

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PERIOD RESULTED IN 11 FATALITIES THIS YEAR

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Preliminary statistics* indicate that 11 people died in five separate crashes on Kentucky roadways during the Christmas holiday period beginning at 6 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 21, extending through Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2012 at 11:59 p.m.

Ten of the fatalities involved motor vehicles and six of the victims were not wearing seat belts.

Through Dec. 25, 2012, preliminary statistics* indicate that 729 people have lost their lives on Kentucky roadways during 2012. This is 16 more fatalities than reported for the same time period in 2011. There have been 578 motor vehicle fatalities and 317 of those victims were not wearing seat belts. Sixty-four of those crashes involved a commercial motor vehicle. Seventy-six crashes involved a motorcycle and 39 victims were not wearing helmets. Fourteen crashes involved an ATV and 12 victims were not wearing helmets. Fifty-three crashes involved pedestrians and 7 involved a bicycle. One crash involved a scooter. A total of 139 fatalities have resulted from crashes involving the suspected use of alcohol.