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Patrol reports safest July 4th Holiday in 11 years

COLUMBUS - The Ohio State Highway Patrol reported five fatalities this Fourth of July holiday weekend, including two deaths stemming from ATV crashes and one from a motorcyclist. This is the least amount of fatalities during a July 4th holiday weekend since 1998, when four motorists were killed.

Last year 15 people were killed on Ohio roadways during the same reporting period.

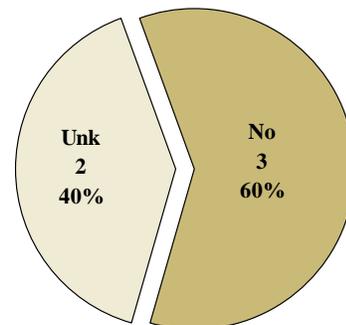
This holiday weekend troopers arrested 556 impaired drivers and assisted 4,637 motorists. In addition to this year's traffic enforcement efforts, the Patrol had 35 felony arrests, 117 drug violations and seized four weapons statewide.

The following Ohio traffic statistics are for the holiday weekend period of July 2 at 6 p.m. through July 5 at midnight.

ROAD TYPE	FATAL CRASHES	NUMBER KILLED	NUMBER INJURED
STATE AND FEDERAL HIGHWAYS	1	1	3
COUNTY/TOWNSHIP ROADS	2	2	1
CITY STREETS	2	2	1
INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS (INSIDE CITY)	0	0	0
INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS (OUTSIDE CITY)	0	0	0
TURNPIKE	0	0	0
TOTAL	5	5	5

SAFETY EQUIPMENT	NUMBER KILLED
Safety Belt	
Used	0
Not Used	2
Unknown	0
Motorcycle/ATV Helmet	
Used	0
Not Used	3
Pedestrian/Other/Unknown	

OVI-RELATED FATAL CRASH INFORMATION



* Data is provisional

As a reminder, motorists should call toll-free 1-877-7-PATROL to receive highway help, report suspicious activity, or advise troopers of disabled vehicles.

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