

Partnership with OVI Task Force National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) 2010 Award Application Medium Metro General Achievement Award

The Eastgate Regional Council of Governments (Eastgate) is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Mahoning and Trumbull Counties. Eastgate is the regional voice of government, designated by the state of Ohio, with members including Ashtabula County, Mahoning County, Trumbull County, and all cities, villages, and townships in those counties. Although not an MPO member, Ashtabula County receives services through the Appalachian Regional Commission, Ohio Rideshare, and Economic Development Administration programs.

Eastgate's success and ability to provide comprehensive and high-quality services to the region can be attributed to its ability to form strong and diverse partnerships. Eastgate recognizes partnerships are not only beneficial for sharing resources and information, but that they are crucial to promoting regionalism and a sense of community.

Like other regional councils, Eastgate has formed lasting partnerships with local, state and national government entities, local businesses, universities and community groups. Examples of Eastgate's successful partnership programs include watershed and source water protection planning, MPO/Department of Transportation coordination, bi-state highway and transit planning, rideshare programs and a procurement program.

Unique partnerships include the Environmental Protection Advisory Committee (EPAC) and the Operating a Vehicle Impaired (OVI) Task Forces. EPAC was formed in 2006 as a forum for cooperative, regional environmental planning, with the realization that environmental problems are not contained within political boundaries. EPAC is an active group, with 21 officially-appointed committee members and an actual meeting attendance between 35 and 50 people. Eastgate was recognized in 2007 by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency for its efforts to build regional relationships to solve environmental challenges.

One of the most important and unique partnerships that Eastgate has is with the local OVI Task Forces. The top 10 counties with the highest alcohol-related fatalities each year are target counties for OVI Task Forces and funding from the Ohio Traffic Safety Office. Mahoning and Trumbull Counties are currently both Targeted Alcohol Counties. The goal of the Mahoning and Trumbull County Task Forces is to reduce the number of alcohol-related crashes and fatalities in the region.

The current Mahoning County Task Force for fiscal year 2009 includes the Boardman Police Department, Canfield Police Department, Goshen Police Department, Austintown Police Department, New Middletown Police Department, Youngstown Police Department, Youngstown State University, Jackson Police Department, Beaver Police Department, Ohio Department of Natural Resources/Lake Milton State Park, Milton Police Department, Poland Township Police Department, Springfield Police Department, Mahoning County Sheriff's Office (Attachment A).

The 2009 Trumbull County Task Force includes the Bazetta Police Department, Brookfield Police Department, Champion Police Department, Fowler Police Department, Girard Police Department, Hubbard Police Department, Hubbard Township Police Department, Kinsman Township Police Department, Liberty Police Department, Lordstown Police Department, McDonald Police Department, Niles Police Department, Weathersfield Police Department, West Farmington Police Department, and the Trumbull County Sheriff's Office (Attachment A). Both local Task Forces are assisted by the Ohio State Highway Patrol and the Ohio Investigative Unit.

Eastgate has been active in the Task Forces since 2003. Eastgate maintains a large repository of crash data from which maps, tables and statistics are provided at monthly meetings, which are often held at Eastgate's office. The data provided by Eastgate enables the Task Forces to identify locations with higher alcohol-related accidents (Attachment B). These locations are targeted for sobriety checkpoints and saturation patrols which help to reduce the number of drunk drivers and alcohol-related accidents. In addition to providing crash location data, crash data is examined for temporal patterns. By identifying peak hours, peak days, or peak seasons, target enforcement becomes more effective.

Part of the Task Force's job is to identify alcohol-impaired drivers through checkpoints, but another important aspect is education. Press releases remind the public that impaired driving is a dangerous practice, and encourage the use of designated drivers. Checkpoints create driver awareness and an opportunity to pass out educational materials. The Task Forces are required to coordinate a minimum of 12 sobriety checkpoints with coordinating saturation patrols, and 3 press releases. From October 2006 to September 2007 there were 22 sobriety checkpoints, 21,500 cars stopped, 36 OVI checkpoint arrests, and 116 OVI saturation patrol arrests.

Eastgate also works with the Task Forces to secure necessary funding. Through the Governor's Office of Safety, Eastgate was able to secure \$35,000 in funding for vehicle-mounted variable message signs for two patrol cars in each county and collapsible lane reduction signs to funnel traffic safely into the checkpoint diversion areas. This is an example of the new safety initiative being promoted by Eastgate and the state of Ohio.

