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PUBLIC NOTICE: GEORGIA DRIVER'S EDUCATION COMMISSION

Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 1:30 pm
Governor's Office of Highway Safety
7 Martin Luther King, Jr., Drive
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Atlanta, Georgia 30334

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| 1. Call to Order | <i>Allen Poole</i> | |
| 2. Roll Call | <i>Josh Turner</i> | |
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| 9. Adjournment | <i>Allen Poole</i> | |

Next Meeting: June 20, 2023; 1:30 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE
GEORGIA DRIVER’S EDUCATION COMMISSION

December 13, 2022

Georgia Governor’s Office of Highway Safety
7 Martin Luther King Jr., Drive, Suite 643, Atlanta, Georgia 30334.

Call to Order:

Chairman Allen Poole called the December 13, 2022 meeting to order at 1:30 pm. He welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending today’s meeting. Mr. Josh Turner notified the Chairman that a quorum was present.

Board Members in Attendance	Board Members not in Attendance
Mr. Allen Poole, Chairman	Dr. Malika Reed Wilkins
Mr. Spencer R. Moore, Vice Chairman	
Ms. Laura Boalch	
Mr. J. Barry Schrenk	
Ms. Kathy L. Watts	

Non-Members in Attendance were as follows:

Mr. Josh Turner, Georgia Driver’s Education Commission
Ms. Kisha Bell, Georgia Driver’s Education Commission
Ms. Pamela Farr, Georgia Driver’s Education Commission
Mr. Jimmy Sumner, Governor’s Office of Highway Safety
Mr. Laura Bohlander, Governor’s Office of Highway Safety
Ms. Lisa Owens, Governor’s Office of Highway Safety
Mr. Robert Hydrick, Governor’s Office of Highway Safety
Ms. Amy Radley, Georgia Attorney General’s Office
Ms. Juenesse Holman, Georgia Department of Driver Services
Ms. Denae Hartsfield, Georgia Department of Driver Services
Ms. Oliva Henderson, Georgia SADD Coordinator
Mr. Buster Barber, Barber’s Driving School
Mr. Alfred Barber, Barber’s Driving School

Approval of Agenda

Chairman Poole presented the agenda. Vice Chairman Spencer R. Moore made a motion to adopt the agenda. Chairman Poole seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of September 27, 2022, Meeting Minutes

Chairman Poole presented the September 27, 2022, meeting minutes. Mr. J. Barry Schrenk made a motion to adopt the minutes. Vice Chairman Moore seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Chairman Poole offered a time for Public Comment. There was no response.

Presentation From Alfred R. Barber; Older Driver Evaluations

Mr. Alfred R. Barber made a presentation to the Commission requesting a change in the scholarship program to include a funding mechanism for older driver evaluations. Specifically, the request is to amend Tier 1 of the scholarship program to include older driver evaluations for individuals 65 years or older, who have been required by Order of the Department of Driver Services or by a licensed physician, to receive a comprehensive driver evaluation requiring a clinical assessment by a licensed physician or a licensed occupational or physical therapist, together with an in-car, behind the wheel assessment to be performed by an occupational therapist, driver rehabilitation therapist, or a state-certified, third-party examiner, provided that funds shall not be provided for the clinical portion of the examination and only for the behind-the-wheel portion of the examination. Mr. Barber provided statistics on demographics of aging adults and driving history, including a case study. Additionally, Mr. Barber provided a video demonstration of an actual behind-the-wheel assessment. After his presentation, Chairman Poole called for questions. Members of the Commission engaged in a series of questions with Mr. Barber.

Ms. Amy Radley, Assistant Attorney General, commented that the Georgia Driver's Education Commission was created in 2005 through Senate Bill 226, and although not codified, was created under the auspices of "getting more young people into these driver education and training programs" and commented that the Commission might face challenges in taking away funding for young people in favor of older drivers for a program that was designed to benefit young drivers. Mr. Barber responded that he hoped to get the program codified in the upcoming legislative session.

Chairman Poole stated that he supported the general idea of an older driver evaluation when deemed necessary by the Department of Driver Services or a licensed physician; however he did not support using funding designated for young drivers to fund the program.

Mr. Barber stated that based on the comments from Ms. Radley, that he agreed it was best not to jeopardize any funding for young drivers and withdrew his request for the older driver evaluation to be funded by the GDEC program.

