Overview Younger Drivers:
Fatal and Severe Injury Crashes

On Minnesota’s roadways, there were 3,088 severe crashes (fatal and serious injury) involving younger drivers ages 15-29 over a five year period from 2009-2013, averaging 618 severe crashes per year. The crash data provided in this fact sheet is for younger drivers ages 15-29, unless otherwise noted. If there was a significant difference in data for the two age groups of 15-20 and 21-29, the data is shown separately. 46% of crashes each year involve younger drivers.

Crashes by Year
Younger driver severe crashes for ages 21-29 have remained consistent over the past five years, while crashes for ages 15-20 have decreased.

Crashes by Age and Gender
66% of younger drivers in severe crashes are male.

Crash Type
Run off road and right angle crashes are the most prevalent severe crash types for younger drivers, 27% and 23% respectively.
### Time of Day and Month

21% of severe crashes involving younger drivers occurred between the hours of 3:00 - 5:59PM.

There was a slight increase in severe crashes involving younger drivers in the **summer months**, but overall, the crashes occur relatively evenly throughout the year.

### Road Type

40% of severe crashes involving younger drivers occur on **rural 2-lane roadways**.

### Traffic Control at Intersections

44% of younger driver severe crashes at intersections for ages 15-20 occurred at side-street stop-controlled intersections.

Younger driver severe crashes at intersections for ages 21-29 occurred at **signalized and stop-controlled intersections**, 34% and 36% respectively.

### Additional Contributing Factors

The majority of severe crashes involving younger drivers were **intersection related** or **lane departure** crashes.

**Focus Area**

- **Drugged**: 14\%
- **Distracted**: 9\%
- **Speeding**: 21\%
- **Unbelted**: 315\%
- **Alc-Impaired (BAC>.08)**: 432\%
- **Alc-Related (BAC<.08)**: 434\%

**Intersection Related**

- **Other / Unknown**: 3%\%
- **Yield**: 3%\%
- **Thru Stop**: 24\%
- **All Way Stop**: 24\%
- **Signal**: 24\%

**Lane Departure**

- **Other / Unknown**: 3%\%
- **Unbelted**: 384\%
- **Drugged**: 315\%
- **Distracted**: 14\%
- **Speeding**: 192\%

**Ages**

- **15-20**: 34\%
- **21-29**: 36\%