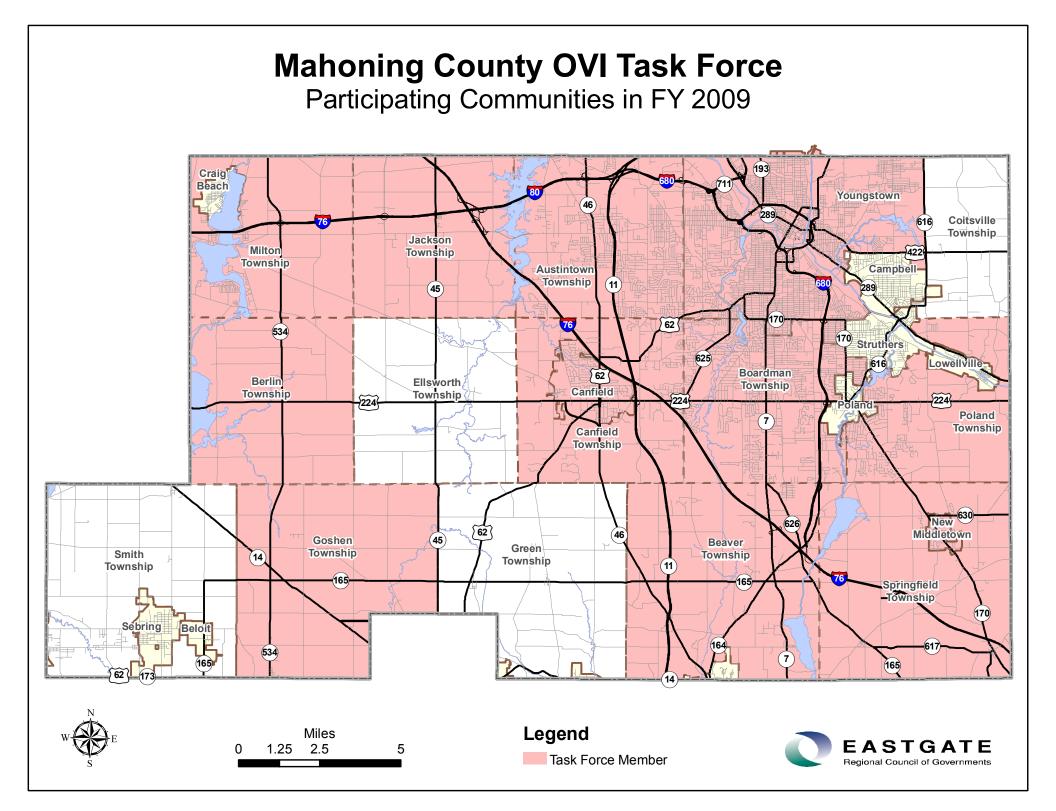
Through the efforts of the OVI Task Forces and Eastgate, the number of alcohol-related fatal accidents has significantly reduced in the two-county area, validating the success of this program and partnership (Attachment C). The Task Forces have been so successful that both Mahoning and Trumbull Counties may soon be removed from the list of Top 10 Targeted Alcohol Counties, which means that Task Forces would no longer be required. The Mahoning County OVI Task Force recognized Eastgate's contribution to the Task Force for four years in a row through an appreciation award (Attachment D).

