

SEVEN PEOPLE DIED IN SEVEN SEPARATE CRASHES ON KENTUCKY'S ROADWAYS LAST WEEK

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Preliminary statistics* indicate that seven people died in seven separate crashes on Kentucky's roadways from Monday, Sept. 10 through Sunday, Sept. 16, 2012.

Five of the victims were traveling in motor vehicles and three were not wearing seat belts. One single fatality crash occurred in each of the following counties: Jefferson, Larue, Mason, Perry and Warren.

One fatality was the result of a motorcycle crash in Todd County.

One pedestrian was killed in Henderson County.

Through Sept. 16, preliminary statistics* indicate that 508 people have lost their lives on Kentucky roadways during 2012. This is one less than reported for this time period in 2011. Of the 395 motor vehicle fatalities, 227 victims were not wearing seat belts. Of the 61 motorcycle fatalities, 32 were not wearing a helmet. Seven of the eight ATV fatalities were not wearing a helmet. Forty pedestrians, one scooter/moped rider and three bicycle riders have been killed. A total of 87 fatalities have resulted from crashes involving the suspected use of alcohol.

Citizens can contribute to highway safety by reporting erratic drivers to the Kentucky State Police toll-free at 1-800-222-5555. Callers will remain anonymous and should give a description of the vehicle, location, direction of travel and license number if possible.