



Oklahoma Highway Safety Fact Sheet

Independence Day 2003

June 22, 2004

Independence Day Holiday 2003 July 3, 2003 (6 p.m.) through July 6, 2003 (Midnight)									
	All Crashes		Alcohol/Drug Related		Safety Equipment Use Among Fatality Victims				
	Crashes	*Persons	Crashes	*Persons	Person Type	Unknown	In Use	Not in Use	Total
Fatal	8	9	1	1	Drivers	1	2	2	5
Injury	NA	NA	NA	NA	Passengers		2		2
**Total	NA	NA	NA	NA	Total	1	4	2	7

*Uninjured passengers not entered into the DPS crash database. Two motorcyclists not included in above totals.

Crashes, Fatalities & Injuries

The Independence Day Holiday period for 2003 was a total of 78 hours which began at 6 p.m. on July 3, 2003 and ended at midnight on July 6, 2003. During this time period there were eight fatal crashes with nine persons killed.

Fatalities

Of the nine fatalities, six were drivers and three were passengers.

Independence Day Holiday 2003 Crashes Fatalities by Vehicle Type			
Vehicle Type	Person Type		Total
	Driver	Passenger	
Passenger Vehicle	2	2	4
Pickup Truck	3		3
Motorcycle	1	1	2
Total Fatalities	6	3	9

Safety Equipment Use Among Fatalities

-] Of the two drivers in a passenger vehicle, one was using a safety belt and one was not.
-] Of the two passengers in a passenger vehicle, both were using safety equipment.
-] Of the three drivers in pickup trucks: one safety belt use was unknown, one was in use and one was not in use
-] Of the two motorcyclists, neither was wearing a helmet.

Driver Age & Gender

Some 27.3% of the drivers in fatal crashes were age 21-25, more than any other age group. Some 90.9% of the drivers in fatal crashes were male.

Causes

There were various causes for the eight fatal crashes during the Independence Day Holiday in 2003.

Independence Day Holiday 2003 Crashes Fatalities by Cause of Crash		
Cause	Crashes	% of Total
Improper Start	1	12.5
Inattention	1	12.5
Left of Center	1	12.5
Other Improper Act/Movement	2	25.0
Unsafe Speed	2	25.0
DUI-Alcohol	1	12.5
Total Crashes	8	100.0

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