

West Palm Beach Accident Lawyer David J. Glatthorn Says Car Crash Drowning Report Underscores Unique Risks Florida Drivers Face

Glatthorn, founder of David Glatthorn Law, weighs in on a news report that finds Palm Beach County has more motor vehicle drownings than any other county in Florida, which leads the nation in car accident drownings.

West Palm Beach, FL ([PRWEB](#)) December 30, 2014 -- A news report stating that Florida has more motor vehicle drowning than any other state reinforces the fact that car accidents in the Sunshine State can have grave consequences, West Palm Beach car accident lawyer David J. Glatthorn of [David Glatthorn Law](#) said today.

“Everyone knows that car accidents can result in serious injuries and fatalities, but it might come as a surprise to many Floridians that they run the risk of drowning in a car crash,” said Glatthorn, a lawyer with 34 years’ experience.

According to a Tribune News Service report published in the [Governing](#), car accident drownings by far are more common in Florida than in any other state (“Florida’s got a Big Car Drowning Problem,” *Governing*, Nov. 13, 2014). Reporters reviewed federal crash data from 2008 to 2012 which showed 49 people drowned inside their vehicles in Florida during that time period. By comparison, Texas reported 18 drownings and Indiana reported 14 during the same time period.

According to the report, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration study in 2011 found an even higher number of drownings. There were an average of 57 deaths each year between 2004 and 2007, according to the NHTSA. The article stated that the federal study reported higher numbers because researchers uncovered many vehicle drownings that law enforcement agencies had not recorded as drownings, among other factors.

The research by the Tribune News Service found that the most drownings occur in South Florida. The NHTSA’s report finds that drownings in vehicles account for 2.1 percent of all Florida car crash fatalities, which is twice the national average.

An official with the Florida Department of Transportation in Tallahassee told reporters that Florida has a higher number than other states because it has more miles of roads with water frontage than other states.

Attorney Glatthorn said drivers in Florida should do the best they can to prevent these types of accidents from happening.

“As an attorney who has represented victims of car accidents and families who have lost loved ones, I am very familiar with the devastating impact of traffic accidents. That’s why I strongly encourage people to develop and maintain safe driving habits,” Glatthorn said. “Drowning is another potentially grave consequence of a car wreck in South Florida. In so many cases, car accidents are traced back to a driver’s careless or reckless action. Many drivers think they can talk or text on their cell phones and safely operate their cars. Some people get behind the wheel after having too much to drink. Others won’t think twice about speeding or driving recklessly. These types of negligent actions do have consequences. That’s why it’s so important to drive safely and to avoid dangerous behavior behind the wheel.”

Glatthorn said anyone who loses a loved one an accident – whether it’s from drowning or some other factor



related to another driver's negligence – should seek the advice of legal counsel. An attorney can protect the rights of the injured or those who lost loved ones and help them get compensation for their expenses and losses, Glatthorn said.

About David Glatthorn Law

David Glatthorn is the sole practitioner at his West Palm Beach law firm. He handles cases involving car accidents, truck accidents, slip and fall accidents, negligent security, wrongful death and other personal types of personal injury cases. David Glatthorn graduated with a B.A. in Political Science from the University of South Florida in 1977 and a J.D. with honors from Florida State University School of Law in 1980. He has proudly served victims of personal injuries since 1980.

Attorney Glatthorn is also a member of the prestigious Million Dollar Advocates Forum, reserved for the 1% of lawyers nationwide who have received a verdict or settlement worth \$1 million or more. In addition, David Glatthorn is a Board Certified Trial Lawyer, a distinction achieved by only 4% of Florida attorneys.

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