Staff Report

Mr. Turner presented the staff report, including the Provider Scholarship Redemption Report, FY 2023 Customer Service Report for October, November, and December Scholarship Report. A copy of the Staff Report is attached.

Next, the Georgia Department of Transportation Daily Fatality report shows 1,718 fatalities on Georgia roadways through December 8, 2022. This report shows a three percent decrease from the same date as last year. Also, Mr. Turner and Chairman Poole had a conference call with the Governor's legislation team to reinstate the Joshua law funding, including the traffic surcharge is where the Commission receives its funding.

Finally, Mr. Turner wanted to inform the board of a new working group to review the application, contract, and payment processes. These processes were established in 2016 and 2017 and were implemented when the program began in March 2017. It has been five years, and we have added small IT (Information Technology) changes along the way. Regular policy review and revision are an important part of every policy and procedure management plan, and we should review our processes and look for areas of improvement. In addition, to the Georgia Driver's Education Commission staff, Mr. Turner would like Chairman Poole to appoint a few members from his finance staff with the Governor's Office of Highway Safety, including Vice Chairman Moore, to appoint a few staff members from his agency. In addition, we would like input from the

public and private and representatives from the board and representatives from the industry. Mr. Turner will be reaching out in the incoming months.

There were no questions for Mr. Turner.

Mr. Schrenk made a motion to adopt the staff report. Chairman Poole seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Other New Business

Chairman Poole opened the floor for other business. There was no further comment.

Adjournment

Chairman Poole made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Schrenk seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kischa Bell
Operational Analyst
Georgia Driver's Education Commission



Georgia Driver's Education Grant Scholarship Program Monthly Scholarship Report

Month	October 2022
Total New Applicants This Month:	514
Tier 1 New Applicants This Month:	8
Tier 2 New Applicants This Month	506
Monthly Allocation:	385

Reconsideration Statistics		Approved	Denied
Tier 1 Awaiting First Reconsideration:	0	0	0
Tier 1 Awaiting Final Reconsideration	0	0	0
Tier 2 Awaiting First Reconsideration:	246	246	0
Tier 2 Awaiting Final Reconsideration	0	0	0

New Applicants this Month Eligible First Reconsideration Next Month:	375
Applicants Eligible for Final Reconsideration Next Month:	0

Congressional District	Tier 1			Tier 2		
	Denied Twice; Awaiting Final Consideration	Denied Once; Awaiting Second Consideration	Approved This Month	Denied Twice; Awaiting Final Consideration	Denied Once; Awaiting Second Consideration	Approved This Month
1	0	0	0	0	2	9
2	0	0	2	0	24	10
3	0	0	0	0	25	9
4	0	0	2	0	16	10
5	0	0	1	0	8	10
6	0	0	0	0	1	9
7	0	0	0	0	20	9
8	0	0	0	0	21	9
9	0	0	0	0	3	9
10	0	0	0	0	33	10
11	0	0	2	0	29	9
12	0	0	0	0	18	9
13	0	0	0	0	28	9
14	0	0	1	0	18	10
Total	0	0	8	0	246	131
Value of Awards	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$123,000.00	\$ 65,500.00



Georgia Driver's Education Grant Scholarship Program Monthly Scholarship Report

Month	November 2022
Total New Applicants This Month:	424
Tier 1 New Applicants This Month:	8
Tier 2 New Applicants This Month	416
Monthly Allocation:	385

Reconsideration Statistics		Approved	Denied
Tier 1 Awaiting First Reconsideration:	0	0	0
Tier 1 Awaiting Final Reconsideration	0	0	0
Tier 2 Awaiting First Reconsideration:	375	375	0
Tier 2 Awaiting Final Reconsideration	0	0	0

New Applicants this Month Eligible First Reconsideration Next Month:	408
Applicants Eligible for Final Reconsideration Next Month:	0

Congressional District	Tier 1			Tier 2		
	Denied Twice; Awaiting Final Consideration	Denied Once; Awaiting Second Consideration	Approved This Month	Denied Twice; Awaiting Final Consideration	Denied Once; Awaiting Second Consideration	Approved This Month
1	0	0	0	0	6	0
2	0	0	1	0	20	1
3	0	0	2	0	19	0
4	0	0	1	0	34	1
5	0	0	1	0	7	1
6	0	0	0	0	18	1
7	0	0	0	0	25	0
8	0	0	3	0	6	0
9	0	0	0	0	28	1
10	0	0	0	0	27	1
11	0	0	0	0	65	1
12	0	0	0	0	8	0
13	0	0	0	0	59	0
14	0	0	0	0	53	1
Total	0	0	8	0	375	8
Value of Awards	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$187,500.00	\$ 4,000.00