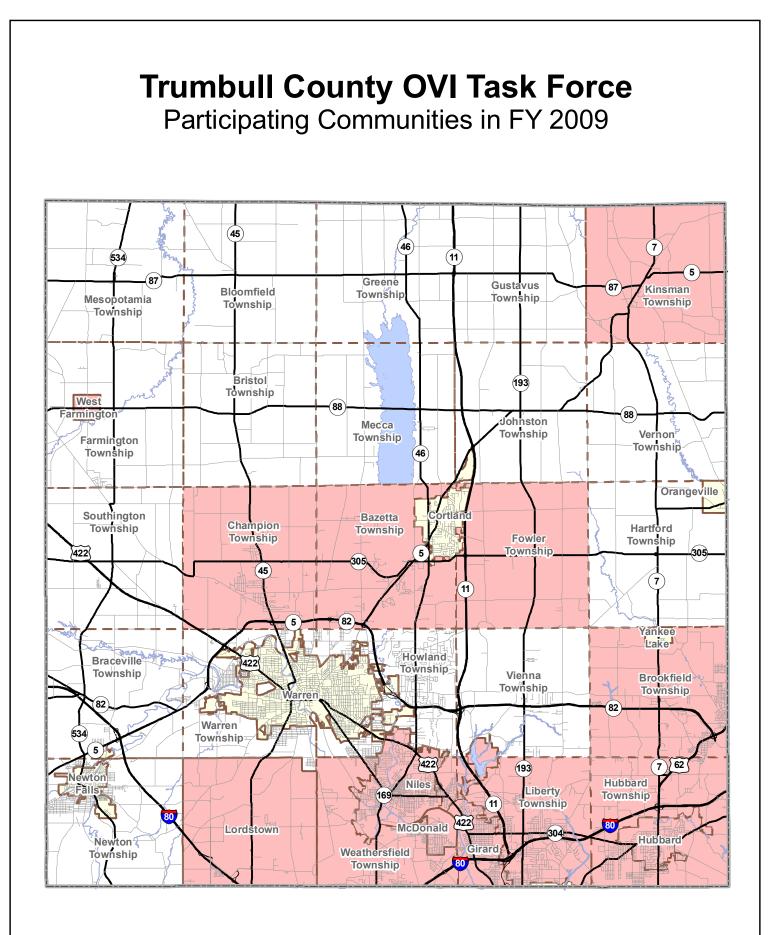
Eastgate's partnership with the local OVI Task Forces reduced the number of alcoholrelated fatalities and made the roads safer. Eastgate's partnerships benefit all involved through sharing information, resources and cost. As a result of partnerships, Eastgate can offer efficient and effective programs and services that enhance the quality of life in our region. The creative approach to finding solutions, saving money and saving lives through partnerships merits recognition for a NARC General Achievement Award.

ATTACHMENT A

Mahoning County 2006 Task Force Photo Participating Communities in the Mahoning County Task Force Participating Communities in the Trumbull County Task Force









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ATTACHMENT B Examples of Crash Data Provided to Task Forces



Alcohol Crash Data Statistics for Mahoning County

- In 2006, 495 people in Ohio were killed in alcohol-related crashes representing 40% of the 1,239 total traffic fatalities.
- Mahoning County has experienced 962 alcohol-related crashes during 2004-2006. Of these crashes, 565 (59%) occurred in Austintown, Boardman and Youngstown.
- Youngstown was first with 200 alcohol-related crashes during 2004-2006. That is 21% of the total alcohol-related crashes for that period.
- 637 people were injured in alcohol-related crashes in Mahoning County during 2004-2006. Another 41 people were killed.
- June, July and August were the worst months when it comes to alcohol-related crashes at 265 crashes during 2004-2006. 28% of the crashes occurred during these months.
- October, November and December had 249 alcohol-related crashes during 2004-2006 equaling 26% of the total alcohol-related crashes for that period.
- July had the most alcohol-related crashes of any month during 2004-2006 at 102 crashes. That is 11% of the total alcohol-related crashes for that period.
- Friday, Saturday and Sunday has the most alcohol-related crashes of any other three day period in Mahoning County with 543 alcohol-related crashes (56%) during 2004-2006.
- Saturday was the worst day of the week during 2004-2006 having a total of 229 alcoholrelated crashes (24%).
- In Mahoning County, 77% of the total alcohol-related crashes had male drivers. That was 741 alcohol-related crashes during 2004-2006.
- 22% of the total alcohol-related crashes had female drivers. That was 207 alcohol-related crashes during 2004-2006.
- The age bracket with the most alcohol-related crashes in Mahoning County during 2004-2006 was the 20-29 having had 286 alcohol-related crashes or 30%.
- The 30-39 and 40-49 age brackets both were second in the number of alcohol-related crashes during 2004-2006 having had 201 alcohol-related crashes or 21% for each.
- In Mahoning County, the hours between 12:00 AM 2:00 AM were the most dangerous resulting in 297 alcohol-related crashes during 2004-2006. That was 31% of the total alcohol-related crashes for that period.
- 2:00 AM had the most alcohol-related crashes with 121 or 13% during 2004-2006 with 12:00 AM next, having 97 or 10% of the total alcohol-related crashes for that period.
- During the years of 2004-2006, Mahoning County had 22,797 total traffic accidents with 975 or 4% of those accidents being alcohol-related crashes.
- Out of the 88 total traffic crash fatalities during 2004-2006, 41 or 47% were alcoholrelated crashes.
- Out of the 9,648 total traffic crash injuries during 2004-2006, 637 or 7% were alcoholrelated crashes.

