

OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

LICKING COUNTY CRASH INFORMATION

GRANVILLE POST

The Granville Patrol Post investigates approximately 1,600 crashes every year.

Many of these crashes were caused by drivers who committed the same violation for which you were stopped.

Motor vehicle crashes are preventable, yet far too many fatal and serious injury crashes are occurring on our roadways. Please take a minute to read the following crash information and understand why we ask that you obey the traffic laws of our state.

SPEEDING

Speeding consistently tops the list of contributing factors for fatal and injury crashes within our community.

Did you know...in this area in 2008 there were 326 speed-related crashes, including four fatal and 121 injury crashes?

Did you know...that already in the first six months of 2009 we have had 122 speed-related crashes, including two fatal and 45 injury crashes?



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ASSURED CLEAR DISTANCE AHEAD FOLLOWING TOO CLOSELY

The recommended following distance is a minimum of one car length for every 10 mph, or at least two seconds spacing between vehicles. The average vehicle travels 80.3 feet per second; the average car length is 17 feet; the average response time is 1.5 seconds. This means that your vehicle will have traveled almost five car lengths (85 feet) before you can react to what is in front of you!

Did you know...in this area in 2008 there were 206 ACDA/following too closely crashes, including 78 injury crashes?

Did you know...that already in the first six months of 2009 we have had 93 ACDA/following too closely crashes, including 28 injury crashes?

IMPROPER PASSING

Using your turn signal, checking your mirrors and allowing proper distance to pass can prevent serious traffic crashes. The law requires you to give a signal of intent, including audible, not less than 100 feet of travel prior to moving right or left.

Did you know...in this area in 2008 there were 213 crashes related to improper passing, including two fatal and 66 injury crashes?

Did you know...that already in the first six months of 2009 we have had 100 crashes related to improper passing, including two fatal and 32 injury crashes?

SEAT BELTS

In 2008, the Granville Post investigated 1,506 crashes on our area roadways, including 14 fatal and 482 injury crashes. Of those 14 fatalities, 11 were not wearing their seat belts.

In the first six months of 2009, the Granville Post has investigated 557 crashes, including five fatal and 180 injury crashes. Of those five fatalities, four were not wearing their seat belts.

Did you know...on average, more than half of all Ohioans killed in motor vehicle crashes are not wearing a seat belt?

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), wearing your seat belt doubles your chances of surviving a crash without serious injury, and children who are in proper car safety seats survive 90 percent of crashes. It is estimated that seat belts save more than 14,900 lives annually.