

Road deaths drop 25% in first half of 2010

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Dubai: Dubai has witnessed a remarkable 25 per cent decline in road fatalities in the first half of 2010 in comparison to the same period last year as well as a decrease in road accidents.

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The statistics were announced following a second quarter inspection by Dubai Police's General Department of Traffic's Major General Khamis Mattar Al Mazeina, Deputy Chief of Dubai Police.

"The drop in fatalities and accidents indicates that we are on the right track. Our strategy to drop fatalities from 7.11 for every 100,000 of the population to zero per cent in the next 120 years is achievable," he said.

There was also a drop in traffic violations with 15,300 vehicles confiscated in the first half of this year, according to Lieutenant Colonel Saif Al Mazroui, Acting Director of Dubai Police's

General Department of Traffic most of Dubai's 12 most dangerous roads witnessed a drop in accidents except for Emirates and Sheikh Zayed roads.

Emirates Road recorded 15 fatalities in the first half of 2010 with 12 in same period last year, Sheikh Zayed Raod also saw a fatality increase this year with 11 fatalities recorded in comparison to 6.