	2004	2005	2006	3 years
January	20	31	22	73
February	27	25	24	76
March	21	31	20	72
April	18	41	28	87
May	23	21	25	69
June	34	31	22	87
July	38	40	24	102
August	29	22	25	76
September	26	26	19	71
October	32	30	35	97
November	28	24	25	77
December	27	25	23	75
Total	323	347	292	962

Total A/R Crashes by Day of the Week

	2004	2005	2006	3 years
Sunday (1)	49	60	46	155
Monday (2)	32	36	35	103
Tuesday (3)	28	44	35	107
Wednesday (4)	37	31	40	108
Thursday (5)	48	28	25	101
Friday (6)	44	66	49	159
Saturday (7)	85	82	62	229
Total	323	347	292	962

Total A/R Crashes by City or Township

	2004	2005	2006	3 years
Austintown	67	69	53	189
Beaver	14	13	14	41
Beloit	1	0	1	2
Berlin	3	8	4	15
Boardman	52	59	65	176
Campbell	4	7	5	16
Canfield	14	30	12	56
Coitsville	3	4	2	9
Craig Beach	1	0	0	1
Ellsworth	3	7	0	10
Goshen	6	6	7	19
Green	11	7	10	28
Jackson	14	8	10	32
Lordstown	0	1	0	1
Lowellville	0	0	2	2
Milton	18	5	12	35
New Middletown	0	3	0	3
Poland	13	11	8	32
Sebring	2	0	3	5
Smith	8	9	8	25
Springfield	12	12	11	35
Struthers	5	12	13	30
Youngstown	72	76	52	200
Total	323	347	292	962

Total A/R Crashes by Weather Condition

	2004	2005	2006	3 years
Fog	4	3	1	8
No Adverse Weather Conditions	256	291	226	773
Other Weather Conditions	3	4	3	10
Rain	42	27	49	118
Snow	12	20	6	38
Weather Not Stated	6	2	7	15
Total	323	347	292	962

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Total A/R Crashes by Gender of Driver

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	2004	2005	2006	3 years
Female	69	76	62	207
Male	249	268	224	741
Not Stated	5	3	6	14
Total	323	347	292	962

Total A/R Crashes by Age of Driver

	2004	2005	2006	3 years
9 and under	4	4	5	13
10 to 19	23	26	25	74
20 to 29	96	102	88	286
30 to 39	72	66	63	201
40 to 49	77	73	51	201
50 to 59	40	57	39	136
60 to 69	9	13	13	35
70 to 79	2	3	7	12
80 to 89	0	3	1	4
90 to 99	0	0	0	0
100 and over	0	0	0	0
Total	323	347	292	962

Total A/R Crashes by Hour of the Day

	2004	2005	2006	3 years
12:00 AM (0)	36	34	27	97
1:00 AM (1)	33	22	24	79
2:00 AM (2)	45	46	30	121
3:00 AM (3)	17	19	23	59
4:00 AM (4)	6	9	6	21
5:00 AM (5)	6	4	5	15
6:00 AM (6)	1	1	6	8
7:00 AM (7)	3	2	3	8
8:00 AM (8)	1	1	1	3
9:00 AM (9)	2	3	0	5
10:00 AM (10)	2	4	2	8
11:00 AM (11)	3	1	0	4
12:00 PM (12)	2	3	4	9
1:00 PM (13)	3	2	6	11
2:00 PM (14)	7	7	4	18
3:00 PM (15)	5	13	11	29
4:00 PM (16)	7	14	12	33
5:00 PM (17)	. 9	16	18	43
6:00 PM (18)	8	22	18	48
7:00 PM (19)	15	16	9	40
8:00 PM (20)	23	26	18	67
9:00 PM (21)	33	28	22	83
10:00 PM (22)	30	27	13	70
11:00 PM (23)	26	27	30	83
Total	323	347	292	962

	2004	2005	2006	3 years
Total Crashes by County	8,018	7,832	6,947	22,797
Total Deaths by County	37	30	21	88
Total Injuries by County	3,380	3,361	2,907	9,648
Total Population by County	257,555	257,555	257,555	257,555

	2004	2005	2006	3 years
Total Crashes by State	381,639	358,127	334,206	1,073,972
Total Deaths by State	1,285	1,326	1,239	3,850
Total Injuries by State	140,177	131,245	122,979	394,401
Total Population by State	11,353,140	11,353,140	11,353,140	11,353,140

	2004	2005	2006	3 years
Total A/R Crashes by County	327	352	296	975
Total A/R Deaths by County	18	15	8	41
Total A/R Injuries by County	195	271	171	637
Total Population by County	257,555	257,555	257,555	257,555

	2004	2005	2006	3 years
Total A/R Crashes by State	17,244	16,474	16,076	49,794
Total A/R Deaths by State	477	474	495	1,446
Total A/R Injuries by State	10,568	10,510	9,746	30,824
Total Population by State	11,353,140	11,353,140	11,353,140	11,353,140



