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Fewer Fatalities this Christmas Holiday

COLUMBUS - Provisional numbers released today by the Ohio Department of Public Safety show fewer motorists were killed on Ohio's roadways this Christmas Holiday.

During the reporting period, which began Thursday, December 24, at 6 p.m. and ran through Monday, December 27, at 5:59 a.m., six people were killed, including one pedestrian, with two of those deaths attributed to alcohol. Last year 11 people lost their lives, with five attributed to alcohol. In addition, in this year's fatal crashes, 60 percent of those killed were not wearing a safety belt.

Throughout the extended weekend, troopers, alongside local law enforcement, used high visibility enforcement in an effort to reduce fatal and injury crashes state-wide.

The Ohio Department of Public Safety is encouraged by the reduction of fatalities this holiday weekend and hopes that this decline will continue throughout the rest of the year.

Troopers would like to remind motorists to buckle-up during the upcoming New Year's Holiday and emphasize that wearing a safety belt is the only way to avoid serious injury or death during a crash.

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