Cross Professional Competence Is Mandatory for a Better Road Safety

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Abstract

We are concerned: The number of Road Traffic Fatalities is rising since 2014 again, in Germany, in the European Union, in the USA, after a continuous decline over the last 40 years. Many reasons are discussed: Human behaviour, e.g. texting while driving; no respect for traffic rules; daily life competition, who will be the fastest; more traffic, more vehicles, more kilometres driven. The industry would be able to provide a much better safety on our roads, but more safety is expensive and lower the profit. Governments worldwide are not willing to implement stronger regulations against the financial interest of their manufacturers. This is a deadly one way, which we must overcome. Cross Professional Competence will show the public the great chance to lower the burden of traffic injuries: Police, Red Crescent-Red Cross, Medical Doctors and Hospitals, Fire Department, Kindergarten-Schools and Universities, Villages and Cities must work together to provide the most effective Rescue Chain. The injured human is competent guided from the scene of accident to the adequate hospital and after acute treatment send to a rehabilitation centre to regain his full pre-accident activity. The “RESCUE CHAIN” is as strong as its weakest chain-link. The WHO 5 Pillar organigram: Road safety Management – Safer Road and Mobility – Safer Vehicles – Safer Road User – Post Crash Response can be the basis for a understanding. For a better cooperation CROSS PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE is required and has to be demonstrated in public: Report from the accident, rescue chain helicopter, hospital treatment, shock room and rehabilitation with the victim back to his normal life. With the public opinion on our side, politicians will listen and implement necessary laws.

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