

The Traffic Accident Management Efforts in the Jurisdiction of Semarang Polrestabes

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Abstract. *This study aims to identify and analyze the causes of traffic accidents in the jurisdiction of the Semarang Polrestabes, efforts to deal with traffic accidents in the Semarang Polrestabes, obstacles and solutions in overcoming traffic accidents in the jurisdiction of the Semarang Polrestabes. This study uses a sociological juridical approach, the research specifications are analytical descriptive, the types of data used are primary data and secondary data. The method of data analysis is qualitative analysis. Based on the results of the study, it can be concluded that the level of traffic accidents in the Semarang Polrestabes jurisdiction is still relatively high, caused by human factors, vehicle factors, road factors, environment and weather.*

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1. Introduction

Road traffic and transportation have a strategic role in supporting national development in the framework of realizing general welfare as mandated in the 1945 Constitution of the Republic of Indonesia. The potential for road traffic and transportation must be developed in order to realize security, prosperity, order in road traffic and transportation.¹ This is in line with the provisions of Article 3 of Act No. 22 of 2009 concerning Road Traffic and Transportation (UU LLAJ) which states that road traffic and transportation are organized with the aim of realizing safe, secure, orderly, smooth road traffic and transportation services,

¹Preliyanto Puji Utomo and Bambang Tri Bawono, "Application of Act No. 22 Of 2009 As A Traffic Accidents Countermeasures Management In The Blora Police Law Area" *Daulat Hukum*, Vol 3 No. 2 (2020), url: <http://jurnal.unissula.ac.id/index.php/RH/article/view/9373>.

and integrated; the realization of traffic ethics and national culture; and the realization of law enforcement and legal certainty for the community.²

The rapid development of road traffic and transportation has not only had a positive impact, but has also had a negative impact. More and more people are using road transportation, but unfortunately this is not matched by adequate knowledge for motorized vehicle users about how to drive properly. This has the potential to cause traffic accidents.³

A traffic accident is an incident on the road that is unexpected and unintentional involving vehicles with or without other road users resulting in human casualties and/or loss of property. Traffic accidents that have occurred so far have been caused by negligence, carelessness, and lack of caution experienced by drivers.⁴

The problem of road traffic accidents is a big job for the Police, considering that there are still many cases of traffic accidents that occur. Based on data from the Traffic Directorate of the Central Java Regional Police in 2021, 13,670 traffic accidents were recorded in Central Java. 15,480 people suffered minor injuries, 50 people were seriously injured, and 2,500 people died. Meanwhile, from January to August 2022, there were 20,143 accident cases with 2,337 fatalities, 23,961 minor injuries and 117 serious injuries.⁵

In the jurisdiction of the Semarang Polrestabes, based on preliminary research, data was obtained that in the 2021 period there were 906 traffic accidents with 157 deaths and 931 minor injuries. Whereas in 2022 until September there were 808 incidents with 125 people dead, 1 person seriously injured and 873 people lightly injured.⁶

Various efforts have been made by Polrestabes Semarang in tackling traffic accidents both preventively and repressively. This is an internal message Article 5 of Act No. 2 of 2002 concerning the National Police of the Republic of Indonesia which states that the National Police is a state instrument that plays a role in

²Indra Jaya Syafputra, Maryanto and Jawade Hafidz, "Implementation Of Restorative Justice In Traffic Accident Settlements", Law Development Journal, Volume 3 Issue 2, June 2021, p.339url:<http://jurnal.unissula.ac.id/index.php/ldj/article/view/16084/5748>

³Hari Condro Wibowo, 2019, "The Investigation Process of Underage Traffic Accidents at the Kebumen Resort Police", Thesis, Semarang: Unissula, p.4, url:<http://repository.unissula.ac.id/16313/5/bab%20I.pdf>

⁴Syakiar, Pratimaratri Unit, Deaf Wahyuni Ramadhani, Implementation of Investigations Against Child Traffic Violators Causing the Victims to Die (Study: Padang Police), Research Journal, (<http://www.ejurnal.bunghatta.ac.id>, accessed November 5, 2022.

⁵Eight Months Recorded 20143 Traffic Accident Cases in Central Java ,,<https://radarsemarang.jawapos.com>, accessed November 5, 2022.

⁶The results of the interview with AKP Adji Setiawan, as the Head of the Semarang Police Traffic Accident Unit, October 5, 2022

maintaining public security and order, enforcing the law, and providing protection, protection and service to the community in the framework of maintaining domestic security .

