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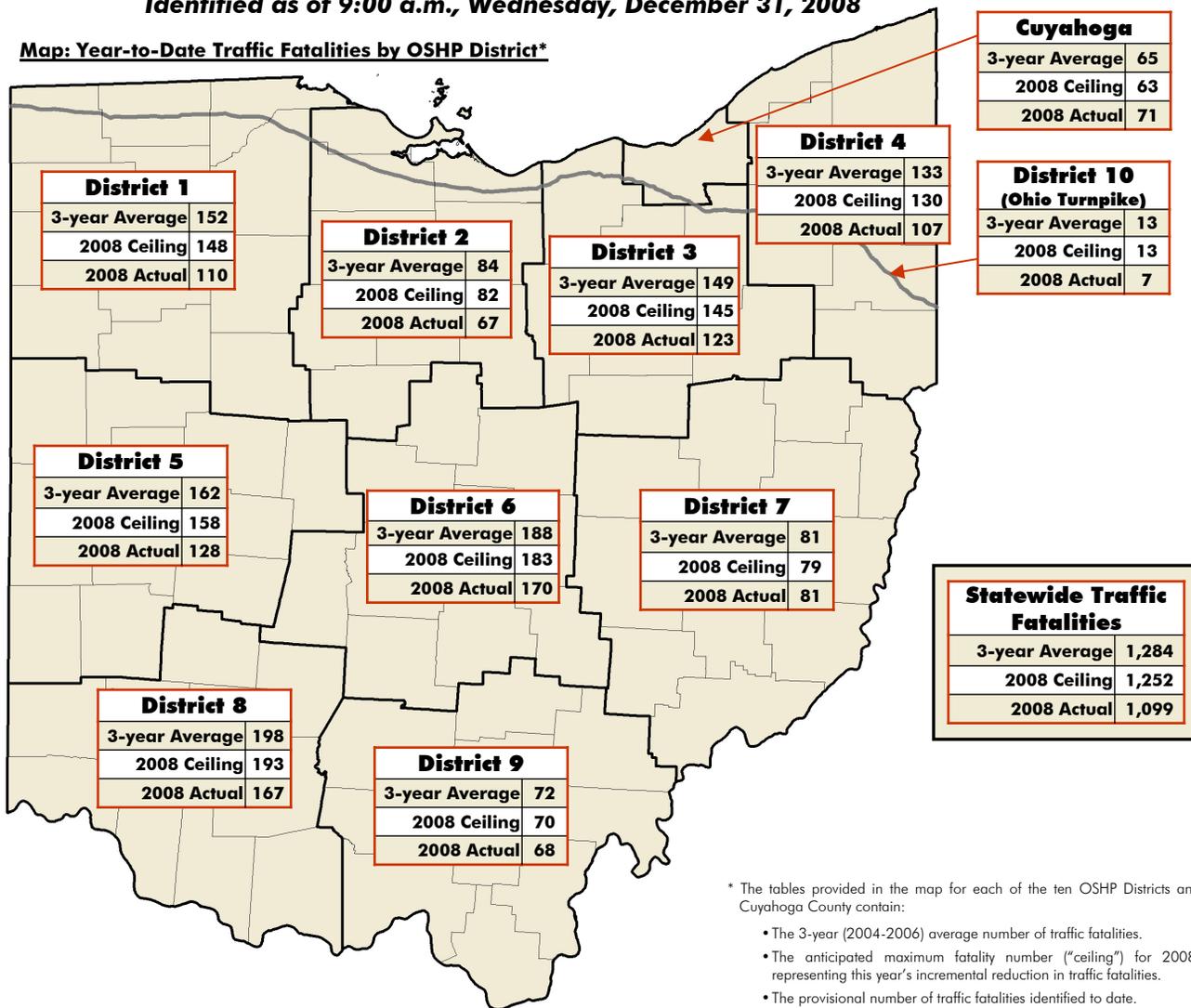
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2008 OHIO TRAFFIC FATALITIES¹

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Map: Year-to-Date Traffic Fatalities by OSHP District*



* The tables provided in the map for each of the ten OSHP Districts and Cuyahoga County contain:

- The 3-year (2004-2006) average number of traffic fatalities.
- The anticipated maximum fatality number ("ceiling") for 2008, representing this year's incremental reduction in traffic fatalities.
- The provisional number of traffic fatalities identified to date.

2008 Year-to-Date Traffic Fatalities Update¹:

- OSHP's 24/7 Initiative: Through the use of high-visibility, intensive traffic enforcement and increased public awareness, OSHP is striving to achieve a 10% statewide reduction in traffic fatalities by the end of 2011. To learn more about the 24/7 Initiative, visit OSHP's website: http://statepatrol.ohio.gov/24_7.htm
- Statewide, there were a total of 1,099 traffic fatalities (1,012 crashes) in 2008.¹
- Of the statewide total number of traffic fatalities, 599 (55%) were not wearing safety belts; 211(19%) were motorcyclists; and 148 (13%) resulted from crashes involving commercial trucks.
- Five of Ohio's largest metropolitan counties accounted for 286 (26%) of 2008 traffic fatalities. They include Franklin (83), Cuyahoga (71), Hamilton (57), Montgomery (38), and Lucas (37).
- Cases Under Investigation: The number of 2008 traffic fatalities reported in this document is provisional. There are currently 103 additional cases still under investigation that may involve traffic-related fatalities.²

¹ 2008 fatality numbers are provisional. The anticipated 10% reduction is in comparison to each District's 3-year (2004-2006) average number of traffic fatalities.

² These cases may result from a lag in reporting time by police agencies; medical conditions that preclude a traffic fatality; or cases in which the traffic fatality does not occur immediately or at the crash scene.