



2005 FATAL CRASHES INVOLVING COMMERCIAL VEHICLES*



WEEKLY FOCUS: COMMERCIAL VEHICLES



*(2005 data is complete through approximately 11/15/2005)

- There were a total of 181 commercial-involved fatal traffic crashes in 2005.
- Top counties for commercial-involved fatal crashes in 2005 include Cuyahoga (8), Hamilton (8), Franklin (6), Lucas (6), Montgomery (6), and Seneca (6).
- Two-thirds (67%) of commercial vehicles involved in fatal crashes in 2005 were tractor/semi-trailers; 14% were single unit/2 axles, 6 tires; 12% were single unit/3+ axles; and the remaining 7% were truck/trailer, truck/tractor, or tractor/double short.
- Thirty-seven percent of commercial-involved fatal crashes in 2005 occurred on state routes (24% on interstate routes; 22% on U.S. routes; 17% on city streets, county and township roads). Four out of five of the crashes on state routes took place in rural areas.
- OSHP was the lead investigating agency in 118 (65%) of commercial-involved fatal crashes in 2005, followed by city police departments (38/21%) and county sheriffs' offices (24/14%).
- Nationwide in 2004, one out of eight traffic fatalities resulted from a crash involving a large truck; in Ohio in 2005, the rate was one in seven. **