MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL

Weekly Fatal Report

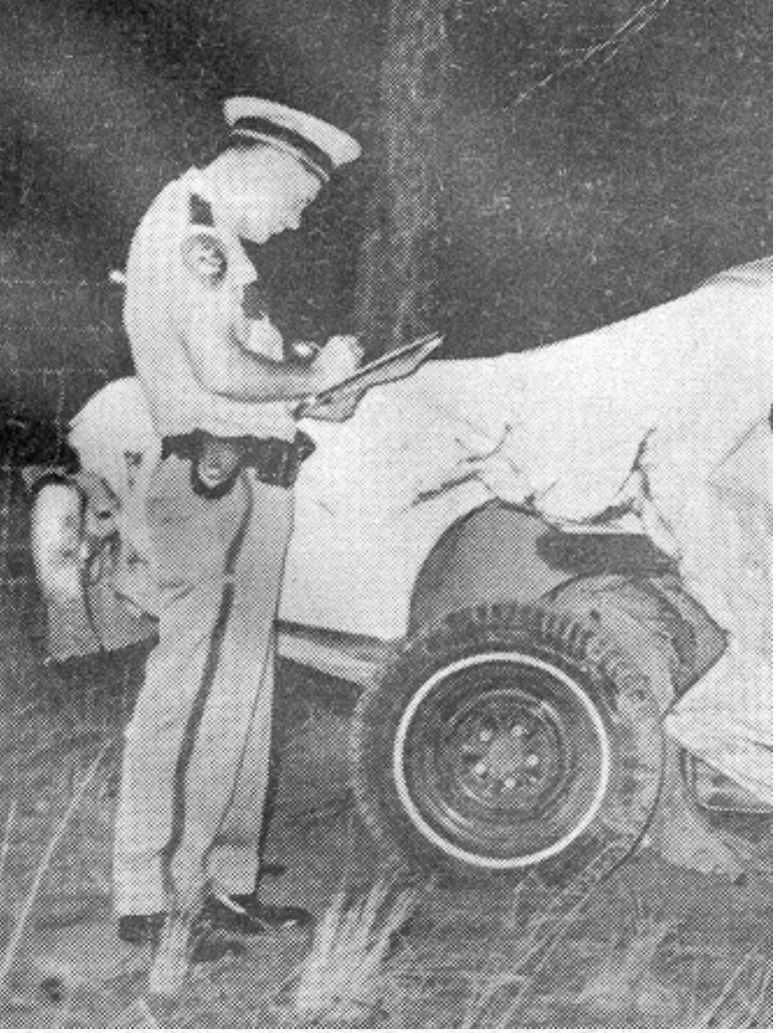
September 12th, 2016

SPEED. IMPAIRMENT. NO SEAT BELTS.

A TIMELESS RECIPE FOR TRAGEDY

TOTAL FATALS TO DATE: 144

FATALS THIS TIME LAST YEAR: 157



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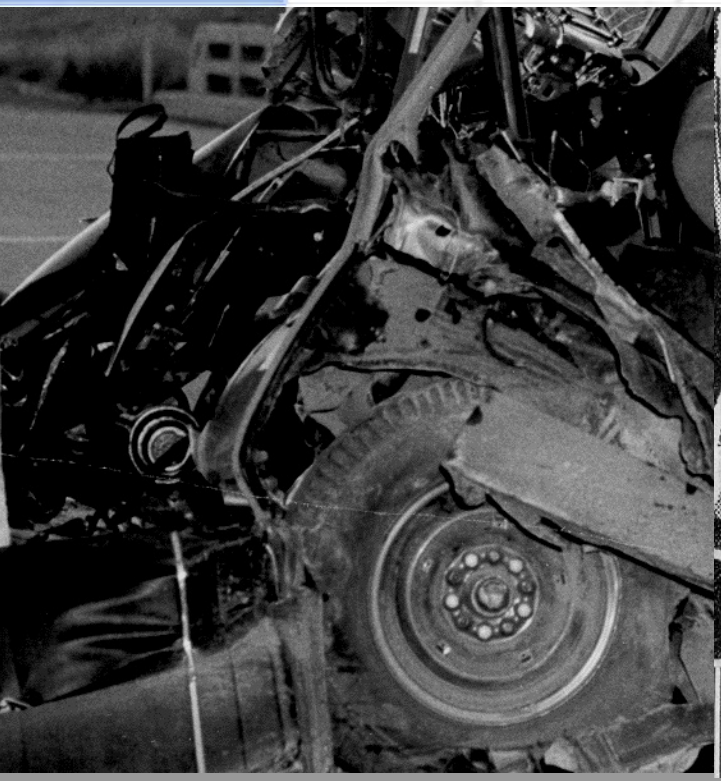
1965
MONTANA
STATISTICS

