

Investigators Look Into Fatal Road Accidents Caused by Police

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Russian investigators have begun looking into a series of road accidents, some of which proved fatal, involving police officers.

A female police inspector ran over and killed a woman waiting at a bus stop in the central region of Nizhny Novgorod on Sunday, the Investigative Committee said in a statement on Monday.

The 28-year-old police inspector lost control of the Honda vehicle she was driving in the city of Dzerzhinsk early Sunday morning and plowed into a bus stop, hitting a 50-year-old pedestrian waiting there with fatal consequences, the statement said.

The policewoman, who local investigators said was not on duty at the time of the accident, was released on a restraining order after questioning and cannot leave the area while the investigation is under way, the Investigative Committee said.

In a separate incident on Sunday, a senior traffic police inspector in the Siberian region of Krasnoyarsk overturned his car, killing his wife, investigators said in a separate statement. The driver was taken to a hospital and the investigation is still ongoing.

On Monday, the driver of an outsourced police vehicle ran over a woman who was crossing the road in southeast Moscow, a police spokesman said.

The driver was on his way to investigate a call, and the woman was not crossing the road in a designated area, the spokesman said. The police officers in the vehicle performed first aid on the woman and called an ambulance. She suffered several contusions, he said.

About 35,000 people are killed every year in accidents on Russia's roads, according to international rankings.

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