

David Perecman Commends New York City For Historically Low Number Of Pedestrian Deaths

New York personal injury lawyer David Perecman of The Perecman Firm lauds the reduction of pedestrian deaths in New York City.

New York, New York ([PRWEB](#)) January 07, 2015 -- Last year was the safest for pedestrians in New York City. According to [\[The New York Times\]](#)(1.1.15), there were 132 pedestrian deaths from traffic accidents in 2014, the lowest since the city began keeping records. In 2013, there were 180 deaths.

The report came after a year in which the city adopted and implemented Mayor Bill de Blasio's Vision Zero Plan. The plan is a set of proposals designed to eliminate traffic deaths in the City by 2024. Changes included a decrease in the City speed limit from 30 miles per hour to 25 m.p.h. Police strengthened enforcement, increasing summons for failure to yield to pedestrians by 126 percent and for speeding by 42 percent, reported The New York Times. The Vision Zero plan treats all traffic crashes as incidents that can be prevented with a systematic approach.

[\[Attorney at Law David Perecman\]](#), founder of The Perecman Firm, agreed with the Mayor when he said, "There is no question we are moving this city in the right direction."

"Dedicated efforts like the [Vision Zero Plan](#) can save many people and their families the pain of life-altering injuries and loss," said Attorney Perecman. "The City is to be commended for aiming to make the streets of New York safer for everyone."

To implement Vision Zero, the City Council passed a number of bills on traffic safety in 2013, reported [The New York Times](#) (5.29.14). These included laws governing the behavior of motorcyclists and higher penalties for driving on the sidewalk. Cooper's Law was passed. This bill allows the city to suspend and revoke the license of taxi drivers or livery drivers who kill or maim pedestrians who have the right of way. The law was named for a 9-year-old boy who was killed by a taxi on the Upper West Side in January.

Overall traffic fatalities were also down. In 2014, there were 248 traffic fatalities, down from 293 the previous year, according to preliminary data. There were 20 bicyclist fatalities last year, an increase from 12 deaths the previous year, and 37 motorcyclist fatalities in 2014, down from 42 deaths in 2013. Motor vehicle fatalities remained constant, with 59 deaths in each year, The New York Times reported.

The New York Police Department issued 117,179 summonses for speeding last year, compared with the approximately 82,000 handed out in 2013, reported The New York Times.

For more than 30 years, the lawyers at The Perecman Firm in New York have aggressively helped pedestrians, drivers and passengers injured in vehicular crashes. Contact The Perecman Firm at 212-977-7033.

The New York Times articles cited are "New York City's Pedestrian Fatalities Lowest on Record in 2014" and "Council Passes Bills Aiding de Blasio's Quest to End Traffic Deaths."

About David Perecman and The Perecman Firm, PLLC:



For the past 30 years, the New York construction accident, medical malpractice, auto accident, personal injury, and civil rights violation lawyers at The Perelman Firm, PLLC have handled all types of personal injury cases. David Perelman, founder of the Firm, has been recognized for his achievements as an Honoree in the National Law Journal's Hall of Fame, in New York Magazine's "The Best Lawyers in America" and The New York Times Magazine "New York Super Lawyers, Metro Edition" for the years 2007-2014. The prestigious U.S. News & World Report ranks The Perelman Firm among the top 20 personal injury firms in New York City for the years 2011-2015.

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