Alcohol Crash Data Statistics for Trumbull County

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- In 2006, 495 people in Ohio were killed in alcohol-related crashes representing 40% of the 1,239 total traffic fatalities.
- Trumbull County has experienced 1,142 alcohol-related crashes during 2004-2006. Of these crashes, 434 (38%) occurred in Warren, Liberty and Howland.
- Warren was first with 238 alcohol-related crashes during 2004-2006. That is 21% of the total alcohol-related crashes for that period.
- 769 people were injured in alcohol-related crashes in Trumbull County during 2004-2006. Another 27 people were killed.
- April, May, and June were the worst months when it comes to alcohol-related crashes at 304 crashes during 2004-2006. 27% of the crashes occurred during these months.
- October, November and December had 280 alcohol-related crashes during 2004-2006 equaling 25% of the total alcohol-related crashes for that period.
- February had the most alcohol-related crashes of any month during 2004-2006 at 112 crashes. That is 10% of the total alcohol-related crashes for that period.
- Friday, Saturday and Sunday has the most alcohol-related crashes of any other three day period in Trumbull County with 677 alcohol-related crashes (60%) during 2004-2006.
- Saturday was the worst day of the week during 2004-2006 having a total of 286 alcoholrelated crashes (25%).
- In Trumbull County, 77% of the total alcohol-related crashes had male drivers. That was 877 alcohol-related crashes during 2004-2006.
- 22% of the total alcohol-related crashes had female drivers. That was 246 alcohol-related crashes during 2004-2006.
- The age bracket with the most alcohol-related crashes in Trumbull County during 2004-2006 was the 20-29 having had 380 alcohol-related crashes or 33%.
- The 30-39 age brackets was second in the number of alcohol-related crashes during 2004-2006 having had 270 alcohol-related crashes or 24% for each.
- In Trumbull County, the hours between 12:00 AM 2:00 AM were the most dangerous resulting in 362 alcohol-related crashes during 2004-2006. That was 32% of the total alcohol-related crashes for that period.
- 2:00 AM had the most alcohol-related crashes with 154 or 13% during 2004-2006 with 12:00 AM next, having 106 or 10% of the total alcohol-related crashes for that period.
- During the years of 2004-2006, Trumbull County had 17,126 total traffic accidents with 1,161 or 7% of those accidents being alcohol-related crashes.
- Out of the 68 total traffic crash fatalities during 2004-2006, 27 or 40% were alcoholrelated crashes.
- Out of the 7,430 total traffic crash injuries during 2004-2006, 769 or 10% were alcohol-related crashes.

	2004	2005	2006	3 years
January	29	32	34	95
February	29	35	48	112
March	31	34	18	83
April	37	28	30	95
May	43	37	25	105
June	36	36	32	104
July	32	30	29	91
August	39	30	28	97
September	25	23	32	80
October	29	36	30	95
November	38	28	33	99
December	27	27	32	86
Total	395	12	371	1142

Total A/R Crashes by Day of the Week

	2004	2005	2006	3 years
Sunday (1)	73	59	84	216
Monday (2)	33	37	32	102
Tuesday (3)	35	33	35	103
Wednesday (4)	52	30	32	114
Thursday (5)	62	48	36	146
Friday (6)	60	60	55	175
Saturday (7)	80	109	97	286
Total	395	376	371	1,142

Total A/R Crashes by City or Township

	2004	2005	2006	3 years
Bazetta	23	18	17	58
Bloomfield	3	2	3	8
Braceville	11	12	13	36
Bristol	6	6	4	16
Brookfield	23	18	19	60
Champion	16	10	16	42
Cortland	1	6	2	9
Farmington	4	2	1	7
Fowler	10	9	3	22
Girard	13	7	12	32
Greene	0	0	4	4
Gustavus	2	2	11	5
Hartford	7	9	4	20
Howland	37	39	29	105
Hubbard	15	17	20	52
Johnston	8	5	5	18
Kinsman	3	1	0	4
Liberty	30	32	29	91
Lordstown	8	9	8	25
McDonald	1	1	3	5
Mecca	7	9	9	25
Mesopotamia	6	4	2	12
Newton	10	7	7	24
Newton Falls	8	1	7	16
Niles	16	25	22	63
Orangeville	0	0	1	1
Southington	12	17	12	41
Vernon	7	7	8	22
Vienna	15	12	16	43
Warren	84	76	78	238
Weathersfield	8	13	16	37
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Total	395	376	371	1,142

