17.		RSA	TCC	Visit primary schools with 'Street Smart' programme	Annually	2 Primary Schools	Achieved
18.		RSA	AGS/TCC	Road Safety Interactive Shuttle	Annually	2 locations	Exceeded 10 locations

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				& Roll-over Simulator			
19.	**Road Safety Week**	RSA	AGS/TCC	Organise a road safety week with a series of local and national events including 'Beep Beep Day' for preschools.	Annually	All road users	Achieved

7th Oct -RSA hosted academic lecture on drug impaired driving at Royal College of surgeons

9th Oct- Tyre Safety Day Irish Tyre Industry Association (ITIA) members around Ireland invited all motorists to call in for a FREE tyre pressure check.

9th and 10th Oct -RSA, HSA and An Garda Síochána hosted free Driving for Work seminars in Galway and Blanchardstown

Winter Ready ad aired throughout the week

11th Oct- Pre schools took part in National Beep Beep Day. |

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							'**Back to School'** packs were distributed to secondary students, while Seatbelt Sheriff and Hi Glo Silver made an appearance at primary level.

8.2 Engineering

Action No.	Project	Lead Dept or Agency	Support Dept or Agency	Action	Timeframe	Target	Achieved
20.	**Abnormal Load Permits**	TCC/AGS		Assess applications and apply conditions as appropriate	Ongoing	All applications to be assessed in a timely manner	Achieved
21.	**Hedge Cutting**	TCC	Landowners/ occupiers of land	Investigate complaints regarding hedges and issue notification to landowners/occupiers where hedges become a road safety issue for users in accordance with Section 70 of the Roads Act 1993.	Ongoing	Issue Notices in response to complaints and follow through to ensure compliance.	Achieved
22.	**Public Lighting**	TCC	ESB/AUS	Annual programme of new lights and LED upgrade/retrofit	Ongoing	Complete annual programme of works	Achieved
23.	**Winter Maintenance**	TCC	TII	Monitor and undertake salting	Ongoing	Implement Winter Service	Achieved

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				as required on routes identified in the Winter Service Plan		Plan and publish Plan on TCC website.	
24.	**Fleet Management**	TCC		Maintain TCC fleet so that all vehicles are safe and fit for purpose	Ongoing	Ensure all vehicle inspections are recorded and are in accordance with relevant legislation.

Arrange independent audits and gate checks of vehicles and the fleet management system. | Achieved |
| 25. | **Establishment of Collision Prevention Programmes (CPP's) in Garda Districts** | AGS | TCC | Partnership between District Engineers and AGS in reviewing collision prone zones and actively contributing to a reduction of road traffic collisions at a local level. | Ongoing | 1 meeting at local/district level per quarter | 3 meetings held |

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26.	**Installation of footpaths and development of cycle ways and green ways**	TCC		Consider the incorporation of footpaths, cycle ways and green ways in new road designs, especially in urban locations. Seek additional funding for footpaths in poor condition.	Ongoing	Complete annual footpath programme subject to funding. Progress NTA funded projects involving cycle ways and greenways where appropriate.	Achieved In excess of €1m spent on footpaths and Blueway officially opened in May 2019.
27.	**Reduce the hazard of poor drainage on roads leading to surface water flowing on or causing damage to road surfaces.**	TCC	TII/DTTAS	Carry out annual programme of maintenance drainage works. Issue Section 76 Notices under the Roads Act, 1993 where water is deemed to be flowing onto the road. Follow up on planning conditions relating to surface water and entrances.	Ongoing	Complete annual drainage programme. Issue Notices as appropriate. Take planning enforcement measures as necessary.	Achieved Annual Drainage Programme completed.

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28.	**Identify, prioritise and implement low cost safety measures for non national roads**	TCC	DTTAS	Based on an assessment of collision data, prioritise and submit the collision prone locations on non national roads for inclusion in the national low cost safety programme.	Annually	Complete locations identified in Road Works Programme each year.	Achieved
29.	**Complete LA16 forms following fatal collisions.**	TCC/AGS		LA16 forms to be completed and submitted to TII as soon as possible following fatal collision	As required	Within one month following fatality.	Not achieved
30.	**Road Works Programme**	TCC	TII/DTTAS	Publish annual road works programme identifying road improvements being carried out	Annually	1 programme per year subject to funding	Achieved In excess of €40 million spent in 2019.
31.	**Road Safety Inspections on National Routes in accordance with HD17 (AM-STY-06044) of the**	TII	TCC	Systematic inspections of all National Routes to identify existing issues relating to road safety.	Ongoing	Starting in 2018 TCC will begin addressing identified hazards based on a prioritised	Not achieved

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	DMRB and the EU Directive on Road Safety Infrastructure Management.			Recommendations to be implemented by TCC & MMARC on the County National Road network.		ranking for treatment.	
32.	**Identify High Collision Locations on the National road network, Routes in accordance with HD15 (GE-STY-01022) of the DMRB and the EU Directive on Road Safety Infrastructure Management.**	TII	TCC, MMaRC	TII provides annual report to Local Authority of identified high collision locations. Tipperary County Council and Road Operators put forward schemes with feasible engineering solution for funding to TII. Local Authority/Road Operator implement funded schemes.	Annually and ongoing	All proposed schemes implemented where engineering measures deemed appropriate.	Partly achieved. A total of 13 no. safety schemes were identified countywide by TII. They will primarily be addressed in conjunction with Pavement Improvement Schemes planned in the three year programme. The scheme locations are evenly divided between the North (6 no.) and the South (7 no.)
33.	**Road Safety Audit (For National Roads in accordance with HD19 (GE-STY-01024) of the DMRB and the**	TCC	TII	Road Safety audits to be undertaken on all applicable DTTAS funded road schemes (Local, Regional and National) that affect the layout or	Ongoing	100% of all schemes that meet the audit requirement.	Achieved

