

South Carolina Attorney Urges Drivers to Exercise Care During Holiday Travel

Bert Louthian, whose practice with the Louthian Law Firm includes the representation of those harmed in motor vehicle accidents, believes that those traveling by vehicle this holiday season face hazards, but also that they can improve their chances of arriving safely by acting responsibly.

Columbia, SC ([PRWEB](#)) December 06, 2015 -- The holidays sometimes see a spike in injuries and fatalities, especially when alcohol is involved, said auto accident lawyer Bert Louthian today. “With gas below two dollars a gallon, it’s likely that more people than usual will be hitting the roads to see relatives and friends,” noted Louthian. “The increased amount of traffic brings the risk of more accidents. When you consider that South Carolina holds the dubious distinction of being [third in the US for drunk driving arrests](#), and also contemplate the ‘party’ aspects of the holidays, you realize the need to be concerned with keeping your family happy and whole while on the road.”

During the Christmas period in 2014, the South Carolina Department of Public Safety (SCDPS) reported that [ten persons were killed on SC roads from December 24, 6:00 p.m., through December 28 at midnight](#). While there are no DIU figures, it is on record that five of the ten persons killed were not wearing seat belts during that short four-day period.

“Of the [566 people killed in vehicular crashes in South Carolina during all of 2014, at least 270 weren’t wearing seat belts](#). That’s roughly half of all accidents in 2014, the same percentage as the 2014 holiday season,” Louthian pointed out. “Wearing your seat belt and handing the driving over to someone who’s sober after you have been drinking are two of four no-brainer ways to avoid becoming an accident statistic.”

EHS Today, an environmental health and safety magazine, has listed distracted driving, impaired driving, pressured driving, and fatigued driving as the [four most dangerous driving hazards](#) during the holidays. Attorney Louthian concurs.

“The holidays are a joyful time for most of us, but the stress of meeting other people's schedules and a tendency to get less sleep at this time of year because of our commitments can and does impact our driving. We at the Louthian Law Firm urge you to stay off the roads if you are not rested or if you have had too much holiday cheer, and to always make sure everyone in your vehicle is buckled up.”

About the Louthian Law Firm P.A.

Founded by Herb Louthian in 1959, the [Louthian Law Firm](#) is family-owned and family-focused. Offering eight decades of combined legal expertise in all facets of personal injury law, the Columbia firm represents South Carolinians who have been hurt in [automobile, truck, boating, and motorcycle accidents](#).



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