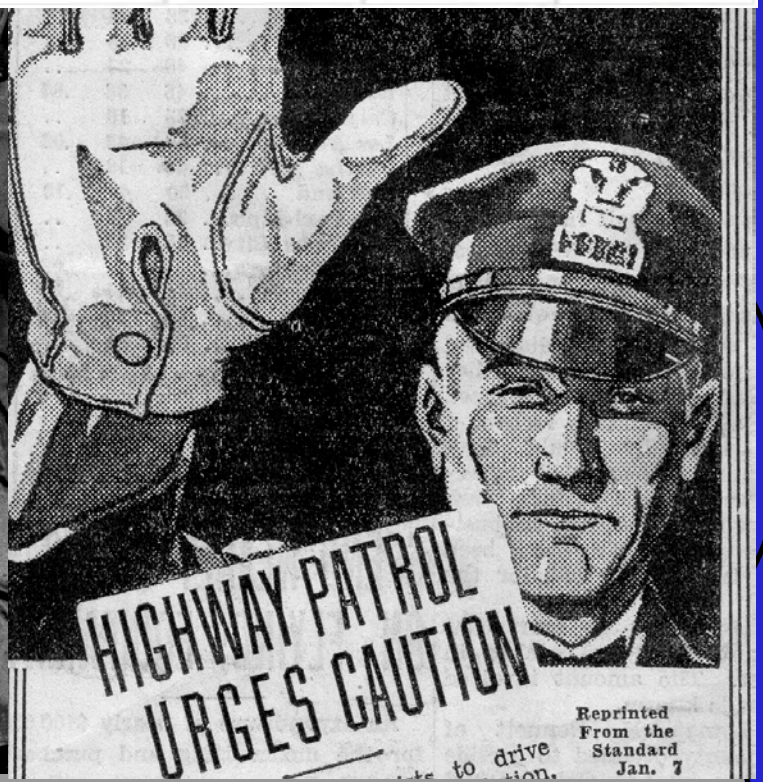
Traffic Accidents	16,672
Deaths	280
Personal Injuries	7,283
Property Damage Accidents	11,775
Economic Loss	$50,400,000