The Semarang Polrestabes, in this case, is tasked with fostering public safety and order or in other words supervising the public so that things do not occur that can disrupt the smooth flow of traffic.⁷ This is as stipulated in Article 12 of Act No. 22 of 2009 concerning Road Traffic and Transportation strictly regulates the duties and powers of the traffic police including:

- a. Testing and issuance of motorized vehicle driving licenses;
- b. Implementation of registration and identification of motorized vehicles;
- c. Collection, monitoring, management, and presentation of road traffic and transportation data;
- d. Management of the information and communication system control center for road traffic and transportation;
- e. Setting, guarding, guarding, and traffic patrols;
- f. Law enforcement which includes taking action against violations and handling traffic accidents;
- g. Traffic education;
- h. Implementation of traffic management and engineering; And
- i. Implementation of operational traffic management.

Even though the Semarang Polrestabes has tried in various ways to overcome traffic accidents, in practice the rate of traffic accidents is still high. This is because there are still inhibiting factors in efforts to deal with traffic accidents, especially from the community itself, where public awareness about traffic is still lacking. uTo realize safe, comfortable, orderly and smooth traffic, it is necessary to have good state government institutions, fair law enforcement and adequate infrastructure and comprehensive supervision.⁸

⁷Preliyanto Puji Utomo, Op.Cit, p. 260.

⁸Soerjono Soekanto, 1990, Police and Traffic Analysis According to Legal Sociology, Bandung: Mandar Maju, p.1.

This research aims to identify and analyze the causes of traffic accidents in the Semarang Polrestabes jurisdiction, traffic accident prevention efforts in the Semarang Polrestabes, and to identify and analyze obstacles and solutions in overcoming traffic accidents in the Semarang Polrestabes jurisdiction.

2. Research Methods

This study uses a sociological juridical approach, namely research based on normative legal science and the reactions and interactions that occur in society.⁹The specification of the research is analytical descriptive, which describes the applicable laws and regulations associated with legal theory and practice of its implementation.¹⁰The type of data used is primary data obtained through field research and secondary data obtained through library research. Methods of data analysis using qualitative analysis, namely analysis that is non-statistical or non-mathematical.

3. Results and Discussion

3.1. Causes of Traffic Accidents in the Legal Area of the Semarang Polrestabes

Traffic according to WJS Poerwadar Minta is defined as walking back and forth, back and forth; about travel on the road and so on; communication from one place to another.¹¹ As for what is meant by a traffic accident according to Article 1 point 24 of Act No. 22 of 2009 concerning Road Traffic and Transportation it states that a traffic accident is an incident on a road that is unexpected and unintentional involving a vehicle with or without other road users who resulting in human casualties and/or property loss.

The results of research at Polrestabes Semarang showed that the level of traffic accidents was relatively high. This can be seen from the table below:

Table of the Number of Traffic Accidents from 2020 to 2022 at Polrestabes Semarang

Year	Amount	Completion
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⁹Mukti Fajar ND and Yulianto Achmad, 2013, Dualism of Normative and Empirical Legal Research, Student Library, Yogyakarta, 2013, p. 47.

¹⁰Roni Hanitijo Soemitro, 1988, Legal and Jurimetric Research Methods, Ghalia Indonesia, Jakarta, p.35.

¹¹WJS Poerwadar Minta, General Indonesian Dictionary, Balai Pustaka, Jakarta, 1998, p. 556.

		SP3 (RJ & Diversion)	P21
2019	1365	1346	19
2020	939	904	10
2021	906	889	9
2022	1116	1098	12

Source: Polrestabes Semarang, 2022

Based on the table above, it can be seen that the number of traffic accidents at Polrestabes Semarang is still relatively high and tends to increase. This can be seen from the data where in 2019 the number of traffic accidents was 1365 incidents and decreased in 2020 to 939 incidents. The number of traffic accidents has decreased again in 2021, namely 906 incidents. However, in 2022 traffic accident cases will increase again, namely as many as 1116 incidents. This is because in 2020 to 2021 people's mobility is reduced due to the co-19 pandemic. After the pandemic ended, people's mobility was high again so that the traffic accident rate also went up.¹²

Based on the results of the study, it is known that the causes of traffic accidents in the jurisdiction of the Semarang Polrestabes are as follows:

a. Public awareness for orderly traffic is still low

The results showed that the low level of public awareness in traffic resulted in traffic accidents. Drivers sometimes violate traffic signs, drive at high speed, are not concentrating while driving so that traffic accidents occur.

b. Public knowledge about traffic rules is lacking

Many drivers do not have enough knowledge in traffic, for example when turning right and left, they do not understand the meaning of traffic signs so they commit traffic violations which result in traffic accidents.

