

## **Explanation regarding the data**

Crash data is protected under 23 U.S.C. § 409 and may not be used in connection with any litigation involving SHA or any other governing body.

**With regards to the attached crash data, this data represents only police reported crashes that have resulted in a fatality, injury, or major property damage that would require one or more vehicles to be towed from the crash scene.**

Data concerns MD 133 (Old Court Road) at Greenspring Avenue, and MD 133 (Old Court Road) from MD 129 (Park Heights Ave) to MD 25 (Falls Road), for the study period of January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2011.

This data is only as accurate as the information entered by the reporting officer as indicated on the MAARS (Maryland Automated Accident Report System) form.

SHA does not maintain information related to incident reports, and therefore has no way of knowing how many "near misses" may have occurred at a particular location.

To emphasize the paragraph above concerning the collection of the data – nor does it include any incidents where the police are not involved. For example, if a deer is struck, causing damage to a vehicle, and the police are not called by the motorist, it is not counted even if reported to SHA – nor is any rear-end collision counted between drivers if the motorists involved are able to settle matters between themselves for damage without police involvement.

Note also that accidents occurring at intersections crossing OCR are not always added to the count for OCR but are separately listed for the intersection involved.

Comments from SHA (State Highway Administration):

A further review of this data indicates that there was one fatal crash that occurred along the MD 133 section; from MD 129 (Park Heights) to MD 25 (Falls Road). This crash occurred during reporting year 2009, with one person killed and one vehicle occupant injured. The crash location was reported to be along westbound MD 133, approximately 150 feet east of Hambelton Court, the crash type is shown as "off road" and was coded as non-intersection related. The time of crash was 3:00 pm, and the roadway surface at the time of collision was shown to be dry. There was a total of 44 crashes, 29 of which were property damage only, reported along this three and one third mile section of roadway for the three year study period of 1/1/2009 through 12/31/2011.