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Last year half a million lats of MTPL policies was allotted for organization of informative campaigns arranged by the Road Traffic Safety Council

Under Law on Compulsory Overland Motor Third Party Liability Insurance annually insurers charge up to the special account of the Latvian Motor Insurer's Bureau (LTAB) 2% of proceeds generated by MTPL policies. On disposal of the said means there decides the Road Traffic Safety Council founded by the Cabinet of Ministers. Last year the fund's budget was enlarged by over half a million lats. The largest portion of the said means has been invested in organization of informative campaigns targeted at facilitation of road traffic safety on Latvian roads.

The most noticeable projects implemented last year, which were covered by the said means (from bought MTPL policies): actions "Save your friend! Keep from driving in drink!", "Keep eyes open on road"; "Before sitting at the wheel - think!"; "Be visible!", introduction of a single emergency telephone "112", National Campaign on safety of pedestrians and many others, as well as procurement of alcohol testers, radar video surveillance, computer hardware and office equipment.

„Motor vehicle owners, when effecting compulsory motor third party liability insurance, pay 2% of the policy value for social campaigns and other necessary things, which essentially improve safety on Latvian roads. In our opinion, the more actively attention is being attracted to traffic safety thanks to various actions and campaigns the sooner results can be expected,” acknowledges Juris Stengrevics, LTAB Director - General.

It is prescribed in LR Law on Compulsory Overland Motor Third Party Liability Insurance that annually 1% of means from bought MTPL policies should be applied by institutions subordinated to the Ministry of Internal Affairs (including the Road Police), but 1% - by other institutions (including Road Traffic Safety Directorate etc.). Means are being transferred on the purpose to implement road traffic safety programs and to carry on arrangements on prevention of road accidents in Latvia. On allocation of means to particular projects and application of budget there decides the Road Traffic Safety Council.

About LTAB

Latvian Motor Insurer's Bureau (LTAB) secures successful operation of MTPL in the state. MTPL was introduced in Latvia in 1997 on the purpose to secure protection of interests of personae aggrieved in road accidents. Initially the Agency worked in subordination to LR Ministry of Finance, but since 2004 it is an independent institution.

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