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Patrol reports safest Thanksgiving weekend since 2001

COLUMBUS – The Ohio State Highway Patrol reported today that 11 traffic fatalities occurred on Ohio roads during the Thanksgiving holiday weekend marking the safest Thanksgiving holiday weekend on Ohio roads since 2001 when there 10 fatalities. Thanksgiving weekend fatalities were down from 17 traffic deaths last year during the holiday period.

Law enforcement agencies reported 11 fatal crashes, killing 11 people, from 6 p.m. Wednesday to midnight Monday.

As part of enforcement and motorist safety efforts, the Patrol arrested 501 motorists for OVI and assisted 3,741 motorists during the holiday weekend.

The following are statistics for the 2008 Thanksgiving Holiday reporting period:

ROAD TYPE	FATAL CRASHES	NUMBER KILLED	NUMBER INJURED
STATE AND FEDERAL HIGHWAYS	6	6	3
COUNTY/TOWNSHIP ROADS	3	3	4
CITY STREETS	1	1	1
INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS (INSIDE CITY)	1	1	0
INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS (OUTSIDE CITY)	0	0	0
TURNPIKE	0	0	0
TOTAL	11	11	8

SAFETY EQUIPMENT	NUMBER KILLED
Safety Belt	10
Used	7
Not Used	3
Not Installed	0
Motorcycle Helmet	0
Used	0
Not Used	0
Pedestrian/Other/Unknown	1

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