

LOCAL NEWS

38 road deaths and 2,498 crashes in Chiriqui this year

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Summary

Panama America reports the ATTT is alarmed by road safety in Chiriqui: 2,498 crashes and 38 deaths so far in 2026, blamed on speeding, ignoring signs and drunk driving.

Details (summary of the article)

Panama America reports that the director of Panama's land transit authority (ATTT), Nicolas Brea, voiced concern over the number of traffic crashes in Chiriqui province while presenting the agency's budget to the National Assembly. He said the province has recorded 2,498 traffic accidents so far this year, with 38 people killed. Brea noted that David's road layout and signage are generally good, so the high crash rate points to driver behaviour rather than infrastructure. The main causes identified in the statistics are excessive speed, failure to obey traffic signals and signs, and driving under the influence of alcohol. Authorities are urging drivers across the province, including the Boquete highway corridor, to slow down, respect signage and avoid risky behaviour. The figures follow earlier campaigns in Chiriqui against a wave of pedestrian hit-and-runs.

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