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	EU Directive on Road Safety Infrastructure Management.)			management of the road.			
34.	**Implement HD16 (CC-STY-04002) inspection requirements for temporary safety measures at road works in accordance with the EU Directive on Road Safety Infrastructure Management.**	TCC	TII	Undertake periodic inspections of temporary safety measures at roadwork sites on all projects sanctioned and/or procured by local authorities and register all relevant road works on the TII website.	Varies depending on the timeframe of the road works.	Ensure all relevant road works are inspected periodically and registered on the TII website	Partly Achieved (1 inspection carried out)

8.3   Enforcement

Action No.	Project	Lead Dept or Agency	Support Dept or Agency	Action	Timeframe	Target	Achieved
35. (a)	**High Visibility Policing**	AGS		Increased presence on the Road Network.	Quarter 1	Greater visibility in each District	Achieved
35. (b)	**Road Traffic Legislation Enforcement**	AGS		Increased enforcement of Road Traffic and Road Safety Legislation	Ongoing	Decrease in fatal and serious accidents in each District	Partly Achieved (Decrease in fatal collisions in one of the five Garda Districts. Decrease in serious injury collisions in two of the five Garda Districts with one remaining the same).
36.	**Mandatory Intoxication Testing (MITS)**	AGS		Enforcement of legislation in relation to driving while intoxicated through drink and/or drugs	Ongoing	Enhance the Enforcement of all Drink/Drug Driving Legislation	Achieved
37.	**Commercial Vehicle Checks**	AGS	RSA	Continue individual and joint Road Operations with the RSA targeting abnormal loads and commercial and heavy goods vehicles safety checks.	Ongoing	Greater Road Safety compliance	Achieved

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38.	Life Saver Offences	AGS		Compliance with and Enforcement of Speed/Seat Belts/Mobile Phone Legislation and Regulations	Ongoing	Continued engagement with community groups and local media to promote Safe Driving Practices	Achieved
39.	Inter-Agency Checkpoints	AGS	- RSA - Department of Social Protection - Revenue Commissioners - Customs	To participate in Inter-Agency Checkpoints and participate in targeted Multi-Agency Road Safety Operations throughout the Tipperary Division	Ongoing	At least two per quarter	Achieved
40.	Collision Prone Zones	AGS	- Tipperary County Council - TII	To monitor and update the list of Collision prone locations and to ensure that appropriate policing attention is paid to those areas.	Quarterly	Collision Prone Zones are targeted with increased level of visibility. Zones identified are targeted with Go-Safe technology to improve compliance with speed limits.	Achieved

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41.	**Media Awareness**	AGS	- Tipperary County Council - RSA	To develop and utilise Local Media including Social and Digital forms to raise awareness of National and Local Road Safety Initiatives	Monthly	Increased Public Awareness of Road Safety	Achieved

8.4 Evaluation

Action No.	Project	Lead Dept or Agency	Support Dept or Agency	Action	Timeframe	Target	Achieved
42.	**Monitor the implementation of the Tipperary Safety Strategy**	TCC	RSWTG	Place as an item on the Agenda for each meeting of the Road Safety Working Together Group	Ongoing	3 meetings per annum	Achieved
43.	**Monitor Action Plan**	TCC	RSWTG	Provide report annually on progress of plan	Annually	Annual report	Achieved
44.	**Identify areas where actions have not been met**	TCC	RSWTG	Provide report identifying the reasons why actions/targets have not been met. Offer potential solutions or alternatives to implement into the Strategy.	Annually	Annual report	Ongoing
45.	**Capture the number and type of community consultations, community participations and the different community channels used in**	TCC	AGS/RSA	Provide report on number and type of community events and the number of people who participated in the events.	Annually	Annual report	Achieved

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	the area of Road Safety education.						
46.	**Develop feedback form for joint road safety events**	TCC	AGS/RSA	Provide feedback forms to participants for completion. Evaluate comments to see how events can be improved on.	After each event	Annual report	Partially achieved. TCC has developed a feedback form for Road Safety Events.
47.	**Complete a Post Plan Review**	TCC	RSWTG	Provide a report after the expiry of the Plan and make recommendations for the next Road Safety Strategy	Quarter 1, 2021	Quarter 1, 2021	N/A
48.	**In order to meet the target of 25 fatalities and 61 serious injuries per million population or less by 2020 as set out in the Government Road Safety Strategy 2013-2020, or 4 fatalities and 10 serious injuries**	All		Implementation of Education, Engineering and Enforcement Actions	End 2020	Fatalities 4 Serious Injuries 10	Not achieved

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	per year in Co. Tipperary by 2020, a reduction of 69% in fatalities will be required.						