Traffic Safety Bulletin

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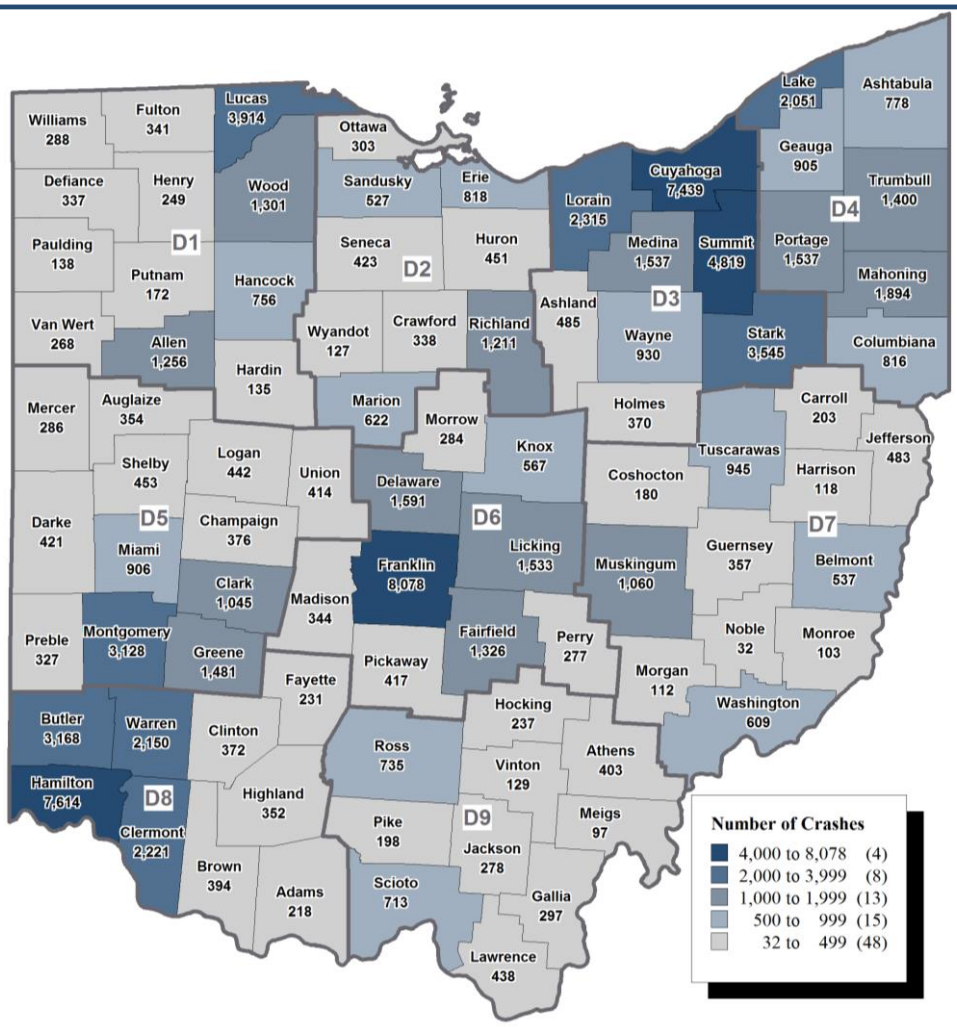

Map and Table: 2012-2014 At-Fault Teen Crashes

OSHP District	Number of Crashes
District 1	9,155
District 2	4,820
District 3	21,440
District 4	9,381
District 5	9,633
District 6	14,417
District 7	4,739
District 8	16,720
District 9	3,525
Total	93,830

Crashes Involving At-Fault Teen Drivers[1]

- **From 2012-2014, teen drivers were involved in 128,349 traffic crashes in Ohio, about 15% of all crashes. Crashes involving teen drivers have dropped 15% from the previous three-year period (2009-2011) while total crashes have dropped only 6%.**
- **A teen driver was at-fault in 73% (93,830) of these crashes. At-fault teen crashes resulted in 282 fatalities and 41,311 injuries from 2012-2014. They represent 8% of all fatal crashes during this time as well as 9% of fatalities.**
- **Speed-related factors contributed to a majority (59%) of teen driver caused crashes. Another 20% of crashes were brought about by a failure to yield to another vehicle or running a red light or stop sign.**
- **According to one study[2], inadequate surveillance of the environment, driving too fast for conditions and distracted driving comprised the reasons for almost half of teen driver errors in serious crashes.**
- **Male teenage drivers were more likely than females to be at-fault in crashes (56% vs. 44%). In fatal crashes, male teenage drivers were responsible 73% of the time. Also, in 71% of teen at-fault crashes, the teen driver was the sole occupant of the vehicle.**
- **Overall, only 2% of at-fault teen drivers were drug and/or alcohol impaired. However, in fatal crashes, more than one-quarter (26%) of at-fault teen drivers were impaired.**

[1]Drivers aged 15-19. Data provisional as of 9/16/2015. [2]Curry, A.E., et al. (2011). Prevalence of teen driver errors leading to serious motor vehicle crashes. *Accident Analysis and Prevention*, 43(4), 1285-1290.