

## Motorists Urged To Watch For Deer During October, November

A coalition that is chaired by IIM will kick off its annual public awareness campaign to urge motorists to beware of deer while driving, especially during October and November. The Michigan Deer Crash Coalition will hold its annual news conference at the State Capitol on September 29.

There were 61,010 reports of deer vehicle crashes during 2008, down from 61,907 in 2007. Deer vehicle crashes resulted in 12 deaths in 2008 and 1,648 injuries. According to the Coalition, more than 19 percent of all crashes in Michigan involve deer. Nearly half occur in the October to December mating season when deer are very active, they spike again in the spring, when the season's first grass appears along the highway right-of-way.

Along with IIM, members of the coalition are: AAA Michigan, Federal Highway Administration, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Michigan Department of State, Michigan Department of State Police, Michigan Department of Transportation, Michigan Sheriffs' Association, Office of Highway Safety Planning, State Farm Insurance, Southeast Michigan Council of Governments and Traffic Improvement Association.

A listing of deer crashes by county follows:

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	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>		<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
Alcona	469	525	Lake	261	290
Alger	163	127	Lapeer	1,380	1,364
Allegan	1,080	1,108	Leelanau	295	253
Alpena	391	379	Lenawee	739	767
Antrim	505	454	Livingston	1,157	1,134
Arenac	443	530	Luce	125	121
Baraga	251	222	Mackinac	316	346
Barry	1,101	1,064	Macomb	659	638
Bay	420	485	Manistee	432	493
Benzie	285	289	Marquette	495	477
Berrien	931	935	Mason	777	804
Branch	957	1,001	Mecosta	1,107	1,052
Calhoun	1,802	1,733	Menominee	793	655
Cass	772	814	Midland	922	925
Charlevoix	564	490	Missaukee	447	389
Cheboygan	385	380	Monroe	288	288
Chippewa	446	414	Montcalm	1,558	1,581
Clare	622	554	Montmorency	226	194
Clinton	1,364	1,322	Muskegon	682	722
Crawford	303	265	Newaygo	780	845
Delta	932	815	Oakland	1,876	1,859
Dickinson	598	577	Oceana	516	534
Eaton	1,427	1,510	Ogemaw	579	631
Emmet	515	468	Ontonagon	311	232
Genesee	1,301	1,263	Osceola	658	655

Gladwin	509	527
Gogebic	118	96
Grand Traverse	576	573
Gratiot	1,006	1,022
Hillsdale	1,022	1,053
Houghton	324	248
Huron	1,201	1,201
Ingham	1,689	1,503
Ionia	1,200	1,121
Iosco	472	405
Iron	394	413
Isabella	1,107	1,114
Jackson	2,030	2,148
Kalamazoo	1,340	1,193
Kalkaska	209	233
Kent	2,071	2,062
Keweenaw	43	27

Oscoda	166	141
Otsego	179	218
Ottawa	1,237	1,098
Presque Isle	354	387
Roscommon	370	356
Saginaw	990	1,049
St. Clair	797	823
St. Joseph	707	697
Sanilac	1,260	1,162
Schoolcraft	313	284
Shiawassee	1,112	1,090
Tuscola	1,018	1,022
Van Buren	718	744
Washtenaw	1,169	1,167
Wayne	334	369
Wexford	466	491
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>61,907</b>	<b>61,010</b>