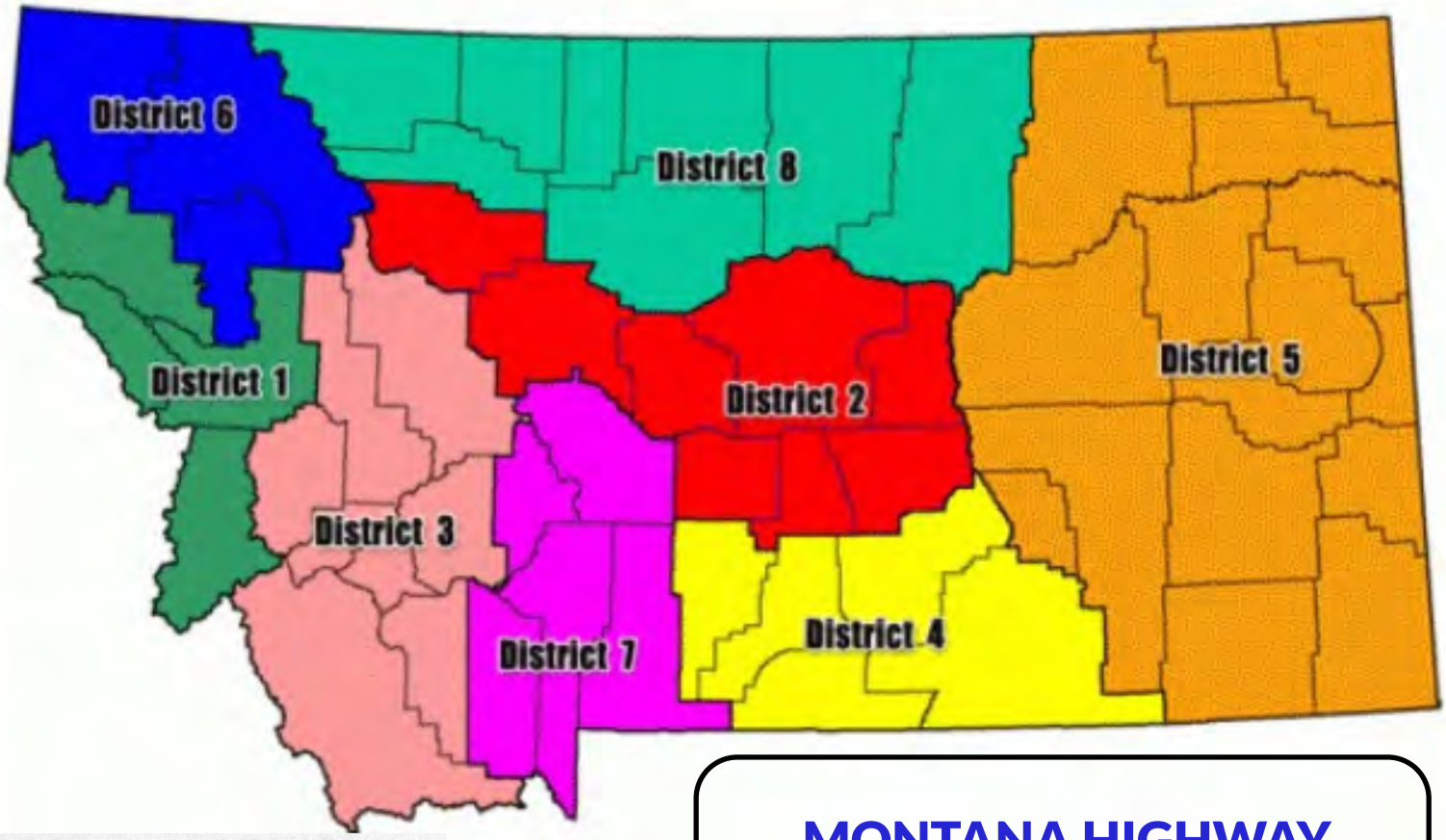
FATALITIES BY ROADWAY TYPE

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL
Fatality Crash Information
From Jan 1, 2016 to Sep 12, 2016

	2015		2016		Percent Change	
	Crashes	Deaths	Crashes	Deaths	Crashes	Deaths
INTERSTATE	18	18	21	28	16.67%	55.56%
PRIMARY	54	60	43	46	-20.37%	-23.33%
RURAL	40	42	37	40	-7.50%	-4.76%
SECONDARY	24	29	22	22	-8.33%	-24.14%
URBAN	7	8	8	8	14.29%	0.00%
Total	143	157	131	144	-8.39%	-8.28%







MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL DISTRICT MAP

1955 DEATH TOLL MOVES UP TO 235

Montana's 1955 traffic toll now stands at 235 with the death of George Foley, Harlowton, from injuries from a car-truck collision Nov. 26.

The 1955 toll is 14 more than the 1954 figure, 221.

The last fatal accident of 1955 occurred only a few hours before midnight New Year's Eve near Missoula.

The fatality increase on Montana's best roads and the increasing number of multiple-death accidents made 1955 one of the worst traffic death years in the patrol's 20-year history.

More than half of the fatal accidents revealed gasoline mixed with alcohol. Speed--too fast for conditions of both car and road--came in for a fair share of criticism. Winter road conditions were also tagged for causing some of the recent crashes.

