

Pelatihan Safety Riding Bagi Siswa SMK Sebagai Upaya Peningkatan Kesadaran, Ketertiban dan Keselamatan Berlau Lintas

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ABSTRACT

Gedangsari is one of the sub-district capitals in Gunung Kidul Regency. Geographically, Gedangsari is the northern zone of the Gunung Kidul Regency area which borders directly on the Klaten Regency area on the north side, bordering the Nglipar and Ngamen sub-districts on the east side. Meanwhile, on the South side, it borders Playen District and Patuk District on the West side.

The Gedangsari sub-district area has an area of 68.14 km² where topography is hilly with a height of 200 – 700 m above sea level. This sub-district is 22 km from Wonosari, the capital of Gunung Kidul Regency, to the north via Patuk, while to Yogyakarta, the provincial capital, it is around 40 km. Judging from its accessibility, Gedangsari District is relatively difficult to reach by public transportation, this is because the majority of public transportation is no longer operating (Armunanto, 2018).

The average Gedangsari community uses private vehicles, both four-wheeled and two-wheeled, including school children. The Gunungkidul Regional Tax Service Office (KPPD) noted that throughout 2018, the number of motorized vehicles, both two-wheeled and four-wheeled, increased by 15,000 units with an average of 1,000 – 1,2000 units each month (Margono, 2018). Many parents are forced to buy motorbikes for their children to use to go to school even though they are only in middle school or at the start of high school. This condition is certainly very dangerous for road safety considering that he is still young and unable to control his emotions. However, parents have no other choice considering the terrain is so difficult that it is not possible to use a bicycle, while if they walk, the children will certainly be tired and unable to learn.

One of the schools in Gedangsari, namely SMK N 1, once banned its students from using motorbikes to go to school. However, the ban was finally lifted considering that the impact was so big, namely that many were late, did not go to school or slept at school because they were tired of walking from home to school. Due to this incident, up to now there has been no real effort made by either the school or the police to overcome this very dilemmatic problem. In fact, the Police recorded that throughout 2019 there were 703 accidents, an increase from 518 in 2018. The accidents were dominated by motorbikes, involving 916 motorbikes, 69 goods vehicles and 123 passenger vehicles. The cause is negligence on the part of humans using the vehicle itself (Yuniawan, 2019).

Based on the above facts, it is necessary to improve Safety Riding abilities and understanding of the 2009 Traffic Law in the hope of increasing Safety, Awareness and Order of Traffic on the Road.

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