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TRAFFIC FATALITIES IN FLORIDA DECREASE FOR SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR

TALLAHASSEE - More lives are being saved in Florida. Traffic fatalities in the Sunshine State have dropped more than four percent from last year, and the number of injuries has decreased, too. The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles makes this data and more available through the *Florida Crash Statistics Report*. The Department recently updated the report, and the 2007 edition is now posted online at <http://www.flhsmv.gov/hsmvdocs/CS2007.pdf>.

Below are highlights from the 2007 Traffic Crash Statistics:

Crash Statistics	2005	2006	2007	%Change
Fatalities	3,533	3,365	3,221 ↓	4.28% decrease
Fatal crashes	3,185	3,084	2,947 ↓	4.44% decrease
Injuries	233,930	214,914	212,156 ↓	1.39% decrease
Injury crashes	147,879	137,282	135,601 ↓	1.23% decrease
Alcohol related fatalities	1,239	1,099	1,244 ↑	13.1% increase
Alcohol related injuries	17,783	16,319	16,208 ↓	.69 % decrease
Alcohol related crashes	23,864	22,858	22,823 ↓	.16% decrease
Motorcyclists killed	441	521	517 ↓	.77% decrease
Motorcyclists injured	7,282	7,934	8,186 ↑	3.18 increase
Motorcyclist crashes	8,147	8,990	9,205 ↑	2.39% increase

The report also provides measurements that help the Department determine areas that need additional focus, such as alcohol related fatalities.

The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles is charged with the mission of *providing highway safety and security through excellence in service, education and enforcement*. The Department is leading the way to a *Safer Florida* by way of three major components: driver licenses, vehicle tags and titles and the Florida Highway Patrol. To learn more about DHSMV and the services offered, visit www.flhsmv.gov.

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