Georgia Driver's Education Grant Scholarship Program Monthly Scholarship Report

Month	December 2022
Total New Applicants This Month:	449
Tier 1 New Applicants This Month:	4
Tier 2 New Applicants This Month	445
Monthly Allocation:	385

Reconsideration Statistics	Approved	Denied	\$ Needed to Award Denied
Tier 1 Awaiting First Reconsideration:	0	0	
Tier 1 Awaiting Final Reconsideration	0	0	
Tier 2 Awaiting First Reconsideration:	381	27	\$13,500
Tier 2 Awaiting Final Reconsideration	0	0	

New Applicants this Month Eligible First Reconsideration Next Month:	445
Applicants Eligible for Final Reconsideration Next Month:	27

Congressional District	Tier 1			Tier 2		
	Denied Twice; Awaiting Final Consideration	Denied Once; Awaiting Second Consideration	Approved This Month	Denied Twice; Awaiting Final Consideration	Denied Once; Awaiting Second Consideration	Approved This Month
1	0	0	1	0	18	0
2	0	0	0	0	25	0
3	0	0	0	0	25	0
4	0	0	1	0	34	0
5	0	0	0	0	20	0
6	0	0	0	0	9	0
7	0	0	0	0	35	0
8	0	0	0	0	11	0
9	0	0	0	0	16	0
10	0	0	0	0	42	0
11	0	0	1	0	42	0
12	0	0	1	0	21	0
13	0	0	0	0	41	0
14	0	0	0	0	42	0
Total	0	0	4	0	381	0
Value of Awards	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$190,500.00	\$ -

Provider Scholarship Redemption Report between September 16, 2022 through December 10, 2022

Provider Name	Scholarships Redeemed	Provider Name	Scholarships Redeemed
A-1 Driving School, Inc.	105	Brock's Driver Education School, Inc.	5
West Metro Driving School	57	Calhoun City BOE	5
Barber's Driving School, Inc.	29	DriveSmart Georgia	5
Kennesaw Driving School	28	Ogeechee Technical College	5
Advance Driving Academy	25	Pinnacle Pointe DUI & Driving Schools	5
Gwinnett County Board of Education	25	Safe America Foundation, Inc.	5
New London School of Driving Inc.	24	Atlanta Technical College	4
The Wiser Driver	22	FB Driving, Inc.	4
A+ Driving Services, Inc.	21	Georgia Driving School, Inc.	3
Kristin National, Inc.	16	Georgia Piedmont Technical College	3
Savannah Technical College	16	North Georgia Technical College	3
1st Stop Georgia Driving Academy	13	Oconee County Board of Education	3
South Cherokee/Jasper Driver Improvement Clinic Inc.	12	Oconee Fall Line Technical College	3
Marietta City Board of Education	11	1EZ DUI School, LLC	3
Georgia Northwestern Technical College	10	Southern Regional Technical College	3
Lanier Technical College	10	Wiregrass Georgia Technical College	3
Albany Technical College	9	Nathan's Driving School, Inc.	2
!!01 Act Driving Schools, LLC	8	Southern Crescent Technical College	2
Collins Driving School	8	AA Academy of Action Driving School	1
Augusta Technical College	7	Athens Technical College	1
Central Georgia Technical College	7	Coastal Pines Technical College	1
Southeastern Regional Driving and Safety Academy Inc	7	Dickerson Driving School, Inc.	1
Just Driver Training	6	Duluth DUI and Driving School	1
A Driving Advantage	6	Southern Defensive Driving School	1
West Georgia Technical College	6	Southeastern Technical College	1
		Total	561

Customer Service Report for September, October, & November 2022

GDEC Provider Email Contacts	166	Individual Staff Email Contacts	3,470
GDEC Student/Parent Email Contacts	291	Invoices Processed: 459 invoices totaling \$435,077.61 accounting for 1,004 students	



