

# Ohio State Highway Patrol

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### Patrol reports nine fatalities over Fourth of July weekend

COLUMBUS - The Ohio State Highway Patrol reported nine fatalities this Fourth of July holiday weekend with 67 percent being OVI-related. Over the 3 ¼ day reporting period, State Troopers arrested 692 impaired drivers and assisted 4,819 motorists.

Last year during the holiday reporting period of 1 ¼ days, 10 people were killed on Ohio roads, with six being OVI-related. State troopers arrested 294 impaired drivers, and assisted 3,332 motorists.

In addition to this year’s traffic enforcement efforts, the Patrol had 32 felony arrests, 127 drug violations and seized five weapons statewide.

The following Ohio traffic statistics are for the holiday weekend period of July 3 at 6 p.m. through July 6 at midnight.

HOLIDAY WEEKEND FATAL CRASHES	FATAL CRASHES	NUMBER KILLED	NUMBER INJURED
STATE AND FEDERAL HIGHWAYS	3	3	3
COUNTY ROADS	5	5	1
CITY STREETS	1	1	0
INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS (INSIDE CITY)	0	0	0
INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS (OUTSIDE CITY)	0	0	0
TURNPIKE	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>

SAFETY BELT INFORMATION:	KILLED	ALCOHOL INFORMATION:	CRASHES
Safety Belts In Use	2	Alcohol In Use	3
Safety Belts Installed, Not Used	2	Alcohol Not In Use	3
Safety Belts Not Installed	0	Alcohol Use Unknown	3
Pedestrian	1		
Motorcycle	4		
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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