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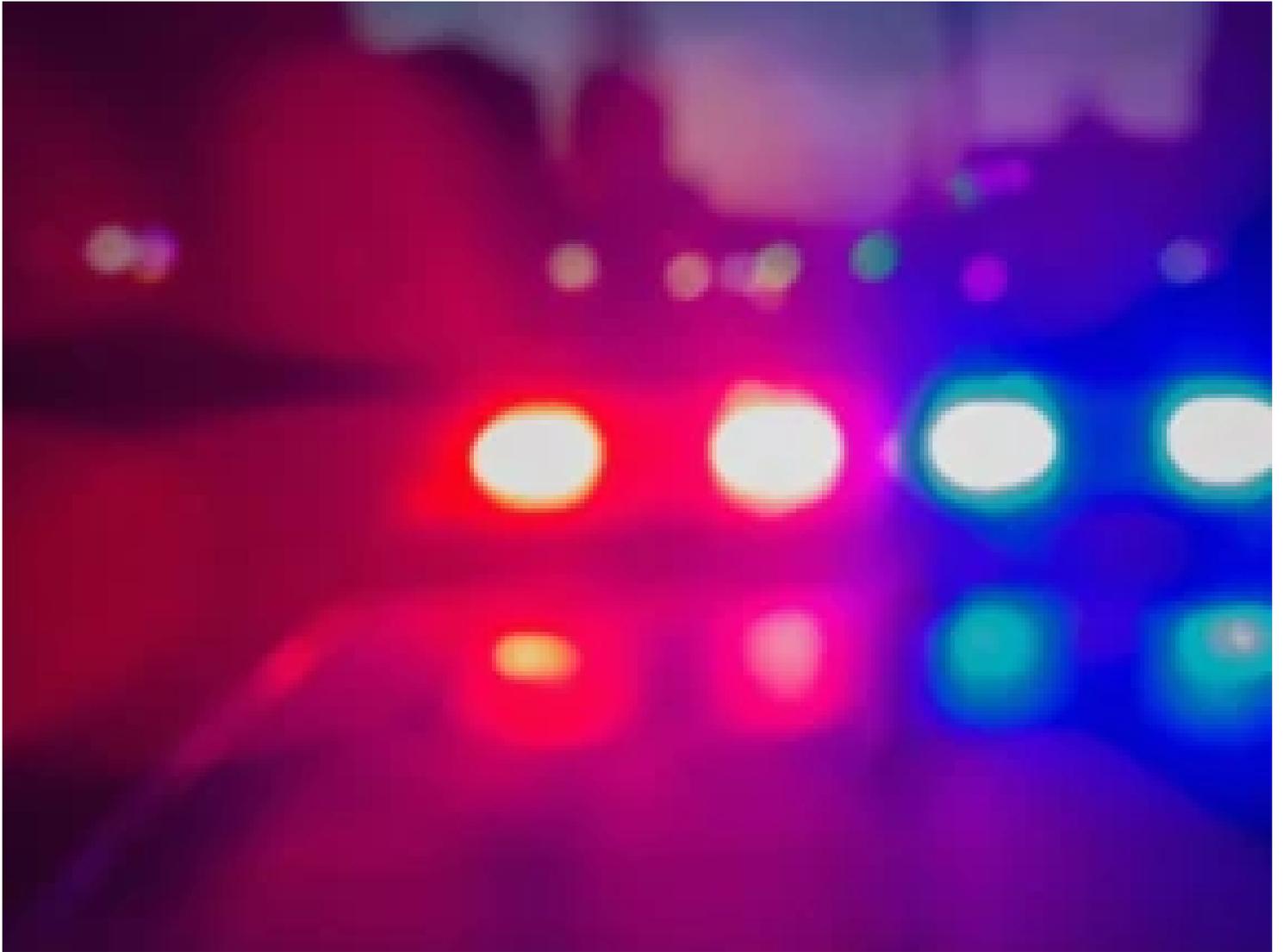
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SGI says impairment was leading factor in 87 collision deaths in 2021

Saskatchewan, for a second year in a row, reported 87 traffic fatalities, including nine pedestrians.

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Saskatchewan Government Insurance reported the preliminary statistics on Wednesday, calling it a “continuation of the long-term downward trend in road fatalities” in the province. The lowest number of collision-related fatalities on record since the 1950s is 71, reported in 2019.



