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Unrestrained Fatalities on Alabama Highways Go Up in November

MONTGOMERY – Crash activity reports from the Alabama Department of Public Safety (DPS) show the number of victims who died in vehicle crashes where seat belts were available and were not wearing seat belts increased from October.

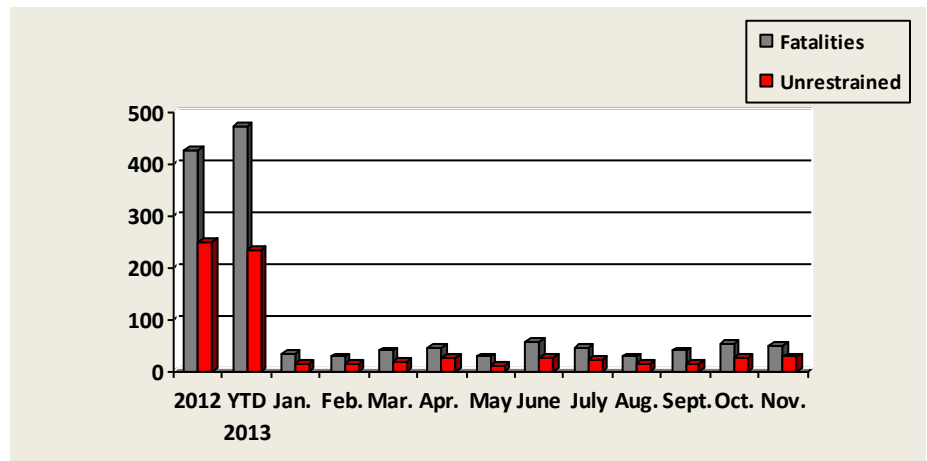
According to preliminary traffic crash data, there were 49 victims killed in vehicle crashes investigated by Alabama State Troopers in November 2013, down from 54 in October. However, of the November number, 44 were in vehicles where seat belts were available, and 29 victims were not wearing seat belts, up from 28 in October.

The latest information from DPS shows 472 victims have been killed thus far in 2013, an increase of 11 from the same time period in 2012. Additionally, of the 472 crash victims this year, 393 were in vehicles where seat belts were available, but 235 victims were not restrained.

Data from traffic crashes investigated by state troopers indicates 59 percent of all victims killed in 2012 were not wearing seat belts at the time of their deaths.

DPS and ALDOT jointly release to the public each month the number of unrestrained fatalities in crashes investigated by troopers in an effort to improve seat belt use and decrease deaths on Alabama highways.

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