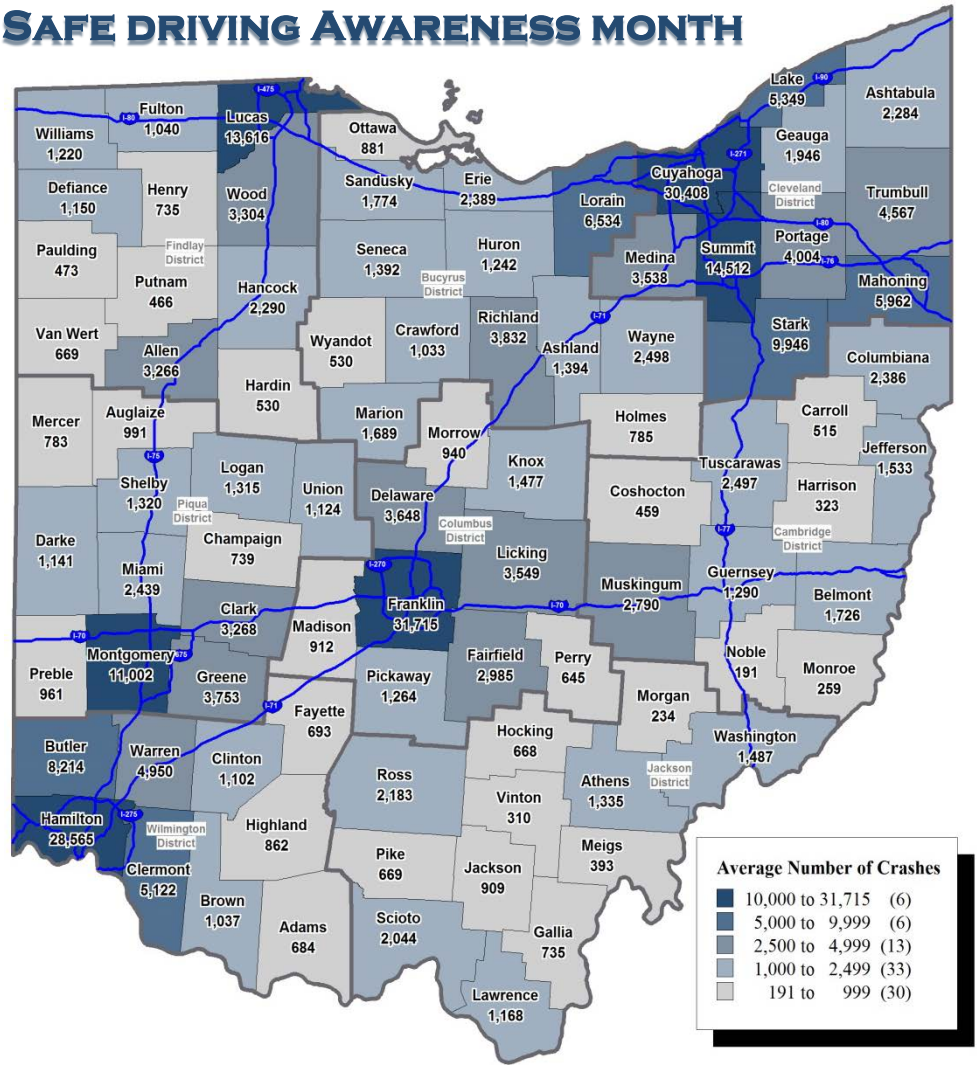
Traffic Safety Bulletin

September 2014

Safe Driving Awareness Month



Map and Table:
Average Number of Crashes 2009-2013

OSHP District	Number of Crashes
Findlay	28,760
Bucyrus	25,975
Cleveland	82,515
Piqua	28,837
Columbus	47,137
Cambridge	13,970
Wilmington	51,228
Jackson	12,134
Total	290,556

Ohio Crash Facts and Safe Driving Tips

- **From 2009-2013, an average of 290,556 motor vehicle crashes occurred on Ohio's public roadways. Of these, 963 involved fatalities with 1,046 people being killed. Further, an average of 105,952 people were injured in 72,529 injury crashes each year.**
- **In 2013, 990 people were killed in 918 motor vehicle crashes in Ohio. This was the least number of fatalities in Ohio since records have been kept dating back to the 1930's. This was also the first time in Ohio's history that fewer then 1,000 fatalities were recorded in a year. Through 8 months, 2014 is on pace to be even lower.**
- **In June 2014, Governor John Kasich signed Senate bill 294 designating September as Safe Driving Awareness Month in Ohio. The bill was passed in honor of Maria Tiberi and other victims of motor vehicle crashes. Maria Tiberi was a 21 year old college student who died in a distracted driving crash in September 2013. She is the daughter of Columbus television sports anchor, Dom Tiberi.**
- **There are 5 basic defensive driving principles*: (1) Aim high in steering; (2) Get the big picture; (3) Keep your eyes moving; (4) Leave yourself an out; (5) Make sure they see you. Other common sense driving tips: obey the speed limit, never drive impaired, and always wear a safety belt.**

* For more information, see www.smith-system.com