Data courtesy of SGI. Released Jan. 19, 2022.

The data also shows that impairment, speeding, distracted driving and not wearing a seatbelt were the top safety concerns, SGI said in its media release.

Investigations into 68 collisions resulting in 74 deaths have been completed thus far. SGI found driver impairment was a factor in 22 deaths, driver distraction or lack of attention was a factor in 16 deaths and speeding was a factor in 17 deaths.

It found that in more than one-third of vehicle occupant deaths — at least 19 out of 53, as the seatbelt status for four victims is not known — the victim was either not wearing a seatbelt or was not properly restrained.

Minister responsible for SGI Don Morgan said he has a strong message for people considering driving impaired: just don't do it.

He said one of the most effective ways of getting the message across about impaired driving is impounding vehicles at the scene when people are caught doing it a second or third time. He noted

increased fines, greater enforcement, check stops, and public awareness are among the measures taken to reduce impaired driving.

“We’re going to continue with that enforcement and do everything we can to drive those numbers down,” he said.

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Among those who were killed were 44 drivers, 12 vehicle passengers, nine pedestrians, five all-terrain vehicle users (four drivers, one passenger), one cyclist and one snowmobiler, according to figures provided by SGI.

Morgan called the number of pedestrian killed last year worrisome. He said the province is working with municipalities to have better markings for crosswalks and better lit streets.

SGI provided information about the location of each fatality recorded last year. Two were in Saskatoon; for two others, the nearest community to the site of the collision was also Saskatoon, according to SGI’s data.

Within Regina, five fatal collisions were recorded; for two others, the city was the community nearest to the collision site. Regina was also the community with the highest number of collisions reported within its boundaries.

Accident Date	# Killed	INNEAR	Community Name
08.01.2021	1	2	LLOYDMINSTER
20.01.2021	1	2	ESTEVAN
21.01.2021	1	2	LONE ROCK
27.01.2021	1	1	REGINA
03.02.2021	1	1	REGINA
20.02.2021	1	2	REGINA
21.02.2021	1	1	BUFFALO NARROWS
21.02.2021	1	2	CARLYLE
23.02.2021	1	1	SASKATOON
04.03.2021	1	2	TISDALE
07.03.2021	1	2	PRINCE ALBERT
14.03.2021	1	2	PAYNTON
19.03.2021	1	2	MONTMARTRE
27.03.2021	1	2	SPIRITWOOD
29.03.2021	1	2	CHAPLIN
06.04.2021	1	2	KINDERSLEY
22.04.2021	1	2	DUFF
25.04.2021	1	2	ONION LAKE
01.05.2021	1	2	KHEDIVE
05.05.2021	1	1	MOOSE JAW
06.05.2021	1	2	LANGENBURG
30.05.2021	1	2	KAMSACK
31.05.2021	1	1	REGINA
09.06.2021	1	1	KINDERSLEY
18.06.2021	1	2	WADENA
18.06.2021	1	2	LUMSDEN
02.07.2021	1	2	QU'APPALLE
02.07.2021	1	2	WATROUS
10.07.2021	1	2	SASKATOON
18.07.2021	1	2	CARROT RIVER
24.07.2021	1	2	BIG RIVER
29.07.2021	2	2	FISKE
30.07.2021	1	2	REGINA
04.08.2021	1	2	LA LOCHE
08.08.2021	1	2	HUMBOLDT
11.08.2021	1	2	PRINCE ALBERT
12.08.2021	1	2	PELLY
19.08.2021	1	2	CARMEL
20.08.2021	1	2	PRINCE ALBERT
25.08.2021	1	1	TRAMPING LAKE
25.08.2021	1	2	ALSASK
26.08.2021	1	2	LLOYDMINSTER
30.08.2021	1	2	LA LOCHE
31.08.2021	1	2	SASKATOON
03.09.2021	1	2	INSINGER
05.09.2021	2	2	BIG RIVER
09.09.2021	1	1	SASKATOON
09.09.2021	1	2	WADENA
10.09.2021	1	2	SNOWDEN

In the “in/near” column in the table provided by SGI, “1” means in the community listed and “2” means the community listed is the closest community to the collision site.

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