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ACCIDENT FATALITIES 2016



Approximately 40,000 people passed away in traffic accidents in 2016 according to data from the National Safety Council. NSC says the result could change as more data becomes available, but regardless, it has been the worst year since 2007. Texas, California and Florida were the top three states for traffic fatalities in 2016, each with more than 3,000 fatalities during the year.

With technology such as smart phones in the hands of motorists every day, it's not surprising the roads are becoming more dangerous. The results of a survey conducted by the NSC found that 64 percent of drivers surveyed are comfortable speeding, 47 percent are comfortable texting either by voice or manual entry while driving, 13 percent are comfortable driving while under the influence of either recreational or medicinal marijuana, and 10 percent were comfortable driving while impaired by alcohol.

It is obvious car makers and law enforcement officials need to work together to come up with ways to control these statistics. If every car had cellphone blocking devices we should see an immediate decrease in accidents as cell phones are one of the most dangerous distractions for drivers. NSC listed several recommendations to cut down on accidents including mandatory ignition interlocks for convicted drunk drivers, using automated enforcement to catch speeders and extend laws banning cell phone use (including hands-free) to all drivers.

If you have any questions about this subject, please contact the Safety Department at ext. 1304 or email us at ssandri@nalogistics.com.

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