

Ohio State Highway Patrol

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Patrol reports safest Memorial Day Holiday Weekend in 38 Years

COLUMBUS - The Ohio State Highway Patrol reports this Memorial Day holiday weekend was the safest on record for the past 38 years. Six people were killed in six crashes over the holiday weekend on Ohio roads. This is four fewer deaths than during the same period last year. Over the holiday weekend State Troopers arrested 650 impaired drivers and assisted 4,580 motorists.

“We are extremely encouraged by fewer fatalities this Memorial Day weekend. However, Ohioans need to focus on Motorcycle safety due to 33 percent of the fatalities being motorcyclists.” said Patrol superintendent, Colonel Richard H. Collins.

The following Ohio traffic statistics are for the holiday weekend period of May 23 at 6 p.m. through May 26 at midnight.

HOLIDAY WEEKEND FATAL CRASHES	FATAL CRASHES	NUMBER KILLED	NUMBER INJURED
STATE AND FEDERAL HIGHWAYS	5	5	2
COUNTY ROADS	1	1	0
CITY STREETS	0	0	0
INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS (INSIDE CITY)	0	0	0
INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS (OUTSIDE CITY)	0	0	0
TURNPIKE	0	0	0
TOTALS	6	6	2

SAFETY BELT INFORMATION:	KILLED	ALCOHOL INFORMATION:	CRASHES
Safety Belts In Use	3	Alcohol In Use	0
Safety Belts Installed, Not Used	1	Alcohol Not In Use	3
Safety Belts Not Installed	0	Alcohol Use Unknown	3
Pedestrian	0		
Motorcycle	2		
Other Type Vehicle	0		
Unknown	0		

* Data is provisional

As a reminder, motorists should call toll-free 1-877-7-PATROL to receive highway help, report suspicious activity, or advise troopers of disabled vehicles.

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