¹²Interview with AKP Adji Setiawan, as Head of Laka Traffic Unit of the Semarang Police, October 5, 2022.

c. Road and environmental conditions

There are several road conditions in the jurisdiction of the Semarang Polrestabes in the form of high inclines such as in Sigar Bencar, Watu Gong, Silayur incline, KTI incline in Tambak Aji. The area is prone to accidents. In addition, ordinary roads are also prone to accidents due to heavy traffic, such as the Soekarno-Hatta Artery, Kaligawe. This is because the area is a busy traffic lane and large/heavy vehicles such as buses, trucks or trolleybuses often pass by, considering that this road is a national road.

d. The condition of the vehicle is not up to standard and not roadworthy

The condition of motorized vehicles that are not roadworthy causes traffic accidents. For example, brakes don't work properly, modified motorized vehicles are replaced with non-standard tires, no rearview mirrors. Besides that, heavy vehicles such as trucks are sometimes overloaded so that they lose their balance which results in traffic accidents.

e. Weather

The condition of the highway during the rainy season becomes slippery and even flooding can affect the performance of the vehicle, such as braking becomes far away, visibility is short because the view is blocked by heavy rain. These things can trigger a traffic accident.

The causes of traffic accidents in the jurisdiction of Semarang City are in line with Adib Wahyu Hidayat's research which states that the main factors causing accidents are road factors, vehicle factors, user negligence factors, environmental conditions factors.¹³

3.2. Efforts to Overcome Traffic Accidents at Polrestabes Semarang

The results of research at the Semarang Polrestabes show that traffic accident prevention efforts at the Semarang Polrestabes are carried out through preventive and repressive efforts. Preventive efforts are efforts made to prevent traffic accidents from occurring, while repressive efforts are efforts made after a traffic accident has occurred.¹⁴

¹³Adib Wahyu Hidayat and Sri Rejeki Laku Utami, Analysis of the Causes of Traffic Accidents in the City of Semarang, Journal of Civil Engineering Studies, Vol. 5 No. 01, 2020, p.31

¹⁴Preliyanto Puji Utomo and Bambang Tri Bawono, "Application of Act No. 22 Of 2009 As A Traffic Accidents Countermeasures Management In The Blora Police Law Area" Daulat Hukum, Vol 3 No. 2 (2020). p.s. 263

Preventive efforts are carried out by outreach to the community both in the school environment and in the general community. In addition, warning signs are also installed on roads that are prone to accidents. Prevention efforts are also carried out by means of patrols by the ranks of each region.¹⁵

Preventive efforts are regulated in Article 266 paragraph (1) of Act No. 22 of 2009 concerning Road Traffic and Transportation which states that preventing traffic accidents is carried out through the participation of stakeholders, community empowerment, law enforcement and global partnerships.

Repressive efforts are carried out by enforcing criminal law after a traffic accident occurs through investigative efforts. In this case guided by the Criminal Procedure Code, Act No. 22 of 2009 concerning Road Traffic and Transportation, Regulation of the Head of the Indonesian National Police (Perkap Polri) Number 15 of 2013 concerning Procedures for Handling Traffic Accidents.

In the process of investigating traffic accident crimes, many cases are resolved through restorative justice or diversion for child offenders. However, if restorative justice cannot be carried out, then proceed to the prosecution level (P21).

3.3. Obstacles and Solutions in Overcoming Traffic Accidents in the Legal Area of the Semarang Polrestabes

Efforts to deal with traffic accidents at Polrestabes Semarang sometimes experience several obstacles, namely:¹⁶

1. Lack of public legal awareness. There are still many people who do not obey traffic rules and are not willing to obey traffic signs. Even though there are already CCTV cameras in certain areas to monitor violations, there are still many people who commit traffic violations which result in traffic accidents.
2. Minors are allowed to drive their own motorized vehicles. The child's psychological condition that is not yet stable will allow traffic accidents to occur.
3. It is difficult to reach an agreement in resolving cases through restorative justice

¹⁵Interview with AKP Adji Setiawan, as Head of Laka Traffic Unit of the Semarang Police, October 5, 2022.

¹⁶Ibid

4. Conclusion

The level of traffic accidents in the Semarang Polrestabes jurisdiction is still relatively high, caused by human factors, vehicle factors, road factors, environment and weather. The efforts made by Polrestabes Semarang in overcoming traffic accidents are preventive and repressive efforts. To reduce the level of traffic accidents at Polrestabes Semarang, cooperation and the active role of the community are needed to be orderly in traffic.

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