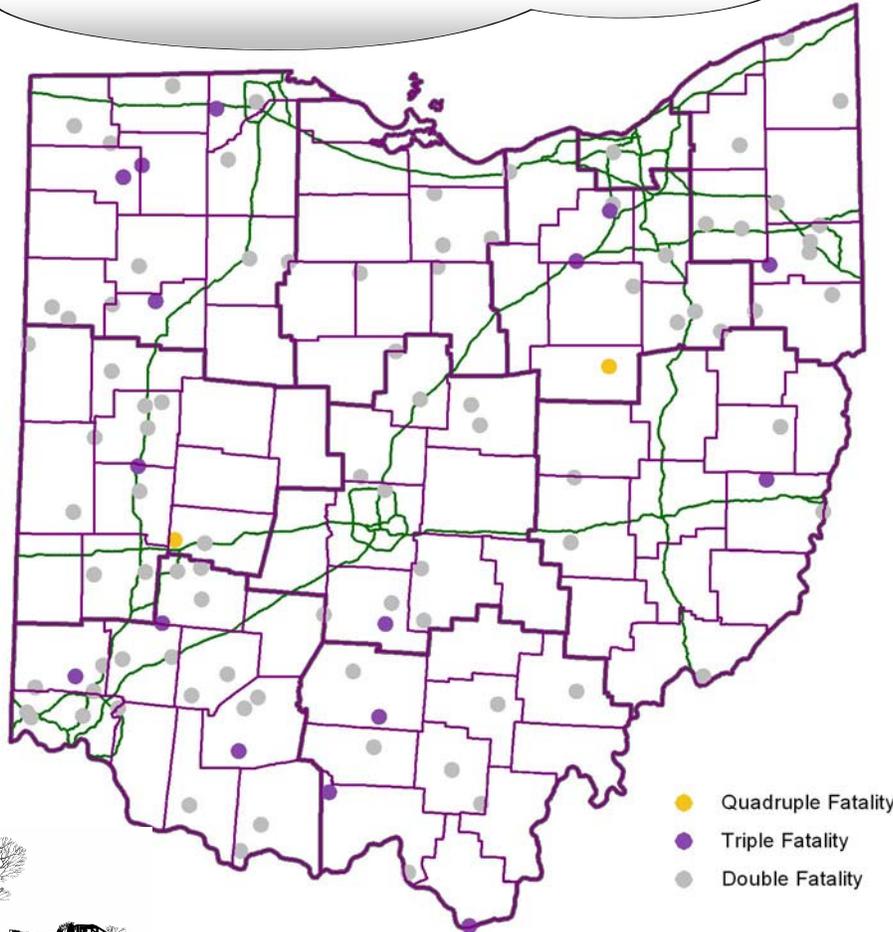




MULTIPLE FATALITY TRAFFIC CRASHES, 2005-2006 YTD*



WEEKLY FOCUS: MULTIPLE FATALITY CRASHES

- From January 2005 through 2006 YTD there have been 105 multiple fatality crashes (87 double; 16 triple; and 2 quadruple), killing a total of 230 people.
- Drivers 15 to 25 years old were at fault in 37% percent of multiple fatality crashes (compared to 31% at-fault rate in all fatal crashes taking place from 2005 through 2006 YTD).
- Neither alcohol nor lack of safety belts appear to be greater contributing factors in multiple fatality crashes as compared to all fatal crashes during 2005 and 2006 YTD.
- Nearly one quarter of those killed in multiple fatality crashes in 2005 and 2006 YTD were ejected from their vehicles; one in five multiple fatality crashes involved a vehicle rollover.
- Commercial involvement was higher in multiple fatality crashes: 20% of multi-fatality crashes in 2005 through 2006 YTD involved commercial vehicles (compared to 14% of *all* fatal crashes during that period being commercial-involved).
- Of the 230 fatalities, 105 were killed in larger cars; 53 in smaller cars; 23 in minivans; 14 in sport-utility vehicles; 17 in pickups; 10 on motorcycles, and the remaining 8 in other vehicles.¹

*2006 data current through 04/19/2006

¹ mid- and full-size = "larger cars"; Sub-compact and compact = "smaller cars"; "Other" includes trucks (6), ambulance/rescue vehicles (1), and farm vehicle (1).