



# Arizona Department of Public Safety

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## Arizona Department of Public Safety Statistics Show on Average Photo Enforcement is Saving 3 Lives Per Month on Valley Freeways.

*Results show 116 fewer injury crashes*

Thanks to the work of the Governor and the Arizona Legislature, the increased number of DPS Officers on state highways has resulted in increased enforcement in the last few years. Accordingly, DPS has seen a steady decrease in collision numbers statewide. Since the expansion of the Photo Enforcement Program, collisions have been further reduced above the trend of the last few years.

Additional reductions occurred during the first 80 days of the expanded photo enforcement program. Property crashes have been reduced by **12%**, injury crashes by **17%** and fatality collisions by **29%**

These are preliminary numbers based on a comparison to collisions on the **metro Phoenix** freeway system from September 26<sup>th</sup> 2007 to December 16<sup>th</sup> 2007 which takes in approximately 80 days.

Also available are crash statistics in metro Phoenix for 80 days prior to the September 26, 2008 rollout of expanded photo enforcement.

**Media availability: Commander Thomas Woodward and Lieutenant Jeffrey King from the DPS Photo Enforcement Program will be available to comment on the statistics from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon at DPS headquarters 2222 W. Encanto Blvd. Suite 375**

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## Crash Data Metro Phoenix 09/26 through 12/16 (approx 80 days)

| Year  | Property Crashes | Injury Crashes | Fatal Crashes | Total Crashes | Cable Barrier Strikes | All Barriers Strikes |
|---|------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 2004  | 3885             | 1395           | 17            | 5297          | 172                   | 692                  |
| 2005  | 3976             | 1463           | 22            | 5461          | 191                   | 735                  |
| 2006  | 4170             | 1506           | 21            | 5697          | 187                   | 738                  |
| 2007  | 3730             | 1344           | 22            | 5096          | 156                   | 689                  |
| 2008  | 2468             | 834            | 9             | 3311          | 75                    | 380                  |
| percent of reduction prior year   | 33.83            | 37.95          | 59.09         | 35.03         | 51.92                 | 44.85                |
| expected reduction based on prior 2008 trends   | 21.47            | 20.55          | 29.27         | 24.82         | 34.45                 | 18.92                |
| *conservative reductions attributed to Photo Enforcement  | 12.36            | 17.40          | 29.82         | 10.21         | 17.47                 | 25.93                |
| Based on this early analysis, photo enforcement on the metropolitan Phoenix freeway system has saved approximately 3 lives every month. |                  |                |               |               |                       |                      |