

TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY

PRELIMINARY HOLIDAY REPORT

May 27, 2014

2014 MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY

12:00 AM, FRIDAY, MAY 23– 11:59 PM, MONDAY, MAY 26

72-HOUR HOLIDAY PERIOD

- **FATAL CRASHES: 9**

Three of the crashes involved multiple vehicles.

- **FATALITIES: 9**

Two of the fatalities occurred in an alcohol-related crash.

Seven of the people killed were vehicle occupants.

Four (44%) of the nine were not wearing safety restraints. Restraint use for one is unknown.

No child passengers requiring child restraint devices were killed.

One MC rider was killed.

One ATV rider was killed and was not wearing a helmet.

FATALITY LOG

| | <u>DAY</u> | <u>TIME</u> | <u>COUNTY</u> | <u>HIGHWAY</u> | <u>NUMBER KILLED</u> | <u>ALCOHOL RELATED</u> |
|----|------------|-------------|---------------|----------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| 1. | Friday | 12:56 AM | Marion | INTERSTATE | 1 | N |
| 2. | Friday | 4:12 PM | Blount | STATE ROUTE | 1 | N |
| 3. | Saturday | 3:08 AM | Loudon | INTERSTATE | 1 | Y |
| 4. | Saturday | 2:12 PM | Crockett | STATE ROUTE | 1 | N |
| 5. | Saturday | UNK | Maury | COUNTY | 1 | Y |
| 6. | Sunday | 12:02 PM | Obion | CITY | 1 | N |
| 7. | Sunday | 3:21 PM | Cheatham | STATE ROUTE | 1 | N |
| 8. | Sunday | 6:02 PM | Davidson | STATE ROUTE | 1 | N |
| 9. | Monday | UNK | Cheatham | COUNTY | 1 | N |

- **The number of fatalities for the 78-hour holiday period in 2013 was 10.**

HIGHEST DEATHS

In 1973, 26 people were killed in traffic crashes in Tennessee during a 78-hour Memorial Day holiday period, yielding a fatality rate of one death per 3.0 hours.

LOWEST DEATHS

In 2002, 5 people were killed in traffic crashes in Tennessee during a 78-hour Memorial Day holiday period, yielding a fatality rate of one death per 15.0 hours and 36 minutes.