

FACT SHEET
QUARTERLY SEATBELT REPORT
 January 14, 2015

BACKGROUND

The Office of Special Operations directed Traffic Coordination Section (TCS), Emergency Operations Division (EOD), to conduct a quarterly analysis of employee-involved traffic collisions in 2014. The purpose of the analysis was to determine the seatbelt compliance rate for Department employee-involved traffic collisions and to identify any trends. The analysis reviewed all employee-involved traffic collisions, with the exception of those involving Department motorcycles, bicycles and unattended parked vehicles, to determine whether the driver and passenger officers were wearing a seatbelt. It should be noted that the Volume 4, Section 289 "Safety Belts In Department Vehicles" of the Department Manual provides an exemption to the use of seatbelt in certain situations.

SUMMARY

The Fleet Safety Database was queried and revealed that during the fourth quarter, there were a total of 151 employee-involved traffic collisions, which involved 214 Department employees that were required to wear a seatbelt. The analysis revealed that 190 occupants (drivers and passengers) wore their seatbelt, which equated to an 89 percent fourth quarter Department-wide seatbelt compliance rate. Consequently, the year-to-date Department-wide seatbelt compliance rate is now 84 percent.

FINDINGS

The following charts provide year to date figures on the seatbelt compliance rate for employee involved traffic collisions and non-seatbelt justification.

2014 Total Traffic Collisions Requiring Seatbelts

| Bureau | Total T/Cs | Total Occupants | Belts Yes (Driver & Pass) | Belts No (Driver & Pass) | Overall % Belts Worn |
|----------------|-------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Central | 92 | 176 | 149 | 27 | 85 |
| South | 88 | 169 | 121 | 48 | 72 |
| Valley | 140 | 251 | 209 | 42 | 83 |
| West | 114 | 212 | 182 | 30 | 86 |
| Misc. | 159 | 191 | 181 | 10 | 95 |
| TOTALS: | 593 | 999 | 842 | 157 | 84 |

DETAILED FINDINGS

The following charts provide quarterly findings on the seatbelt compliance rate for employee involved traffic collisions. It should be noted that *all first, second, and third quarter totals have been updated* to include those reports that were not included in the previous quarterly report.

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2014 Traffic Collisions Requiring Seatbelts - 1st Quarter

| Bureau | Total T/Cs | Total Occupants | Belts Yes (Driver & Pass) | Belts No (Driver & Pass) | Overall % Belts Worn |
|----------------|------------|-----------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Central | 24 | 41 | 36 | 5 | 88 |
| South | 8 | 37 | 28 | 9 | 76 |
| Valley | 41 | 76 | 68 | 8 | 89 |
| West | 32 | 61 | 51 | 10 | 84 |
| Misc. | 39 | 44 | 44 | 0 | 100 |
| TOTALS: | 144 | 259 | 227 | 32 | 88 |

2014 Traffic Collisions Requiring Seatbelts 2nd Quarter

| Bureau | Total T/Cs | Total Occupants | Belts Yes (Driver & Pass) | Belts No (Driver & Pass) | Overall % Belts Worn |
|----------------|------------|-----------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Central | 17 | 37 | 28 | 9 | 76 |
| South | 31 | 47 | 29 | 18 | 62 |
| Valley | 33 | 58 | 48 | 10 | 83 |
| West | 27 | 52 | 43 | 9 | 83 |
| Misc. | 40 | 55 | 53 | 2 | 96 |
| TOTALS: | 148 | 249 | 201 | 48 | 81 |

2014 Traffic Collision Requiring Seatbelts - 3rd Quarter

| Bureau | Total T/Cs | Total Occupants | Belts Yes (Driver & Pass) | Belts No (Driver & Pass) | Overall % Belts Worn |
|----------------|------------|-----------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Central | 21 | 55 | 47 | 8 | 86 |
| South | 22 | 43 | 28 | 15 | 65 |
| Valley | 38 | 75 | 54 | 21 | 72 |
| West | 29 | 57 | 51 | 6 | 89 |
| Misc. | 40 | 47 | 44 | 3 | 94 |
| TOTALS: | 150 | 277 | 224 | 53 | 81 |

2014 Traffic Collision Requiring Seatbelts - 4th Quarter

| Bureau | Total T/Cs | Total Occupants | Belts Yes (Driver & Pass) | Belts No (Driver & Pass) | Overall % Belts Worn |
|----------------|------------|-----------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Central | 30 | 43 | 38 | 5 | 88 |
| South | 27 | 42 | 36 | 6 | 86 |
| Valley | 28 | 42 | 39 | 3 | 93 |
| West | 26 | 42 | 37 | 5 | 88 |
| Misc. | 40 | 45 | 40 | 5 | 89 |
| TOTALS: | 151 | 214 | 190 | 24 | 89 |

The following charts provide the fourth quarter figures on the seatbelt compliance rate for employee involved traffic collisions.

2014 4th Quarter TOTALS

| Bureau | Total T/Cs | Total Occupants | Belts Yes (Driver & Pass) | Belts No (Driver & Pass) | Overall % Belts Worn |
|----------------|------------|-----------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Central | 30 | 43 | 38 | 5 | 88 |
| South | 27 | 42 | 36 | 6 | 86 |
| Valley | 28 | 42 | 39 | 3 | 93 |
| West | 26 | 42 | 37 | 5 | 88 |
| Misc. | 40 | 45 | 40 | 5 | 89 |
| TOTALS: | 151 | 214 | 190 | 24 | 89 |

Operations-Central Bureau 4th Quarter

| | Total Traffic Collisions | Total Occupants | Belts Yes (Driver & Pass) | Belts No (Driver & Pass) | Overall % Belts Worn |
|---------------|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| OCB | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 100 |
| Central | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 100 |
| Rampart | 6 | 9 | 7 | 2 | 78 |
| Hollenbeck | 7 | 11 | 8 | 3 | 73 |
| Northeast | 4 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 100 |
| Newton | 5 | 6 | 6 | 0 | 100 |
| CTD | 6 | 10 | 10 | 0 | 100 |
| Total: | 30 | 43 | 38 | 5 | 88 |

Operations-South Bureau 4th Quarter

| | Total Traffic Collisions | Total Occupants | Belts Yes (Driver & Pass) | Belts No (Driver & Pass) | Overall % Belts Worn |
|---------------|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| OSB | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 100 |
| 77th | 5 | 9 | 9 | 0 | 100 |
| Southwest | 6 | 6 | 6 | 0 | 100 |
| Harbor | 7 | 14 | 10 | 4 | 71 |
| Southeast | 5 | 9 | 7 | 2 | 78 |
| STD | 3 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 100 |
| Total: | 27 | 42 | 36 | 6 | 86 |

Operations-Valley Bureau 4th Quarter

| | Total Traffic Collisions | Total Occupants | Belts Yes (Driver & Pass) | Belts No (Driver & Pass) | Overall % Belts Worn |
|---------------|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| OVB | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 100 |
| Van Nuys | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | n/a |
| West Valley | 5 | 9 | 9 | 0 | 100 |
| North HWD | 2 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 100 |
| Foothill | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | n/a |
| Devonshire | 6 | 9 | 7 | 2 | 78 |
| Mission | 4 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 83 |
| Topanga | 3 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 100 |
| VTD | 7 | 9 | 9 | 0 | 100 |
| Total: | 28 | 42 | 39 | 3 | 93 |

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CONCLUSION

This was the final quarterly seatbelt compliance audit. Although the Department compliance rate is 84 percent, the Department still has not achieved full compliance in seatbelt usage.

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