

# Ohio State Highway Patrol

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### Patrol Reports Safer Labor Day weekend

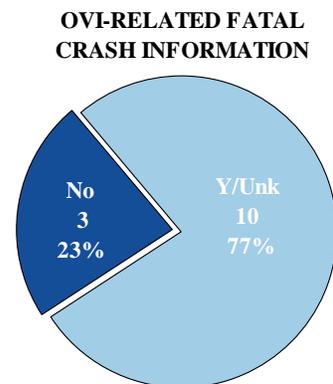
COLUMBUS – The Ohio State Highway Patrol reported today that Labor Day fatalities were down 42 percent from last year. Law enforcement agencies reported 13 fatal crashes, killing 14 people, from 6 p.m. Friday to midnight Monday. Last year, 24 people were killed during a similar reporting period.

As part of the national *Over the Limit. Under Arrest.* campaign, which ran from August 15 through September 1, the Patrol arrested 1,691 motorists for OVI. During this holiday weekend alone, troopers removed 548 impaired drivers off Ohio roadways.

The following are statistics for the 2008 Labor Day Holiday reporting period:

ROAD TYPE	FATAL CRASHES	NUMBER KILLED	NUMBER INJURED
STATE AND FEDERAL HIGHWAYS	4	4	9
COUNTY/TOWNSHIP ROADS	3	3	0
CITY STREETS	4	4	1
INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS (INSIDE CITY)	1	1	1
INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS (OUTSIDE CITY)	1	2	0
TURNPIKE	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>11</b>

SAFETY EQUIPMENT	NUMBER KILLED
Safety Belt	7
Used	3
Not Used	4
Not Installed	0
Motorcycle Helmet	7
Used	6
Not Used	1
Pedestrian/Other/Unknown	0



A daily tally of impaired driver arrests, as well as alcohol-involved crashes was made available to the public at [www.statepatrol.ohio.gov](http://www.statepatrol.ohio.gov) this Labor Day. The Patrol's efforts were conducted in conjunction with a national effort to reduce impaired driving incidents and crashes. Increased and specialized enforcement is made possible through federal overtime funding and works in conjunction with Operation C.A.R.E. (Combined Accident Reduction Effort).

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