



## **RHODE ISLAND IMPAIRED DRIVING** **FACTS FOR 2005**

- **Nationwide, one person every 40 minutes, approximately 35 people a day, or nearly 13,000 people each year die in a traffic crash involving a driver or a motorcycle operator with a BAC of .08 or higher.**
- **Of the 87 fatalities in Rhode Island, 50% were alcohol related. Thirty-nine percent (39%) involved at least one person (operator or pedal cyclist) with a blood alcohol concentration at .08 or greater.**
- **Rhode Island has joined with all other states, DC and Puerto Rico to make it a crime to drive with a blood alcohol concentration of .08 or greater.**
- **Rhode Island's alcohol-related fatality rate per 100,000 vehicle miles traveled decreased for 2005, but remained close to the national average of .57 per 100.000 VMT.**
- **Five persons in Rhode Island were killed during the month of December 2005 of alcohol related highway crashes.**
- **The Rhode Island Judiciary reported that 2,227 charges were filed for driving under the influence during 2005.**