Total A/R Crashes by Weather Condition

	2004	2005	2006	3 years
Fog	4	4	3	11
Heavy Wind	0	0	2	2
No Adverse Weather Conditions	289	310	281	880
Other Weather Conditions	8	2	3	13
Rain	65	34	54	153
Snow	27	23	23	73
Weather Not Stated	2	3	5	10
Total	395	376	371	1,142

Total A/R Crashes by Gender of Driver

	2004	2005	2006	3 years
Female	98	77	71	246
Male	289	293	295	877
Not Stated	8	6	5	19
Total	395	376	371	1,142

Total A/R Crashes by Age of Driver

	2004	2005	2006	3 years
9 and under	3	4	4	11
10 to 19	28	28	32	88
20 to 29	126	131	123	380
30 to 39	104	80	86	270
40 to 49	76	89	74	239
50 to 59	43	32	34	109
60 to 69	8	8	15	31
70 to 79	5	4	1	10
80 to 89	2	0	2	4
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11:00 AM (11)	5	6	3	14
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2:00 PM (14)	13	3	5	21
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4:00 PM (16)	12	16	10	38
5:00 PM (17)	9	13	14	36
6:00 PM (18)	14	18	14	46
7:00 PM (19)	14	23	20	57
8:00 PM (20)	26	18	19	63
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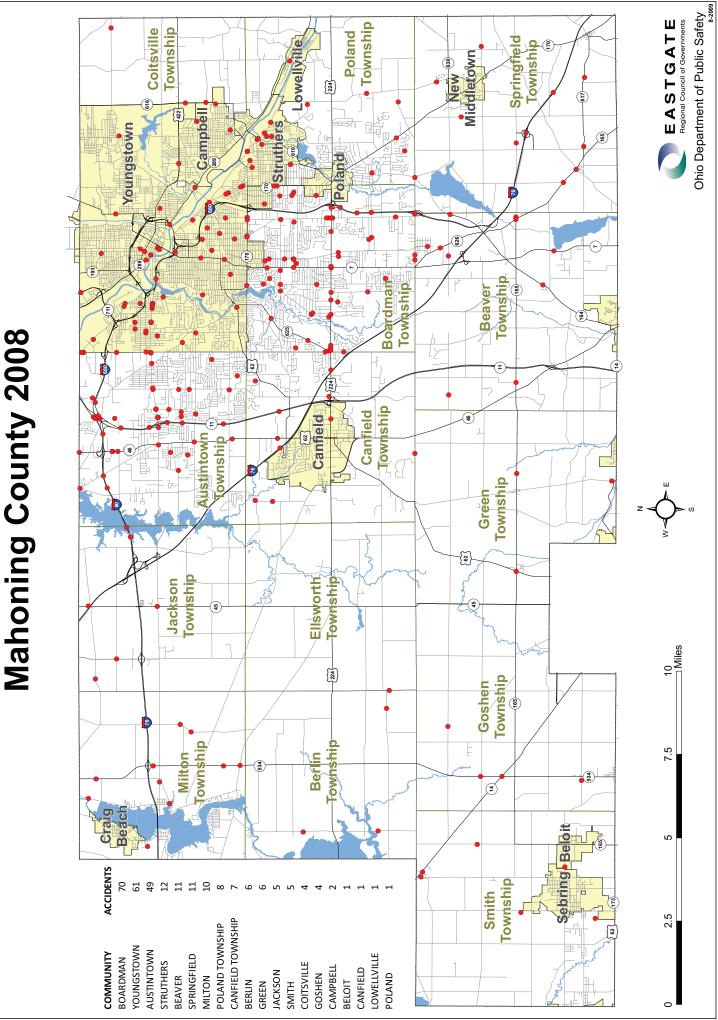
	2004	2005	2006	3 years
Total Crashes by County	6,252	5,599	5,275	17,126
Total Deaths by County	19	19	30	68
Total Injuries by County	2,570	2,429	2,431	7,430
Total Population by County	225,116	225,116	225,116	225,116

