



Independence Day 2008

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Independence Day Holiday 2008 78 Hours Thursday, July 3, 2008 (6 p.m.) through Sunday, July 6, 2008 (Midnight)									
	All Crashes		Alcohol-Related Crashes		Restraint Use Among Fatality Victims				
	Crashes	Persons	Crashes	Persons	Person Type	Unknown	In Use	Not in Use	Total
Fatal	5	6	5	6	Driver		2	3	5
Injury	74	115	14	25	Passenger				
Total	179	348	28	55	Total		2	3	5
Uninjured passengers are not entered into the database. Above totals include property damage only crashes.					Excludes one pedestrian.				

Crashes, Fatalities & Injuries

The Independence Day Holiday period for 2008 was a total of 78 hours which began at 6 p.m. on Thursday, July 3 and ended at midnight on Sunday, July 6. During this time period, six persons were killed in five fatal crashes. All six fatalities occurred in Alcohol-Related crashes.

Fatalities and Safety Equipment Use

Five fatalities were drivers and one fatality was a pedestrian. Three drivers were not using safety equipment.

Fatalities in 2008 Independence Day Holiday Crashes			
Vehicle Type	Driver	Passenger	Total
Passenger Vehicle	2		2
Pickup Truck	3		3
Total	5		5
Excludes one pedestrian fatality.			

Driver Age & Gender

Six drivers were involved in fatal crashes during the 2008 Independence Day Holiday. Three drivers were age 16-20, two drivers were age 26-30 and one driver was age 36-40. Five drivers were male and one driver was female.

Driver Contributing Factors in Fatal Crashes

The table below lists the contributing factors for drivers in fatal crashes.

2008 Independence Day Drivers in Fatal Crashes	
Contributing Factor	Drivers
Failure To Yield – To Pedestrian	1
Unsafe Speed – Exceeding Legal Limit	2
Unsafe Speed – For Type Roadway	1
Wrong Way	1
No Improper Action	1
Total	6

Other Facts

Four of the five fatal crashes occurred between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 2:00 a.m.

Four of the five fatal crashes involved one vehicle.

