Delaware Sees Increase in Alcohol-Related Crashes and Fatalities in 2012

The 2012 Annual Traffic Statistical Report recently issued by the Delaware State Police Planning and Research Section shows that although alcohol was involved in only 6% of all crashes (1,272 out of 21,202 crashes) in 2012, alcohol was involved in 44% of all fatal crashes (48 out of 110). Even more troubling is that the percentage of alcohol-related fatal crashes increased significantly from 37% to 44% between 2011 and 2012.

The report also tracks the number of alcohol-related fatal crashes (crashes in which someone died) and the number of alcohol-related fatalities from crashes as two separate (but related) indicators. The closeness of the lines indicates that most fatal crashes result in only 1 fatality. The number of alcohol related fatalities increased to levels not seen since 2008.

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