

# Minnesota Department of Public Safety

## Traffic Safety Update Office of Traffic Safety Director Mike Hanson



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# An Unfortunate National Trend Increased Speed and Fatal Crashes

State	2019-2021 PRELIMINARY 2-Year % Increase
Vermont	55%
South Dakota	43%
Louisiana	37%
<b>Minnesota</b>	<b>37%</b>
Utah	33%
Illinois	31%
Connecticut	30%
Montana	30%



## U.S. Roads in 2021 Are Most Dangerous in a Decade, Says NHTSA

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## US Road Deaths Rise at Record Pace as Risky Driving Persists

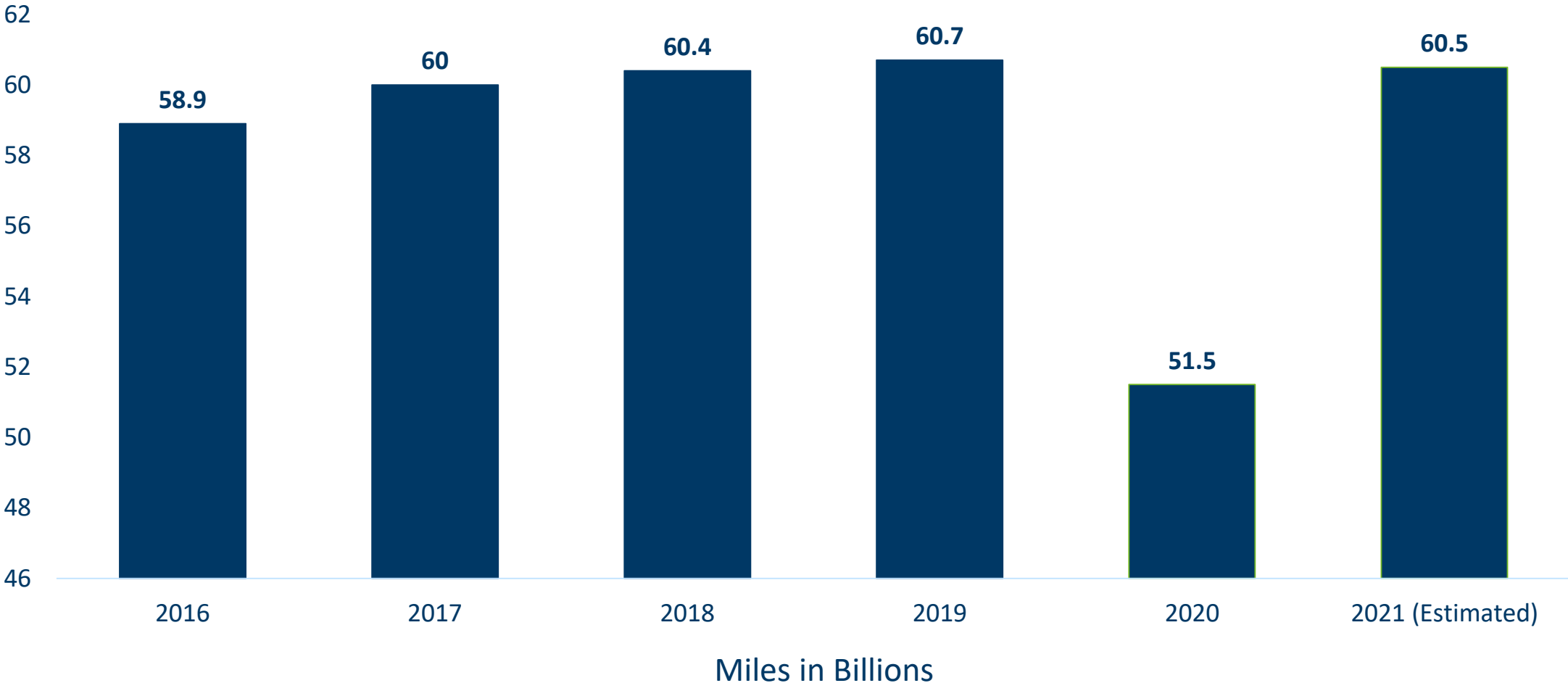
The government has reported that U.S. traffic deaths surged in the first nine months of 2021 to 31,720, keeping up a record pace of increased dangerous driving during the pandemic.

