Traffic Safety Bulletin

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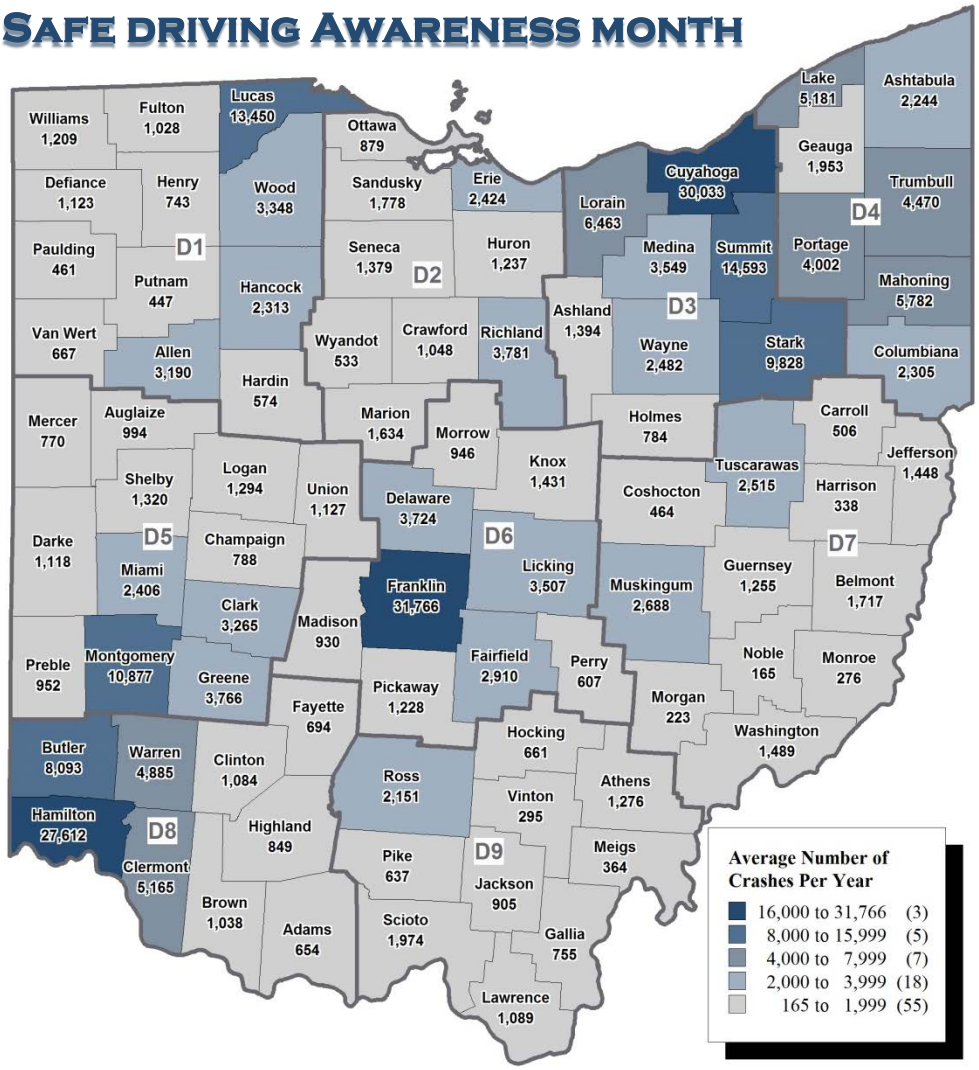
Safe Driving Awareness Month



Map and Table:
Average Number of Crashes Per Year 2010-2014

OSHP District	Number of Crashes
District 1	28,553
District 2	14,694
District 3	69,128
District 4	25,938
District 5	28,675
District 6	47,049
District 7	13,084
District 8	50,074
District 9	10,108
Total	287,303

Ohio Crash Facts and Safe Driving Tips

- **From 2010-2014, an average of 287,303 motor vehicle crashes occurred on Ohio's public roadways each year. Of these, an average of 957 involved fatalities with 1,043 people being killed. Additionally, 104,551 people were injured in crashes each year.**
- **In 2014, 1,008 people were killed in 919 fatal motor vehicle crashes in Ohio. Although the number of fatalities was 2% higher than in 2013, it was still the 2nd lowest total recorded in Ohio since records have been kept dating to the 1930's.**
- **From 2010 to 2014, Franklin County has averaged 31,766 motor vehicle crashes per year, the highest in the state. Over the same period, Franklin County recorded nearly 73 fatal crashes and 78 fatalities per year. In contrast, rural Noble County averaged just 165 motor vehicle crashes per year with 3 being fatal crashes. Overall, there are an average of 3,265 crashes per county per year in Ohio.**
- **The Smith System* is one example of a driver improvement program. The Smith System stresses 5 keys to driving defensively: (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, always wear a safety belt and never text and drive.**

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