

# Ride **Smart.** Drive **Smart.**

Motorcyclists and other drivers sharing the road safely.

Motorcycle fatalities have risen 40 percent statewide in the last three years. The result in 2008 was **212 fatalities!**

## In 2008, in the seven *fatal* motorcycle crashes the Athens Patrol Post handled:

- Six riders were at fault.
- Four riders were not wearing helmets.
- Three were alcohol-related with an average .229 BAC.

## PLEASE HELP US MAKE THIS A SAFER RIDING SEASON.

Driving responsibly is about being aware of whose lives you have in your hands — literally — when you are in control of a motorcycle or car. State troopers want you to remember you only have one chance to be aware of your surroundings. Don't ruin that one chance and risk ending your life or someone else's.

**Immediately report aggressive or drunk drivers to your nearest Patrol Post or call 1-877-7-PATROL.**



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## Motorcycle Crash Information | ATHENS POST



On SR 78 in Athens County, a motorcyclist hit an oncoming vehicle head-on. The motorcycle rider killed in this crash attempted to pass a vehicle over a double yellow line — a *No Passing zone*.

The motorcycle rider was not wearing a helmet and tested .248 BAC — more than three times Ohio's prohibited BAC!

### **Did you know...**

In this area during 2006 – 2007, more than 50 percent of the fatal motorcycle crashes were OVI-related and as a result, six people were killed.

Remember to always **Ride Trained, Ride Licensed, and Ride Sober.**