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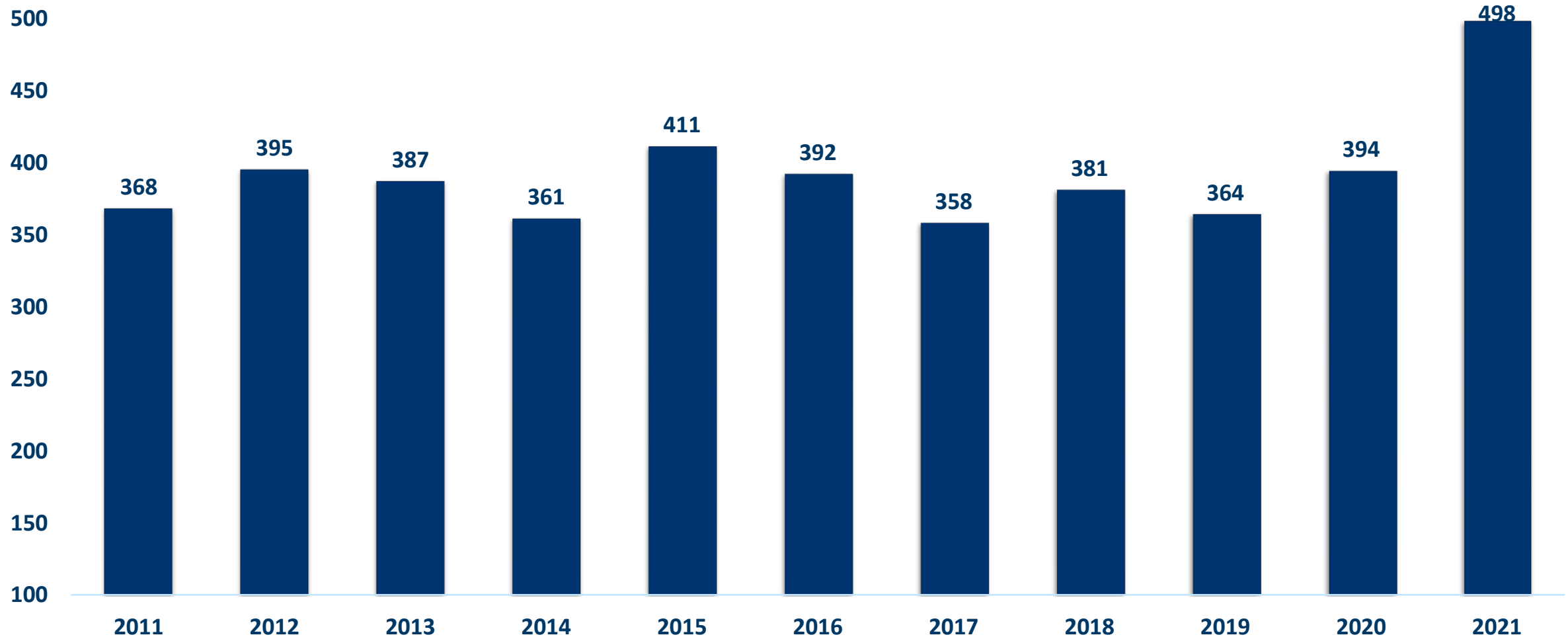
All Things Considered

