Traffic Safety Bulletin

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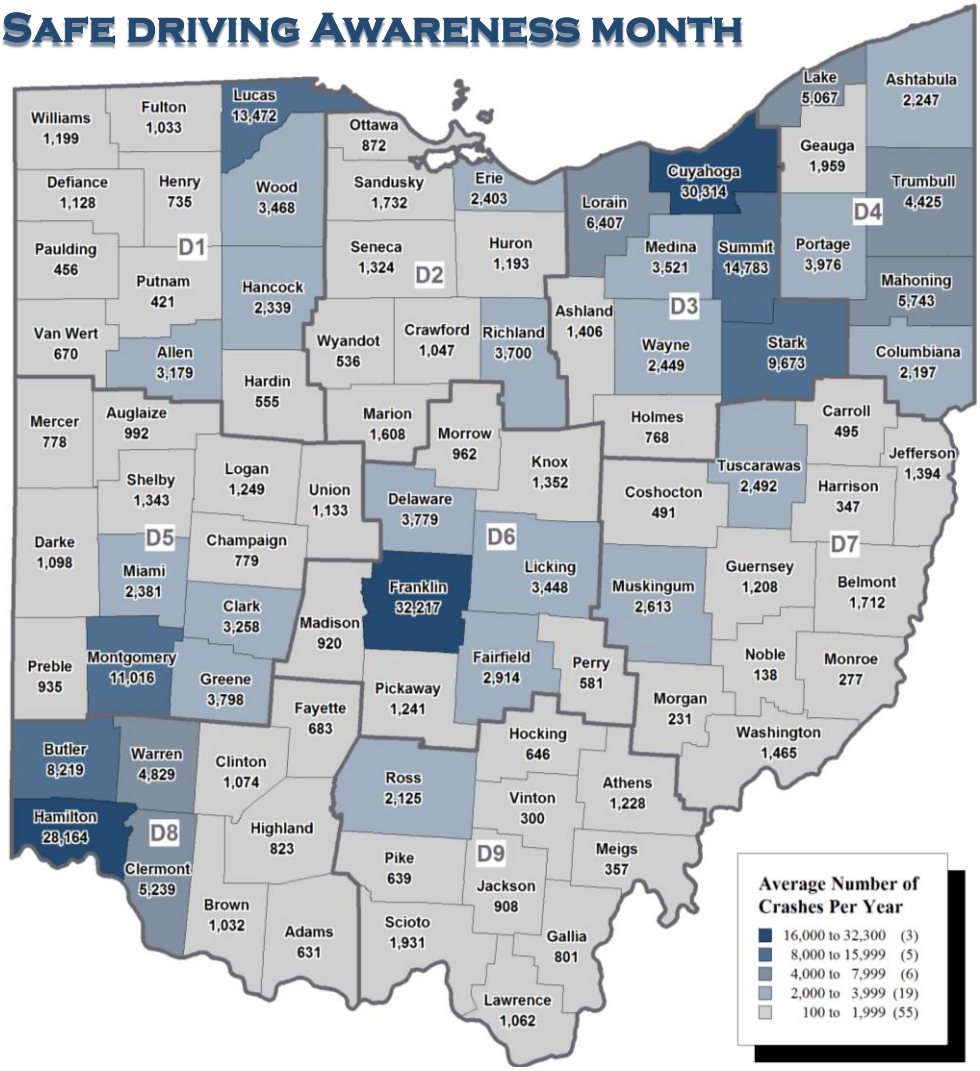
Safe Driving Awareness Month



Map and Table:
Average Number of Crashes Per Year 2011-2015

OSHP District	Number of Crashes
District 1	28,655
District 2	14,414
District 3	69,322
District 4	25,613
District 5	28,761
District 6	47,412
District 7	12,864
District 8	50,695
District 9	9,996
Total	287,732

Ohio Crash Facts and Safe Driving Tips

- **From 2011-2015, an average of 287,732 motor vehicle crashes were reported in Ohio each year. Of these, an average of 966 were fatal with 1,049 people being killed each year. An additional 104,478 people were injured, on average, per year during this time frame.**
- **Last year, 1,110 people were killed in 1,029 fatal motor vehicle crashes in Ohio signifying a 10.1% increase in deaths over 2014. An early estimate from NHTSA indicates a nationwide increase of 7.7% in fatalities in 2015. Ohio ranked 8th in the nation in total number of traffic fatalities in 2014.**
- **From 2011 to 2015, Franklin County averaged 32,217 motor vehicle crashes per year, the highest in the state. Of those, an average of 74 were fatal crashes with 81 fatalities each year. In contrast, Noble County averaged just 138 motor vehicle crashes per year with 3 being fatal.**
- **The Smith System* is one example of a driver improvement program taught in many drivers' education programs. 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 https://www.drivedifferent.com/