Georgia Driver's Education Grant Scholarship Program Monthly Scholarship Report

Month	January 2023
Total New Applicants This Month:	347
Tier 1 New Applicants This Month:	6
Tier 2 New Applicants This Month	341
Monthly Allocation:	385

Reconsideration Statistics	Approved		Denied	\$ Needed to Award Denied
Tier 1 Awaiting First Reconsideration:	0	0	0	
Tier 1 Awaiting Final Reconsideration	0	0	0	
Tier 2 Awaiting First Reconsideration:	445	352	93	\$46,500
Tier 2 Awaiting Final Reconsideration	27	27	0	

New Applicants this Month Eligible First Reconsideration Next Month:	445
Applicants Eligible for Final Reconsideration Next Month:	27

Congressional District	Tier 1			Tier 2		
	Denied Twice; Awaiting Final Consideration	Denied Once; Awaiting Second Consideration	Approved This Month	Denied Twice; Awaiting Final Consideration	Denied Once; Awaiting Second Consideration	Approved This Month
1	0	0	0	0	15	0
2	0	0	1	0	31	0
3	0	0	0	0	31	0
4	0	0	0	0	31	0
5	0	0	0	0	21	0
6	0	0	0	0	22	0
7	0	0	0	0	32	0
8	0	0	4	0	9	0
9	0	0	0	0	19	0
10	0	0	0	7	31	0
11	0	0	1	1	31	0
12	0	0	0	0	17	0
13	0	0	0	0	31	0
14	0	0	0	19	31	0
Total	0	0	6	27	352	0
Value of Awards	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 13,500.00	\$176,000.00	\$ -



Georgia Driver's Education Grant Scholarship Program Monthly Scholarship Report

Month	February 2023
Total New Applicants This Month:	716
Tier 1 New Applicants This Month:	3
Tier 2 New Applicants This Month	713
Monthly Allocation:	385

Reconsideration Statistics	Approved		Denied	\$ Needed to Award Denied
Tier 1 Awaiting First Reconsideration:	0	0	0	
Tier 1 Awaiting Final Reconsideration	0	0	0	
Tier 2 Awaiting First Reconsideration:	341	289	52	\$26,000
Tier 2 Awaiting Final Reconsideration	93	93	0	\$ -

New Applicants this Month Eligible for First Reconsideration Next Month:	713
Applicants Eligible for Final Reconsideration Next Month:	52

Congressional District	Tier 1			Tier 2		
	Denied Twice; Awaiting Final Consideration	Denied Once; Awaiting Second Consideration	Approved This Month	Denied Twice; Awaiting Final Consideration	Denied Once; Awaiting Second Consideration	Approved This Month
1	0	0	0	0	9	0
2	0	0	0	9	21	0
3	0	0	0	6	28	0
4	0	0	1	3	27	0
5	0	0	0	0	13	0
6	0	0	0	0	15	0
7	0	0	0	7	14	0
8	0	0	0	0	19	0
9	0	0	0	0	14	0
10	0	0	0	0	27	0
11	0	0	0	24	28	0
12	0	0	1	0	18	0
13	0	0	1	26	28	0
14	0	0	0	18	28	0
Total	0	0	3	93	289	0
Value of Awards	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$46,500.00	\$144,500.00	\$ -



Georgia Driver's Education Grant Scholarship Program Monthly Scholarship Report

Month	March 2023
Total New Applicants This Month:	615
Tier 1 New Applicants This Month:	5
Tier 2 New Applicants This Month	610
Monthly Allocation:	385

Reconsideration Statistics	Approved		Denied	\$ Needed to Award Denied
Tier 1 Awaiting First Reconsideration:	0	0	0	
Tier 1 Awaiting Final Reconsideration	0	0	0	
Tier 2 Awaiting First Reconsideration:	712	328	384	\$192,000
Tier 2 Awaiting Final Reconsideration	52	52	0	\$ -

New Applicants this Month Eligible for First Reconsideration Next Month:	610
Applicants Eligible for Final Reconsideration Next Month:	0

