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AUGUST TRAFFIC FATALITY TOLL

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During the month of August 2015, seventeen persons were killed in traffic crashes on Nebraska roadways, according to data collected by the Nebraska Department of Roads.

- ◆ These 17 fatalities occurred in 16 crashes
- ◆ Seven of the 11 vehicle occupants killed were not using safety belts
- ◆ Two of the fatalities occurred on the interstate, five happened on non-interstate highways, and ten took place on local roads
- ◆ Four of the fatalities were motorcyclists
- ◆ One of the fatalities was a pedestrian
- ◆ One of the fatalities was a bicyclist
- ◆ One of the fatalities was riding an all-terrain vehicle

YEAR-TO-DATE TOTALS

2015	FATALITIES	FATAL CRASHES
January - August	152	138

COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS YEARS

YEAR	FATALITIES	FATAL CRASHES	% CHANGE v. 2015 (FATALITIES)
2014	147	129	+ 3.4
2013	144	130	+ 5.6
2012	137	128	+ 10.9
2011	115	107	+ 32.2
2011-2014 Avg.	136	124	+ 11.8

- ◆ There were 18 fatalities in August of 2014
- ◆ Eighty-nine of the 116 vehicle occupants killed so far during 2015 (77%) were not using safety belts

This report includes information available through September 20, 2015, from the Highway Safety/Accident Record Section, Traffic Engineering Division, Nebraska Department of Roads. For additional information, contact Mary Jo Oie (402) 479-4512.



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