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Strategic Highway Safety Plan & VT Highway Safety Alliance Update 1/15/2020

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--Fatal Crashes January 7, 2019 – January 13, 2020:

- 1/9/20: Derby, VT 105. Single vehicle ran off road. Driver fatality, seatbelt worn.

--2020 Fatalities: 1 Total – 1 vehicle operator, 0 passengers, 0 pedestrians

--2019 Fatalities: 47 Total – 37 vehicle operators, 7 passengers, 3 pedestrians

As of January 13 in each calendar year shown:

Year	Fatalities (People)	Fatal Crashes
2020	1	1
2019	0	0
2018	0	0
2017	2	2

Fatal Crash Data	2019*	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Total Fatal Crashes	44	61	64	59	50	42
Total Fatalities (People)	47	69	70	64	57	44
Double Fatality Crashes	3	8	3	2	5	2
Triple Fatality Crashes	0	0	0	1	1	0
Quadruple Fatality Crashes	0	0	1	0	0	0
Operators Suspected as Driving under the Influence of Alcohol Only	5	5	6	14	4	3
Operators Suspected as Driving under the Influence of Drugs Only	15	13	18	10	11	10
Operators Suspected as Driving under the Influence of both Alcohol & Drugs	2	10	11	10	9	3
Active Cannabis - Delta 9 THC Confirmed**	10	16	18	18	11	9
Operators Suspected of Speeding	14	22	27	29	16	14
Operators with Suspended License/ No License	5	7	11	10	5	4
Junior License Operators involved in fatal crashes	1	4	2	0	1	2
"Older Drivers" involved in fatal Crashes (Older Driver is defined as any person age 65 or older. & "involved" does not imply "fault")	16	14	15	14	11	11
Crashes involving a Large Truck/Bus ("involving" does not imply "fault")	10	6	3	5	4	9
Motorcyclist Fatalities	8	7	13	11	11	7

*2019 data is as of the date of this report. These numbers are subject to change.

**Active Cannabis - Delta-9 THC Confirmed is counted in the number of operators that had drugs only or alcohol & drugs.

Fatalities by Vehicle Type and Restraint/Safety Equipment Used							
Road User Type	Restraint/Safety Equipment	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Motor Vehicle Occupant	Unbelted	17	34	24	21	16	16
	- Driver	14	25	17	11	11	13
	- Passenger	2	9	6	10	5	3
	- UTV Driver		0	1	0	0	0
	Belted	16	21	22	23	17	11
	- Driver	11	15	15	20	13	8
	- Passenger	5	6	7	3	4	3
	Improper Belt Use/Child Restraint	0	0	1	1	0	0
Motorcyclist/ATV	Wearing Helmet	4	5	11	10	11	7
	Non-DOT Compliant Helmet/Improper	1	1	1	1	0	1
	No Helmet	1	1	2	1	1	1
Vulnerable Users	Pedestrians	3	6	9	5	5	5
	Bicyclists		0	0	1	4	0
Unknown	Unknown Belt/Helmet Use	5	1	1	2	4	3
% Unbelted*		51%	62%	52%	48%	48%	59%
Total Fatalities		47	69	70	64	58	44

*Of all fatalities: only occupants in vehicles equipped with seatbelts are used in the calculation for unbelted percentage. Excludes: motorcycles, ATVs, pedestrians, bicyclists and unknowns. (Sum of Belted" & "Unbelted", divided into "Unbelted")

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