

Cycling Mourns another Tragic Loss

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The management and staff of The Sports Company of Trinidad and Tobago (SporTT) extend sincere condolences to the families, friends and club members of the deceased - popular chef and owner of Jaffa's Joe Brown and BP employee Joanna Banks - as well as the several injured. Clashes between bikes and cars are a far too common occurrence as serious and at times fatal collisions involving former and current national athletes and recreational cyclists in recent years demonstrate.

Remarking on the tragedy, Acting CEO of SporTT Jason Williams said, "It is indeed a sad day when such a pleasurable activity like riding ends this way. As a recent campaign urged, we all have to share the road and take the necessary precautions on all sides. We understand that the government intends to make significant adjustments to the Road Traffic Act to protect cyclists by conferring equal status on bicycles and vehicles. We therefore look forward to a day when families do not have to worry about the safety of loved ones riding on the nation's roads."

Road cycling is the most popular form of cycling across the globe and is no different here in Trinidad and Tobago. Many national athletes and recreational cyclists can be seen on the roads, either in training or enjoying the inherent thrill of riding. Cyclists, like other road users, ought to be given due respect and a wide berth for the safety of all.