

Fact Sheet - Traffic Safety Awareness Month

- 74% of pedestrian deaths occur at night (the hours between dusk and dawn).
- Low-light and low visibility are major contributing factors to pedestrian fatalities.
- Drivers in the United States struck and killed 3,373 people in the first half of 2023 according to analysis from the Governors Highway Safety Association.
- Over the past decade, (2013-2023) pedestrian fatalities have risen a staggering 58%
- Drivers struck and killed more than 7,500 pedestrians in 2022 – the most fatalities in a single year in four decades and an average of 20 deaths every day, also according to the Governors Highway Safety Association.
- July 4th (Independence Day) and the days surrounding are routinely some of the deadliest days of the year in terms of traffic fatalities of which pedestrian deaths make up nearly 20 percent.
- According to the CDC, a study analyzing the years from 2011-2020 found that one officer per week was killed on our nation's roads (2011-2020 = 50 deaths per year).¹ Most years, motor vehicle-related incidents — including crashes and being struck by moving vehicles while on foot — are the main cause of death for officers.
- According to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, 114 law enforcement officers were struck and killed while out of their vehicles during the 10-year period ending in 2020. To help make it safer for officers and other emergency responders, *Move Over* laws have now been enacted in all 50 states. *Move Over* laws typically require motorists to change lanes and/or slow down when approaching an authorized emergency vehicle stopped alongside the roadway.
- Having a light source, wearing reflective clothing, and taking other precautionary measures will greatly reduce the chance of someone being struck as a pedestrian at night.

Other facts and safety tips can be found at the Pedestrian Safety Institute website
www.pedestriansafetyinstitute.net.

