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Fact Sheet: Hit And Run Drivers Kill Nearly 1500 People Annually...

Highlights

- Approximately 11 percent of all police reported crashes involve at least one driver who flees the scene.
- Nearly 1,500 people die annually in hit and run crashes:
 - 14,914 between 1994 and 2003 (annual average = 1,491).
 - 1,557 in 2003.
- Approximately 6 in 10 fatally injured victims are pedestrians.
- 58 percent of fatal hit and run crashes occur on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday.
- 47 percent of fatal hit and run crashes occur between 9PM and 3AM.

Methods

- AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety analyzed publicly available data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration:
- Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS)
- General Estimates System (GES)

Objectives

- Emphasize existence of hit and run problem.
- Determine scope of hit and run problem:
- Estimate annual number of hit and run crashes.
- Determine number and type of fatally injured victims.
- Determine when fatal hit and run crashes happen.
- Remind potential victims how to stay safe.