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IDOT, ISP Alcohol and drug-impaired driving ruins the holidays

SPRINGFIELD — Data from IDOT’s Bureau of Data Collection shows the number of alcohol-impaired fatalities – **motor vehicle deaths involving at least one driver with a blood alcohol content of 0.08 or higher – has increased.** In 2021, a total of **275 people died in alcohol-impaired crashes in Illinois, an increase of 50 deaths from 2020.**

Last year, **1,334 people lost their lives in crashes, the highest total since 2005.** According to provisional data, **1,182 fatalities have occurred** in 2022 as of Dec. 14, which is 98 fewer deaths over this same period last year. “The holidays are a time for friends and families, not funerals,” said ISP Director Brendan F. Kelly. “Driving while impaired, either by alcohol or drugs, is not only dangerous, it can be deadly. This holiday season, if you go out to celebrate, plan for a ride share or designate a driver, and make it home to your friends and family.” [READ](#)

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