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### **HOLIDAY TRAFFIC FATALITIES RELEASED**

*July 4 Holiday Weekend Results in 16 Fatal Crashes, 17 Deaths*

**COLUMBUS** – July 4 holiday weekend traffic fatalities mirrored last year's, according to preliminary statistics released today by the Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS).

Over the holiday weekend, 17 people lost their lives in 16 motor vehicle crashes – consistent with last year in which 17 people lost their lives in 16 fatal crashes. Six of the 17 fatalities this year were motorcycle fatalities.

“One life lost is one too many, so it is critical we continue our mission of saving lives,” said ODPS Director Thomas P. Charles. “The Department is committed to working with all of our safety partners on all levels through education, enforcement and engineering efforts to ensure that we have a safe 2011 on Ohio’s roadways.”

Law enforcement agencies across the state logged more than 6,400 hours of enforcement through increased patrols, sobriety checkpoints and saturation patrols, as well as concentrated on speed, aggressive driving and motorcycle safety during the holiday weekend through federal grants provided by ODPS’ Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS).

ODPS works to reduce deaths and injuries on Ohio’s roads through the coordinated efforts of all of its Divisions. The Ohio Investigative Unit enforces liquor, tobacco and food stamp laws in liquor permit premises and the Ohio State Highway Patrol enforces traffic laws. OCJS serves as the lead justice planning and assistance agency for the state. Through research, technology and grants, OCJS serves a wide variety of agencies committed to reducing and preventing crime across Ohio. OCJS coordinates and funds the efforts of DUI Task Forces and grants for local law enforcement and safety partners to combat impaired and unsafe driving and promotes educational programs, coalition-building efforts and campaigns focused on highway safety.

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