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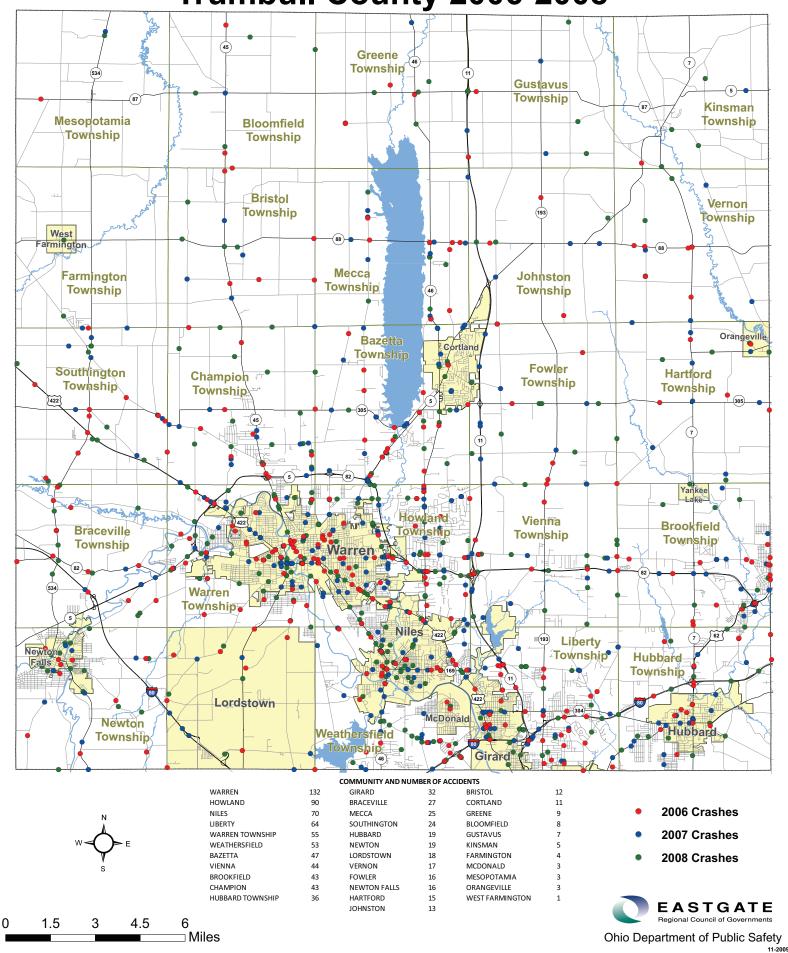
	2004	2005	2006	3 years
Total A/R Crashes by County	399	384	378	1,161
Total A/R Deaths by County	8	8	11	27
Total A/R Injuries by County	234	295	240	769
Total Population by County	225,116	225,116	225,116	225,116

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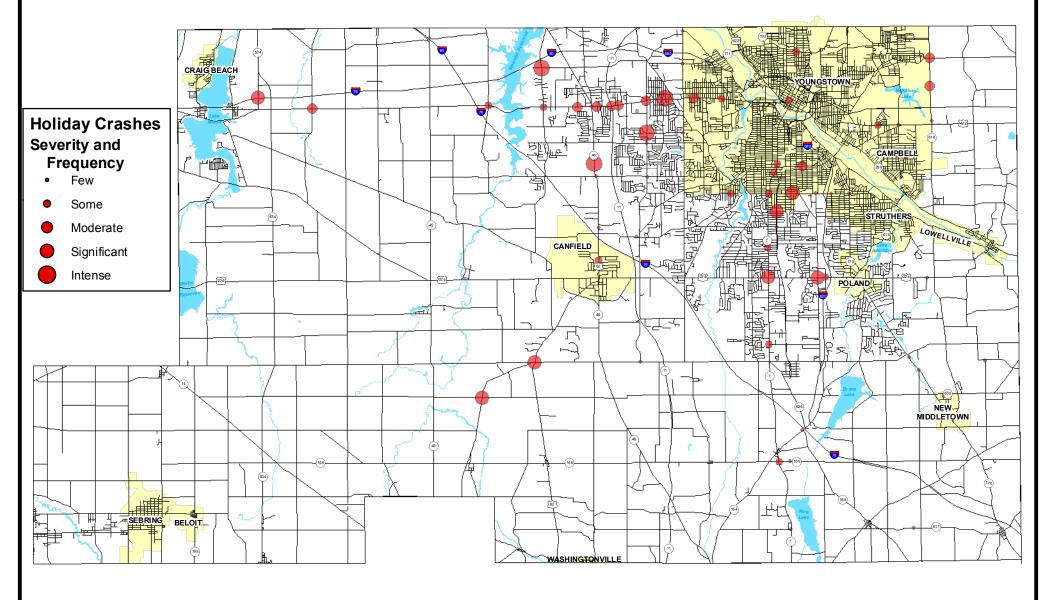


