Traffic Safety Bulletin

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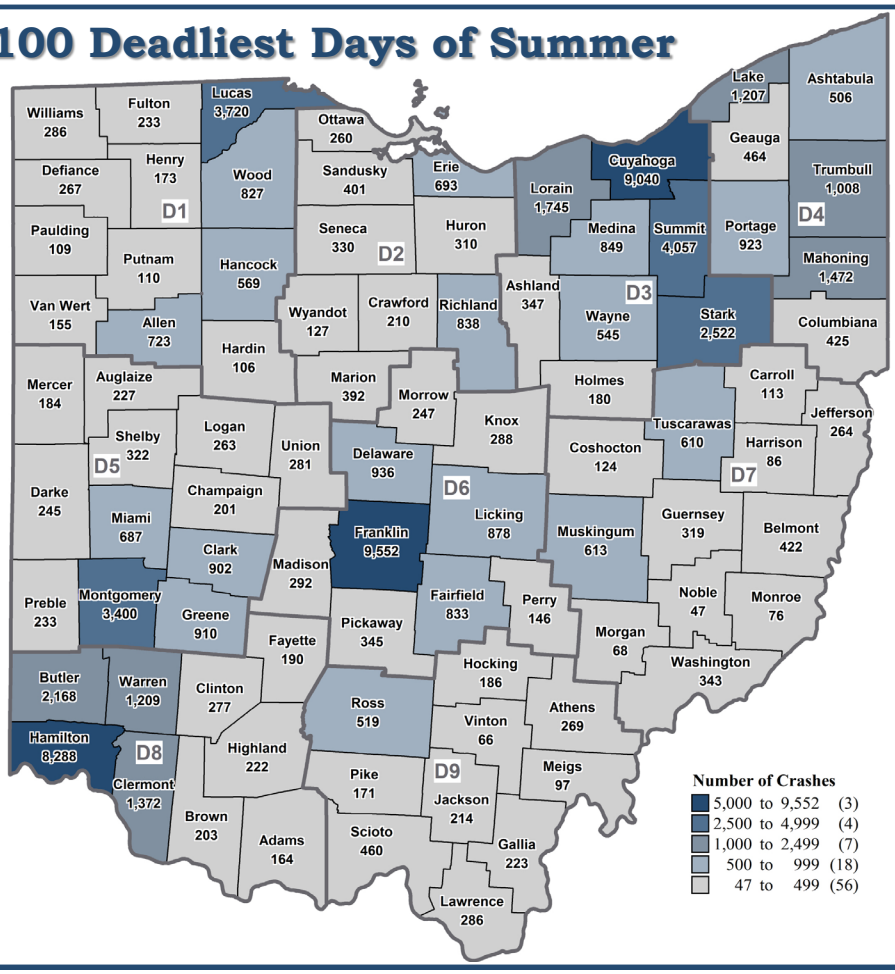
100 Deadliest Days of Summer



Map and Table:
2018 100 Deadliest Days Crashes

OSHP District	Number of Crashes
District 1	7,278
District 2	3,561
District 3	19,285
District 4	6,005
District 5	7,855
District 6	13,517
District 7	3,085
District 8	14,093
District 9	2,491
Total	77,170

"100 Deadliest Days" Crashes

- The period of time from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend has been characterized by safety officials as the "100 Deadliest Days of Summer." The increase in the volume of traffic during these summer months brings with it a corresponding increase in vehicular crashes and deaths.
- During this period* in 2018, 77,170 crashes occurred on Ohio's roadways. Among these crashes were 336 fatal crashes which killed 360 people. While making up only 28% of the calendar year, more than one-third (34%) of the annual total fatal crashes and deaths happened during this time.
- Speeding and operating a vehicle while impaired by alcohol and/or drugs (OVI) are two major crash-causing behaviors, and both had an impact on fatal crashes during last year's "100 deadliest days." Thirty-seven percent (37%) of all fatal crashes were OVI-related and 28% were speed-related. Thirteen percent (13%) of fatal crashes during this time involved both.
- These 100 days encompass the primary motorcycle riding months. In 2018, 55% of all motorcycle-involved crashes occurred during this period. While motorcycle-involved crashes made up only 2% of all crashes during these 100 days, they comprised 25% of fatal crashes (83 crashes with 85 people killed).

"100 Deadliest Days" OSHP Activity

- In 2018, troopers had 460,917 encounters with the public including 223,862 enforcement contacts during the "100 deadliest days." Officers wrote 8,233 citations for OVI and another 50,125 for seat belt violations. Additionally, 147,893 warnings were issued and 16,359 crashes were investigated.

*2018: 5/25/2018 through 9/3/2018 (102 days).