FATALITIES BY DISTRICT

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Deaths	DISTRICT 1 - MISSOULA				DISTRICT 2 - GREAT FALLS			
Route	2014	2015	2016	AVE.	2014	2015	2016	AVE.
INTERSTATE	3	4	5	4.0	2	3	4	3.0
PRIMARY	7	11	2	6.7	4	12	6	7.3
RURAL	6	6	5	5.7	6	3	3	4.0
SECONDARY	1	2	2	1.7	3	1	1	1.7
URBAN	0	0	0	0.0	1	1	1	1.0
TOTAL	17	23	14	18.0	16	20	15	17.0
	DISTRICT 3 - BUTTE				DISTRICT 4 - BILLINGS			
INTERSTATE	10	2	5	5.7	2	4	5	3.7
PRIMARY	9	9	4	7.3	3	11	6	6.7
RURAL	1	1	5	2.3	5	6	9	6.7
SECONDARY	2	1	1	1.3	1	5	10	5.3
URBAN	0	4	0	1.3	4	1	6	3.7
TOTAL	22	17	15	18.0	15	27	36	26.0
	DISTRICT 5 - GLENDIVE				DISTRICT 6 - KALISPELL			
INTERSTATE	0	2	5	2.3	0	0	0	0.0
PRIMARY	7	7	10	8.0	6	5	12	7.7
RURAL	6	7	4	5.7	5	7	7	6.3
SECONDARY	3	1	0	1.3	2	6	3	3.7
URBAN	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	0	0.3
TOTAL	16	17	19	17.3	14	18	22	18.0
	DISTRICT 7 - BOZEMAN				DISTRICT 8 - HAVRE			
INTERSTATE	3	3	3	3.0	0	0	1	0.3
PRIMARY	11	1	5	5.7	5	4	1	3.3
RURAL	0	6	4	3.3	6	6	3	5.0
SECONDARY	3	3	1	2.3	3	10	4	5.7
URBAN	1	1	1	1.0	1	1	0	0.7
TOTAL	18	14	14	15.3	15	21	9	15.0
	ALL DISTRICTS							
INTERSTATE	20	18	28	22.0				
PRIMARY	52	60	46	52.7				
RURAL	35	42	40	39.0				
SECONDARY	18	29	22	23.0				
URBAN	8	8	8	8.0				
TOTAL	133	157	144	144.7				

CRASHES BY DISTRICT

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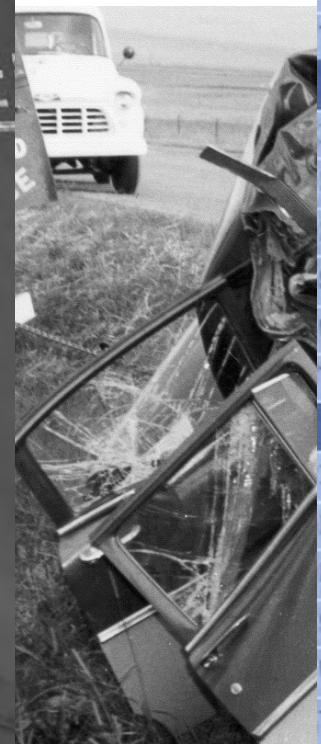
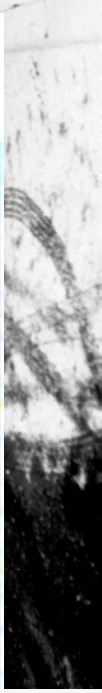
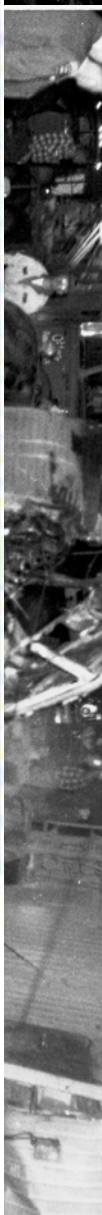
Crashes	DISTRICT 1 - MISSOULA				DISTRICT 2 - GREAT FALLS			
Route	2014	2015	2016	AVE.	2014	2015	2016	AVE.
INTERSTATE	3	4	4	3.7	2	3	2	2.3
PRIMARY	5	11	2	6.0	4	10	5	6.3
RURAL	6	6	5	5.7	6	3	3	4.0
SECONDARY	1	2	2	1.7	3	1	1	1.7
URBAN	0	0	0	0.0	1	1	1	1.0
TOTAL	15	23	13	17.0	16	18	12	15.3
	DISTRICT 3 - BUTTE				DISTRICT 4 - BILLINGS			
INTERSTATE	9	2	4	5.0	2	4	4	3.3
PRIMARY	4	6	4	4.7	3	10	5	6.0
RURAL	1	1	5	2.3	5	5	9	6.3
SECONDARY	2	1	1	1.3	1	5	10	5.3
URBAN	0	3	0	1.0	4	1	6	3.7
TOTAL	16	13	14	14.3	15	25	34	24.7
	DISTRICT 5 - GLENDIVE				DISTRICT 6 - KALISPELL			
INTERSTATE	0	2	3	1.7	0	0	0	0.0
PRIMARY	7	7	9	7.7	6	5	12	7.7
RURAL	6	7	4	5.7	4	7	5	5.3
SECONDARY	3	1	0	1.3	2	5	3	3.3
URBAN	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	0	0.3
TOTAL	16	17	16	16.3	13	17	20	16.7
	DISTRICT 7 - BOZEMAN				DISTRICT 8 - HAVRE			
INTERSTATE	3	3	3	3.0	0	0	1	0.3
PRIMARY	10	1	5	5.3	5	4	1	3.3
RURAL	0	6	3	3.0	5	5	3	4.3
SECONDARY	3	3	1	2.3	3	6	4	4.3
URBAN	1	1	1	1.0	1	1	0	0.7
TOTAL	17	14	13	14.7	14	16	9	13.0
	ALL DISTRICTS							
INTERSTATE	19	18	21	19.3				
PRIMARY	44	54	43	47.0				
RURAL	33	40	37	36.7				
SECONDARY	18	24	22	21.3				
URBAN	8	7	8	7.7				
TOTAL	122	143	131	132.0				