Alcohol Related Crashes Mahoning County 2008

Alcohol Related Crashes Trumbull County 2006-2008



Mahoning County Holiday Alcohol / Drug - Related Crashes





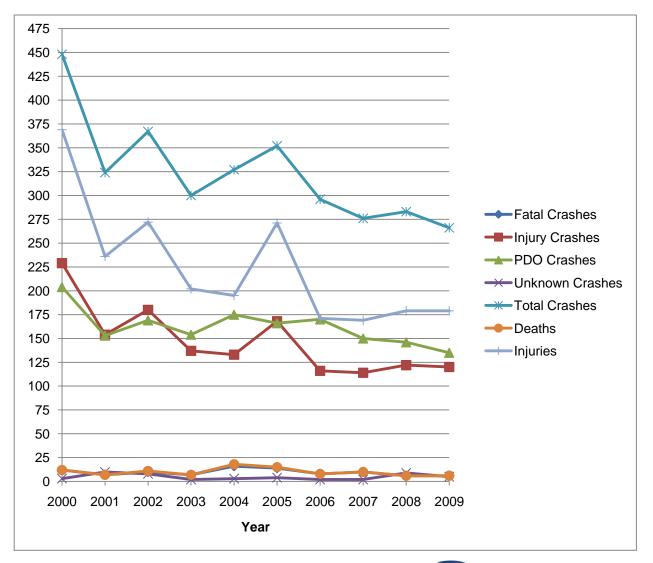
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Alcohol-related crash statistics for Mahoning and Trumbull Counties

Mahoning County Alcohol-Related Crashes 2000-2009

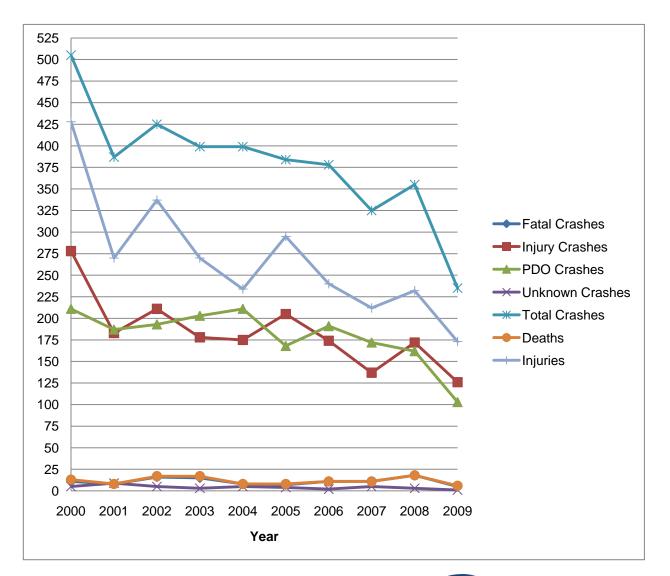
Year	Fatal Crashes	Injury Crashes	PDO Crashes	Unknown Crashes	Total Crashes	Deaths	Injuries
2000	12	229	204	3	448	12	369
2001	7	154	153	10	324	7	236
2002	10	180	169	8	367	11	272
2003	7	137	154	2	300	7	202
2004	16	133	175	3	327	18	195
2005	14	168	166	4	352	15	271
2006	8	116	170	2	296	8	171
2007	10	114	150	2	276	10	169
2008	6	122	146	9	283	6	179
2009	6	120	135	5	266	6	179





Trumbull County Alcohol-Related Crashes 2000-2009

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Year	Crashes	Crashes	Crashes	Crashes	Crashes	Deaths	Injuries
2000	11	278	211	5	505	13	428
2001	8	183	187	9	387	8	270
2002	16	211	193	5	425	17	337
2003	15	178	203	3	399	17	270
2004	8	175	211	5	399	8	234
2005	7	205	168	4	384	8	295
2006	11	174	191	2	378	11	240
2007	11	137	172	5	325	11	212
2008	18	172	162	3	355	18	232
2009	5	126	103	1	235	6	173





ATTACHMENT D

Appreciation Award from the Mahoning County Task Force

Certificate of Appreciation

This certificate recognizes the support of the

Eastgate Regional Council of Governments

during the FFY '09 grant year of the Mahoning County OVI Task Force.

Your commitment and support has assisted in making the roads in Mahoning County safer by helping to reduce alcohol and drug related crashes.

Presented by this 8th day of September, 2009.

Tracy Styka, OW Task Force Coordinator

The Mahoning County OVI Task Force is funded by USDOT/NHTSA and ODPS/OTSO through the Goshen Police District

