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### **As Time Changes, Troopers Remind Motorists, Pedestrians to Be Safe**

MONTGOMERY -- On Sunday, Alabamians will turn their clocks back one hour, resulting in even fewer daylight hours. Alabama State Troopers urge motorists and pedestrians alike to be even more careful as they travel Alabama's roadways.

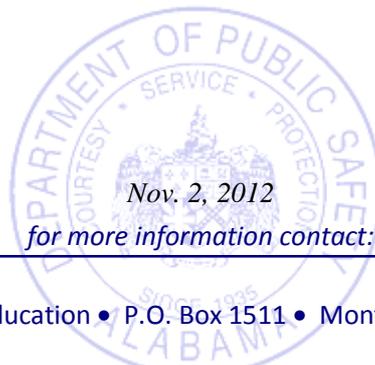
"Within the past two weeks, troopers have investigated two deadly traffic crashes involving pedestrians," said Col. Hugh B. McCall, director of the Alabama Department of Public Safety and the state's highest-ranking trooper. In St. Clair County, a 74-year-old man was killed. In Jefferson County, a 51-year-old man was killed and a 24-year-old man was injured.

"We need you, the motoring public, to help us prevent traffic injuries and fatalities involving pedestrians, particularly as our days grow shorter," McCall said.

Drivers are required to yield the right-of-way to pedestrians crossing streets in marked or unmarked crosswalks in most situations. They need to be especially careful at intersections where the failure to yield right-of-way often occurs when drivers are turning onto another street and a pedestrian is in their path.

In addition, individuals who may walk, jog or run along roadways are urged to follow these safety suggestions from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration:

- When possible, cross a street or roadway at a designated crosswalk.
- Always stop and look left, right and left again before crossing.
- Increase visibility at night by carrying a flashlight when walking and by wearing reflective clothing that helps to highlight body movements.
- And remember: It is much safer to walk on a sidewalk, but if you must walk in the street or along a rural roadway, walk facing traffic.



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