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### **STATE POLICE: ONE TRAFFIC DEATH DURING HOLIDAY WEEKEND**

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**LANSING.** The Michigan State Police (MSP) confirmed today that preliminary reports indicate one person lost their life in a traffic crash during this year's Fourth of July holiday weekend. In comparison, 14 people died in traffic crashes during the 2008 Fourth of July holiday weekend.

The victim was restrained with a lap and shoulder belt and alcohol was not a factor in the crash.

"These numbers only reflect crashes and fatalities reported to the Michigan State Police as of noon today," stated Capt. Robert R. Powers Jr., commander of the MSP Traffic Safety Division. "The preliminary numbers show a significant decrease in fatalities from last year, which is proof the hard work and dedication of the entire traffic safety community is paying off."

The official Fourth of July holiday weekend ran from 6 p.m. on Friday, July 3, through midnight on Sunday, July 5, 2009.

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