Congressional District	Tier 1			Tier 2		
	Denied Twice; Awaiting Final Consideration	Denied Once; Awaiting Second Consideration	Approved This Month	Denied Twice; Awaiting Final Consideration	Denied Once; Awaiting Second Consideration	Approved This Month
1	0	0	0	0	23	0
2	0	0	0	0	24	0
3	0	0	0	7	24	0
4	0	0	1	2	24	0
5	0	0	0	0	24	0
6	0	0	0	0	18	0
7	0	0	2	0	24	0
8	0	0	1	0	23	0
9	0	0	0	0	24	0
10	0	0	0	7	24	0
11	0	0	0	16	24	0
12	0	0	1	0	24	0
13	0	0	0	3	24	0
14	0	0	0	17	24	0
Total	0	0	5	52	328	0
Value of Awards	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$26,000.00	\$164,000.00	\$ -

Provider Scholarship Redemption Report between December 10 2022 through March 15, 2023

Provider Name	Scholarships Redeemed	Provider Name	Scholarships Redeemed
A-1 Driving School, Inc.	188	Georgia Northwestern Technical College	11
Cobb Subs, Inc.	108	Southern Regional Technical College	11
Barber's Driving School, Inc.	78	Hemisphere International Inc	10
New London School of Driving Inc.	57	Ogeechee Technical College	10
A+ Driving Services, Inc.	35	O'keith Wallace	10
1st Stop Georgia Driving Academy	29	Lanier Technical College	9
Advance Driving Academy	26	Southern Crescent Technical College	9
South Cherokee/Jasper Driver Improvement Clinic Inc.	26	AA Academy of Action Driving School	8
Gwinnett County Board Of Education	24	Albany Technical College	8
Pinnacle Pointe DUI & Driving Schools	22	Augusta Technical College	8
Brock's Driver Education School, Inc.	21	South Georgia Technical College	7
Coastal Pines Technical College	21	!!01 Act Driving Schools, LLC	6
Kristin National, Inc.	21	Duluth DUI and Driving School	6
Thumbs Up Driving Inc.	21	FB Driving, Inc.	6
SGG Enterprises, Inc	20	Georgia Piedmont Technical College	6
Savannah Technical College	16	Athens Technical College	5
Shead Capital Group, LLC	16	Atlanta Technical College	5
Southeastern Regional Driving and Safety Academy Inc	16	Safe America Foundation, Inc.	4
Georgia Driving School, Inc.	14	West Georgia Technical College	4
Wiregrass Georgia Technical College	14	Hugh Miller	3
Collins Driving School	13	Oconee Fall Line Technical College	3
DriveSmart Systems, Inc.	13	Calhoun City BOE	2
North Georgia Technical College	13	Gordon County Board of Education	2
Marietta City Board of Education	12	Oconee County Board of Education	2
Nathan's Driving School, Inc.	12	Columbus Technical College	1
Central Georgia Technical College	11	Total	1003

Customer Service Report for December 2022, January 2023, and February 2023

GDEC Provider Email Contacts	234	Individual Staff Email Contacts	3,413
GDEC Student/Parent Email Contacts	422	Invoices Processed: 407 invoices totaling \$420,715.80 accounting for 985 students	

Georgia Traffic Deaths - Yearly Total and Comparison GDOT Office of Traffic Operations Fatalities as of 03/15/2023

ROUTE TYPE

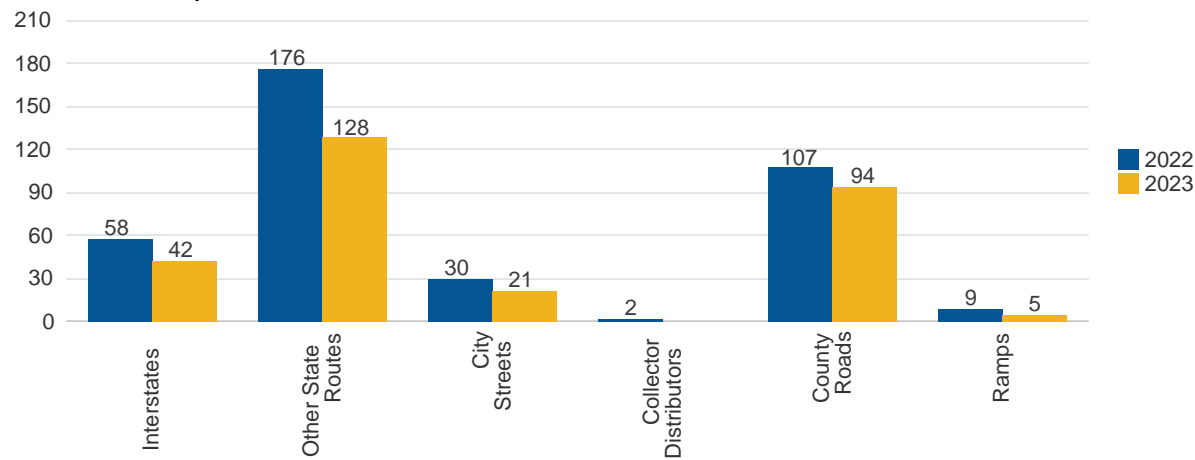
Fatality Details	TOTAL		ANNUAL		YEAR TO DATE		YTD CHANGE	
Fatality Type	2021	2022	Difference	Percent	2022	2023	Difference	Percent
Interstates	256	231	-25	-10	58	42	-16	-28
Collector Distributors	8	7	-1	-13	2			
Ramps	25	47	22	88	9	5	-4	-44
Other State Routes	926	856	-70	-8	176	128	-48	-27
County Roads	477	533	56	12	107	94	-13	-12
City Streets	135	130	-5	-4	30	21	-9	-30
Grand Total	1827	1804	-23	-1	382	290	-92	-24

