CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY HISTORICAL INFORMATION

2003 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
6 p.m. December 24 - Midnight December 28
102-Hour Holiday Period

In Tennessee, there were 11 fatal crashes resulting in 12 deaths, yielding a fatality rate of one death per eight hours and thirty minutes.

- Eight crashes were single vehicle crashes
- Three were multiple vehicle crashes.

Five (42%) of the fatalities occurred in alcohol-related accidents.

11 of the fatalities were vehicle occupants.

- Seven of the 11 (64%) were not wearing safety restraints.
- Two of the seven (29%) were ejected from their vehicle.
- No child passenger requiring child restraint devices was killed.

One pedestrian was killed.

FATALITY LOG

	DAY	TIME	COUNTY	HIGHWAY	NUMBER KILLED	ALCOHOL RELATED
1.	THURSDAY	2:02 a.m.	WASHINGTON	I-26	2	YES
2.	FRIDAY	12:44 a.m.	WASHINGTON	CITY STREET	1	YES
3.	FRIDAY	2:30 a.m.	MCMINN	COUNTY ROAD	1	NO
4.	FRIDAY	12:35 p.m.	CARTER	SR-67	1	NO
5.	FRIDAY	1:42 p.m.	HAMBLEN	I-81	1	NO
6.	FRIDAY	3:55 p.m.	SHELBY	CITY STREET	1	NO
7.	FRIDAY	6:00 p.m.	FENTRESS	SR-52	1	NO
8.	FRIDAY	6:20 p.m.	SHELBY	I-240	1	NO
9.	SATURDAY	7:54 p.m.	MADISON	SR-5	1	YES
10.	SUNDAY	12:45 a.m.	MCMINN	I-75	1	NO
11.	SUNDAY	7:15 p.m.	CARTER	COUNTY ROAD	1	YES

HIGHEST DEATHS

In 1969, 22 people were killed in Tennessee traffic crashes during the 30-hour Christmas holiday period, yielding a fatality rate of one death per 1.4 hours.

LOWEST DEATHS

In 1963, one person was killed in Tennessee traffic crashes during the 30-hour Christmas holiday period, yielding a fatality rate of one death per 30 hours.

The 2004 Christmas holiday period will begin 6 p.m. Friday, December 24 and continue until midnight Sunday, December 28. This will be a 54-hour holiday period.