

Memorial Holiday 2007

Fact Sheet

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Memorial Holiday 2007									
78 hours									
Friday, May 25, 2007 (6 p.m.) through Monday, May 28, 2007 (Midnight)									
	All Crashes		Alcohol/Drug Crashes		Restraint Use Among Fatality Victims				
	Crashes	Persons	Crashes	Persons	Person Type	Unknown	In Use	Not in Use	Total
Fatal	3	3	1	1	Driver		2		2
Injury data unavailable.					One motorcyclist was not wearing a helmet.				

Crashes, Fatalities & Injuries

The Memorial Holiday period for 2007 was a total of 78 hours which began at 6 p.m. on Friday, May 25 and ended at midnight on Monday, May 28. During this time period, there were three persons killed in three fatal crashes. One of the three fatalities occurred in an Alcohol/Drug-Related crash.

Driver Age & Gender

There were eight drivers involved in fatal crashes during the 2007 Memorial Holiday. There were four drivers age 21-40 and four drivers age 55+ involved in fatal crashes. Six of the drivers were male.

Fatalities and Safety Equipment Use

All three fatalities were drivers. Two driver fatalities were using restraints and one motorcyclist was not wearing a helmet.

Rural vs. Urban & Cause

All three of the fatal crashes during the 2007 Memorial Holiday were caused by Unsafe Speed. Two of the fatal crashes during the holiday occurred in rural areas and one occurred in an urban area.

Fatalities in 2007 Memorial Holiday Crashes			
Vehicle Type	Driver	Passenger	Total
Passenger Vehicle	1		1
Pickup Truck	1		1
Motorcycle	1		1
Total	3		3

The National Safety Council estimates that nationally 398 person's lives may be saved this Memorial Day holiday period because they will wear their safety belts and an additional 112 lives could be saved if all wore safety belts.

Nationally, according to the National Safety Council, the average number of traffic fatalities during the six most recent Memorial Day holiday periods was 11.1% *higher* than similar non-holiday periods. Estimates indicate there could be 497 traffic fatalities during the 2007 Memorial Holiday period.