



Oklahoma Highway Safety Fact Sheet

Independence Day 2004

June 29, 2005

Independence Day Holiday 2004 July 2, 2004 (6 p.m.) through July 5, 2004 (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	4	6	3	4	Driver		2	2	4
Injury	202	343	33	52	Passenger			1	1
**Total	529	1,050	63	109	Total		2	3	5
*Uninjured passengers not entered into the DPS crash database. **Total includes property damage crashes.					One motorcyclist not included above.				

Crashes, Fatalities & Injuries

The Independence Day Holiday period for 2004 was a total of 78 hours which began at 6 p.m. on July 2, 2004 and ended at midnight on July 5, 2004. During this time period, there were four fatal crashes with six persons killed.

Fatalities

Of the six fatalities, five were drivers and one was a passenger.

Independence Day Holiday 2004 Crashes Fatalities by Vehicle Type			
Vehicle Type	Person Type		Total
	Driver	Passenger	
Passenger Vehicle	3	1	4
Pickup Truck	1		1
Motorcycle	1		1
Total Fatalities	5	1	6

Safety Equipment Use Among Fatalities

-] Of the three drivers in a passenger vehicle, two were using a safety belt and one was not.
-] The one passenger in a passenger vehicle was not using safety equipment.
-] The one driver in a pickup truck was not using a safety belt.
-] The one motorcyclist was not wearing a helmet.

-] Of the six fatalities, 66.7% were not using safety equipment.

Driver Age & Gender

Some 19.1% of the drivers in fatal crashes were age 16-20, 14.7% were age 21-25, and 10.1% were age 26-30. Some 60.0% of the drivers in fatal crashes were male.

Causes

There were various causes for the four fatal crashes during the Independence Day Holiday in 2004.

Independence Day Holiday 2004 Crashes Fatalities by Cause of Crash		
Cause	Crashes	% of Total
Unsafe Speed	2	50%
Left of Center	1	25%
DUI-Alcohol	1	25%
Total Crashes	4	100%

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