YTD Fatalities by EMPHASIS TYPE

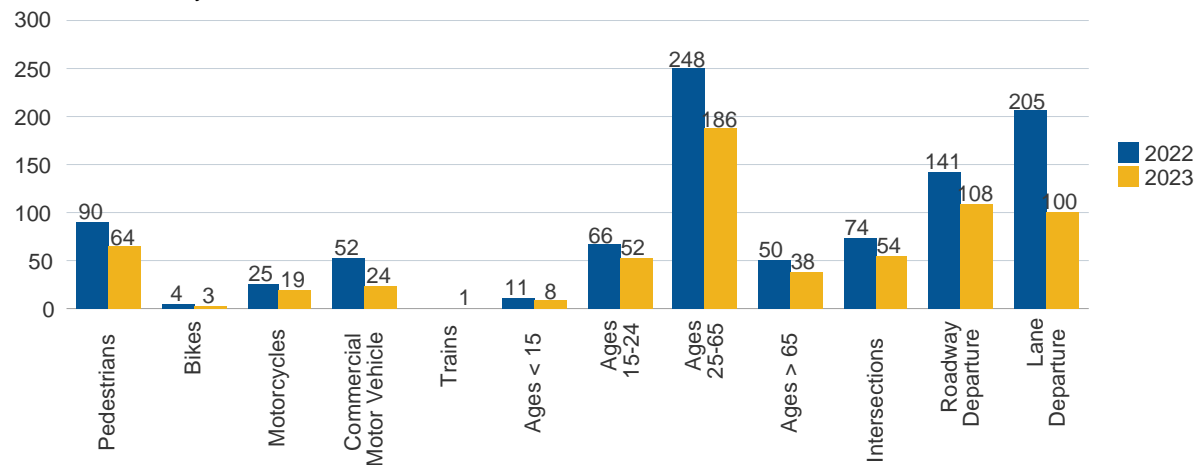
Fatality Details	TOTAL		ANNUAL		YEAR TO DATE		YTD CHANGE	
Fatality Type	2021	2022	Difference	Percent	2022	2023	Difference	Percent
Pedestrians	319	339	20	6	93	64	-29	-31
Bikes	14	32	18	129	4	3	-1	-25
Motorcycles	184	197	13	7	25	19	-6	-24
Commercial Motor Vehicle	206	215	9	4	54	24	-30	-56
Trains		2				1		
Ages < 15	54	62	8	15	11	8	-3	-27
Ages 15-24	310	273	-37	-12	66	52	-14	-21
Ages 25-65	1172	1187	15	1	252	186	-66	-26
Ages > 65	278	266	-12	-4	52	38	-14	-27
Intersections	306	365	59	19	75	54	-21	-28
Roadway Departure	732	649	-83	-11	142	108	-34	-24
Lane Departure	1019	698	-321	-32	207	100	-107	-52
Seat Belt (No/Unknown)	767	768	1	0	164	129	-35	-21

Note: Any single fatality may fall into one or more Emphasis Types.

YTD Fatalities by ROUTE TYPE



YTD Fatalities by EMPHASIS TYPE



YTD Seat Belt Fatalities

