

# Ohio State Highway Patrol

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### Patrol seeing a rise in motorcycle violations

*Statistical recap shows speed violations up 25 percent - license/endorsement violations up 32 percent*

COLUMBUS – A statistical recap released today by Ohio State Highway Patrol shows an alarming trend: motorcyclists are riding faster and without proper licensing or endorsements.

During 2006 -2008 troopers issued 8,070 citations to motorcyclists. Forty-three percent of these citations were for speed, with an increase of 25 percent in 2008 from 2006. One in five of the citations were for a license/endorsement violation, with an increase of 32 percent of these violations in 2008 over 2006. Overall, troopers handed out 34 percent more citations to motorcyclists in 2008 than in 2006.

“In 2008, there were 215 motorcycle-related fatalities on Ohio roadways,” Colonel Richard H. Collins, Patrol superintendent said. “This is the highest number of annual motorcycle fatalities in the 25 years for which data is available. Motorcyclists need to ride trained, ride licensed, ride sober and follow the proper speed limit to help prevent these tragedies from occurring on Ohio roadways.”

Citations issued by state troopers for older age groups are on the rise as well. Citations given to 46-55 year olds rose by 43 percent and citations given to 56-65 year olds rose by 73 percent from 2006 to 2008.

To view a copy of the entire statistical recap, visit <http://www.statepatrol.ohio.gov>

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