



# Thanksgiving Holiday 2007 Fatal Crashes Fact Sheet

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Thanksgiving Holiday 2007 Wednesday, November 21, 2007 (6 p.m.) through Sunday, November 25, 2007 (Midnight) 102 Hours									
	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	8	13	1	1	Driver		2	6	8
Injury	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Passenger		1	4	5
Total					Total		3	10	13
Injury data unavailable. Uninjured passengers not included in DPS database.									

## Crashes, Fatalities & Injuries

The Thanksgiving Holiday period for 2007 was a total of 102 hours which began at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, November 21 and ended at midnight on Sunday, November 25. During this time period, 13 persons were killed and four persons were injured in eight fatal crashes.

## Fatalities and Restraint Use

Of the 13 fatalities, eight were drivers and five were passengers. Ten fatalities occurred in a passenger vehicle, two fatalities occurred in a pickup truck and one fatality was in another type of vehicle.

Fatalities in 2007 Thanksgiving Crashes			
Vehicle Type	Driver	Passenger	Total
Passenger Vehicle	5	5	10
Pickup Truck	2		2
Other	1		1
Total	8	5	13

Some 75.0% (9 of 12) of the fatalities in passenger vehicles/pickup trucks were not using restraints. The fatality in the other type vehicle was not using restraints.

## Driver Age & Gender

Eight drivers were involved in fatal crashes during the 2007 Thanksgiving Holiday. Seven of the drivers were age under age 36 and one was over age 51. Five of the drivers were male and three were female.

## Contributing Factors

Of the eight drivers in the eight fatal crashes during the 2007 Thanksgiving Holiday period, two drivers were inattentive, two were involved in an improper act/movement and four were speeding.

One driver had an odor of alcohol.

## Rural vs. Urban

Six of the eight fatal crashes during the 2007 Thanksgiving Holiday occurred in rural areas and two occurred in urban areas. All eight of the fatal crashes involved only one vehicle.