



Thanksgiving Holiday 2008 Fatal Crashes Fact Sheet

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Thanksgiving Holiday 2008 Wednesday, November 26, 2008 (6 p.m.) through Sunday, November 30, 2008 (Midnight) 102 Hours									
Injury Severity	All Crashes		Alcohol/Drug Crashes		Seat Belt Use Among Fatality Victims				
	Crashes	Persons	Crashes	Persons	Person Type	Unknown	In Use	Not in Use	Total
Fatal	12	15	4	4	Driver	1	1	5	7
Injury	216	346	40	65	Passenger	2	1	5	8
Total	587	1,148	81	136	Total	3	2	10	15
Total includes property damage crashes. Uninjured passengers not included in DPS database.									

Crashes, Fatalities & Injuries

The Thanksgiving Holiday period for 2008 was a total of 102 hours which began at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, November 26 and ended at midnight on Sunday, November 30. During this time period, 15 persons were killed and 346 persons were injured.

Driver Age & Gender

Fifteen drivers were involved in 12 fatal crashes during the 2008 Thanksgiving Holiday. Twelve of the drivers in fatal crashes were age 45 and under. Two drivers were over age 45 and the age of one driver was unknown. Some 53.3% of the drivers in fatal crashes were male.

Fatalities and Restraint Use

Of the 15 fatalities, seven were drivers and eight were passengers.

Fatalities in 2008 Thanksgiving Crashes			
Vehicle Type	Driver	Passenger	Total
Passenger Vehicle	4	3	7
Pickup Truck	2	3	5
SUV	1		1
Passenger Van		2	2
Total	7	8	15

Some 66.7% (10 of 15) of the fatalities in passenger vehicles/pickup trucks were not using restraints.

Contributing Factors

The table below shows the drivers' contributing factors in fatal crashes for the Thanksgiving Holiday in 2008.

Contributing Factors in 2008 Thanksgiving Crashes	
Contributing Factor	Number of Drivers
Failed To Yield	1
Inattention	2
No Improper Action by Driver	2
Other Improper Act/Movement	4
Unsafe Speed	2
Unsafe Vehicle	1
DUI-Alcohol	3
Total	15