

Traffic Safety Officials concerned about fatal collisions despite drop in numbers

Number of fatal and injury collisions drops for seventh year in a row

A new report by the City of Edmonton's Office of Traffic Safety shows a four per cent drop in fatal and injury collisions between 2012 and 2013. Traffic fatalities in Edmonton dropped from 27 in 2012 to 23 in 2013. Although Edmonton has seen a drop in fatal and injury collisions for the seventh year in a row, OTS officials remain concerned about the number of lives lost.



"Twenty three families who were expecting their mothers, fathers, brothers and sisters to return home instead experienced the tragic news of their loss," says Stevanus Tjandra, Senior Traffic Safety Analytical Coordinator, Office of Traffic Safety. "This is a sobering realization especially when the vast majority of these collisions are highly preventable."

Last year's fatalities included:

- 14 vehicle occupants (11 drivers and three passengers)
- Six pedestrians
- Two motorcyclists
- One cyclist

Collisions at intersections made up 55 per cent of the collision total, but resulted in 69 per cent of the total injuries and accounted for 11 of the 23 fatalities in 2013.

Following too closely (tailgating) was the most common cause of collisions in Edmonton.

The top three high-collision intersections in the City of Edmonton in 2013 were:

- Yellowhead Trail NW and 149 Street NW (83 collisions, 16 injuries)
- 107 Avenue NW and 142 Street NW (81 collisions, 14 injuries)
- 23 Avenue NW and 91 Street NW (64 collisions, 14 injuries)

Tjandra adds, "The behaviour of Edmonton road users has to change – everyone including drivers, cyclists and pedestrians needs to commit to a culture of traffic safety. It's up to all of us to accept and share personal responsibility for what happens on our roads."

The number of injuries in traffic collisions in Edmonton is at a 20-year low.

The [Motor Vehicle Collision Report](#) provides a review of the 2013 traffic collision profile for on road collisions in the City of Edmonton. The information collected and analyzed by the Office of Traffic Safety helps the City of Edmonton to make informed decisions about new traffic controls, safety measures and enforcement.

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