Traffic Safety Bulletin

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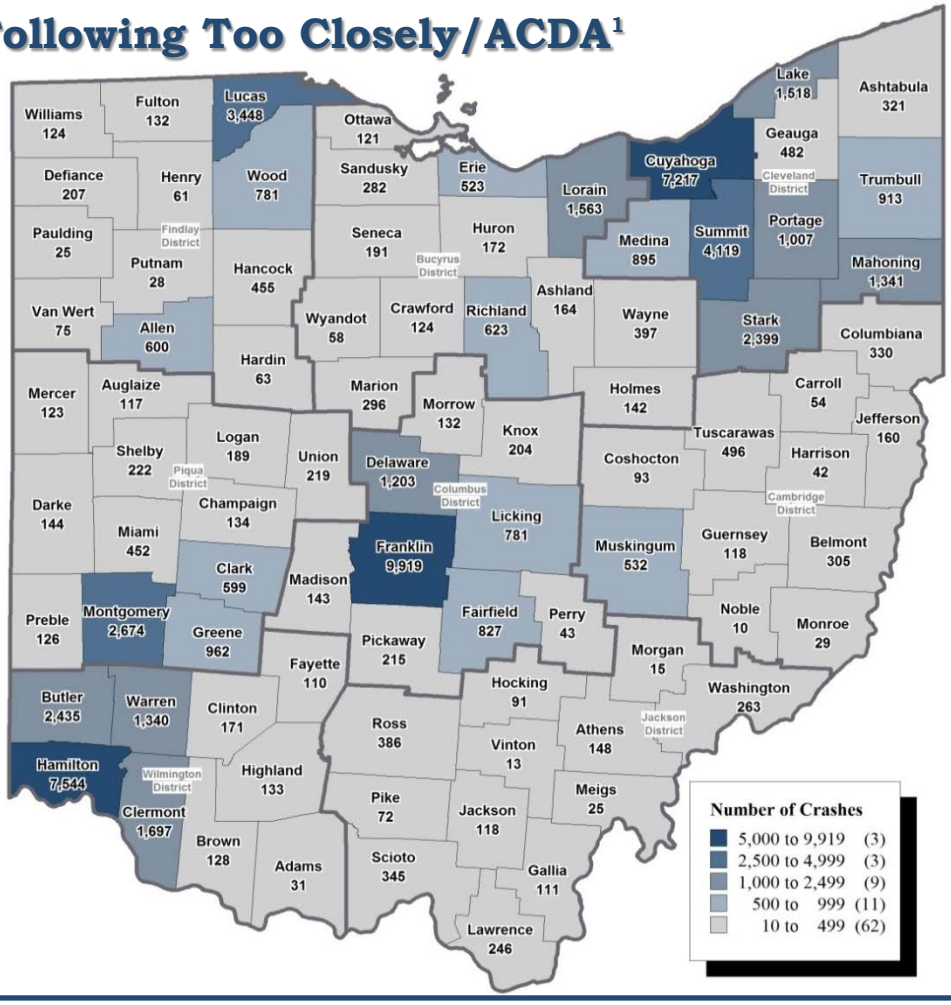
Following Too Closely/ACDA[1]



Map and Table:
2014 Following Too Closely/ACDA Crashes

OSHP District	Number of Crashes
Findlay	5,999
Bucyrus	4,656
Cleveland	20,212
Piqua	5,961
Columbus	13,467
Cambridge	2,169
Wilmington	13,589
Jackson	1,833
Total	67,886

Following Too Closely/ACDA Crashes[2]

- In 2014, there were 67,886 crashes on Ohio roadways where the at-fault driver was following too closely. This is an increase of 3% over 2013 totals, but 5% below the number recorded in 2011.
- Included in the 2014 total for following too closely/ACDA crashes were 55 fatal crashes with 62 people killed. Compared to 2011, fatal following too closely/ACDA crashes have increased 53%. About 6% of all fatal crashes in 2014 were caused by a driver who was following too closely. Another 27,294 people were injured in following too closely/ACDA crashes last year.
- Following too closely/ACDA was the primary cause of nearly three of every ten (28%) crashes in Ohio in 2014. This makes it the most frequent cause of crashes overall as well as the leading cause of injury (28%) and property damage (28%) crashes.
- In 2014, males were driving in 55% of at-fault following too closely/ACDA crashes. Also, 35% of drivers were between 16-25 while drivers aged 26-35 accounted for another 20%. Roughly half (49%) of at-fault following too closely/ACDA crashes occurred between the afternoon rush hours of 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

OSHP Following Too Closely Citations[2]

- Last year, OSHP troopers wrote 11,926 citations that included a following too closely violation. Following too closely citations have increased every year since 2011 contributing to a 10% overall increase.
- Sixty-one percent (61%) of following too closely citations were issued as a result of a traffic crash. Male drivers received 60% of following too closely citations, and 45% of citations were written between the afternoon rush hours of 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

[1]Assured Clear Distance Ahead. [2]Data provisional as of 5/14/2015.