FLATHEAD BEACON

Fatalities Increase on Montana Highways in 2015

Confirmed as of Sep 2016 Jan 1 to Jun 30	2015		2016		Percent Change	
	Crashes	Deaths	Crashes	Deaths	Crashes	Deaths
Total For Time Period	69	72	72	78	4.35%	8.33%
Alcohol a Factor	36	39	29	34	-19.44%	-12.82%
Drugs a Factor	23	25	10	12	-56.52%	-52.00%
Speed a Factor	23	25	17	19	-26.09%	-24.00%
One Vehicle Crashes	51	54	54	55	5.88%	1.85%
Seat Belts Not Used	36	39	38	40	5.56%	2.56%
Seat Belts Used	14	14	13	16	-7.14%	14.29%
Seat Belts Unknown*	1	1	1	2	0.00%	100.00%
Motorcycle Involved	8	8	7	7	-12.50%	-12.50%
ATV Involved	3	3	3	3	0.00%	0.00%
Helmets Used	4	4	3	3	-25.00%	-25.00%
Bicycle Involved	0	0	1	1	0.00%	0.00%
Pedestrian Involved	6	6	8	8	33.33%	33.33%
Commercial Vehicle Involved	5	5	9	12	80.00%	140.00%
Hazardous Materials Involved	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Other than Dry Roads	9	9	14	17	55.56%	88.89%
Occurred During Daylight Hrs	38	41	38	39	0.00%	-4.88%
Out-of-State Veh. Involved	11	13	9	11	-18.18%	-15.38%

*Seat Belts Unknown - The investigation is complete but belt use was unable to be determined, such as in a car fire.

UNCONFIRMED FACTORS

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Unconfirmed and Latest Jan 1 to Sep 12	2015		2016		Percent Change	
	Crashes	Deaths	Crashes	Deaths	Crashes	Deaths
Alcohol Suspected	64	70	55	65	-14.06%	-7.14%
Drugs Suspected	49	54	19	23	-61.22%	-57.41%
Speed Suspected	43	48	46	53	6.98%	10.42%
One Vehicle Crashes	110	118	104	111	-5.45%	-5.93%
Seat Belts Not Used	75	87	68	73	-9.33%	-16.09%
Seat Belts Used	33	34	27	31	-18.18%	-8.82%
Seat Belts Unknown	1	2	3	6	200.00%	200.00%
Motorcycle Involved	20	20	15	16	-25.00%	-20.00%
ATV Involved	7	7	7	7	0.00%	0.00%
Helmets Used	7	7	5	5	-28.57%	-28.57%
Bicycle Involved	1	1	2	2	100.00%	100.00%
Pedestrian Involved	7	7	9	9	28.57%	28.57%
Commercial Vehicle Involved	13	18	15	18	15.38%	0.00%
Hazardous Materials Involved	1	1	0	0	-100.00%	-100.00%
Other than Dry Roads	14	14	22	25	57.14%	78.57%
Occurred During Daylight Hrs	87	98	72	76	-17.24%	-22.45%
Out-of-State Veh. Involved	24	30	14	17	-41.67%	-43.33%

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