

**California's 2007 DUI Enforcement Crackdown**  
*Report Drunk Drivers – Call 911*

**Fact Sheet**

**California Data**

In California in 2006, 1,597 people were killed in alcohol related crashes, up from 1,574 fatalities in 2005 – an increase of 0.015 percent. Additionally in 2006, there were 31,099 people injured in alcohol-related crashes, up from 30,810 in 2005.

In California in 2005, 182,414 people were arrested for driving under the influence (DUI).

The average alcohol-related fatality in California costs \$3.8 million, including \$1 million in monetary costs and \$2.8 million in quality of life losses.

The estimated cost per injured survivor of an alcohol-related crash averaged(s) \$115,000 including \$55,000 in monetary costs and \$60,000 in quality of life losses.

Alcohol-related crashes accounted for an estimated 20 percent of California's auto insurance payments. Reducing alcohol-related crashes by 10 percent could save \$300 million in claims payments and loss adjustment expenses.

**National Data**

Nationally, there were 17,602 alcohol-related fatalities in 2006 – an increased by 0.1 percent from 17,590 in 2005.

Alcohol-related motor vehicle crashes kill someone every 31 minutes and non-fatally injure someone every two minutes.

In 2006, half (50%) of the drivers involved in fatal crashes who had been drinking had a blood alcohol content (BAC) of .16 or above.

Nationally, the rate of alcohol involvement in fatal crashes is more than three times higher at night, compared to daytime offenses.

In 2006, 42 percent of all fatal crashes during the week were alcohol-related, compared to 58 percent on weekends.

Sources: Statistics provided by the California Highway Patrol *Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System (SWITRS)* and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) National Center for Statistics and Analysis (Alcohol Traffic Safety Facts 2006).