'We've had enough': Law enforcement frustrated by continued speeding

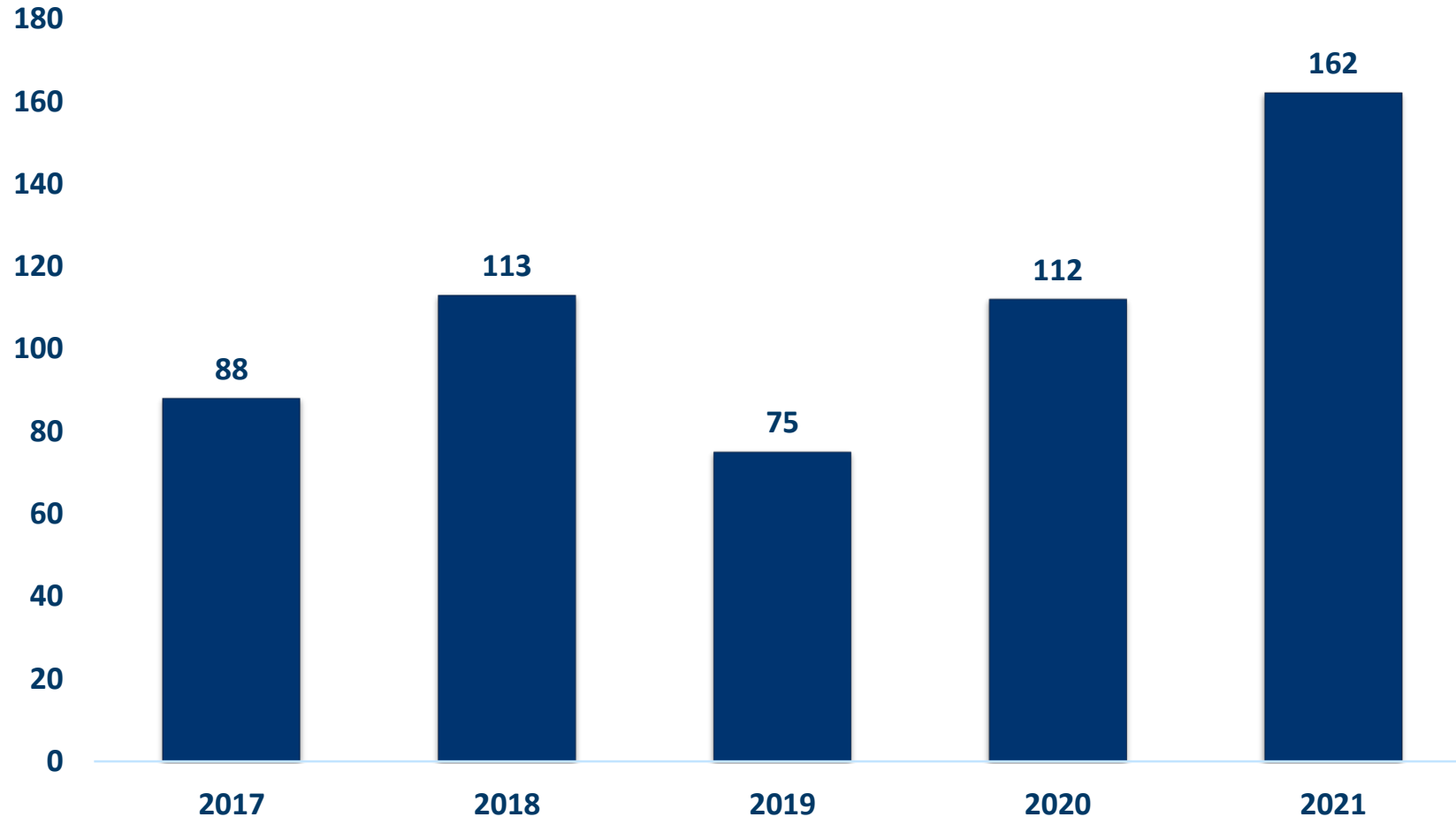
# Vehicle Miles Traveled



# Minnesota Roadway Fatalities



# Speed-Related Fatal Crashes



At 162 speed-related deaths, this is a **33%** increase from last year and a **116%** increase from 2019. Speed was a factor in at least a third of all traffic fatalities in 2021.

# Public Safety's Response to this Problem

- 2021 & 2022 Speed and Aggressive Driving Safety & Enforcement Project
- The goal is to prevent fatal and serious injury crashes
- Since early 2021 State Patrol in conjunction with OTS dedicated resources towards speed enforcement
- OTS using federal funds has developed a statewide grant program enabling local law enforcement to participate in this effort
- Media engagement and education for the public

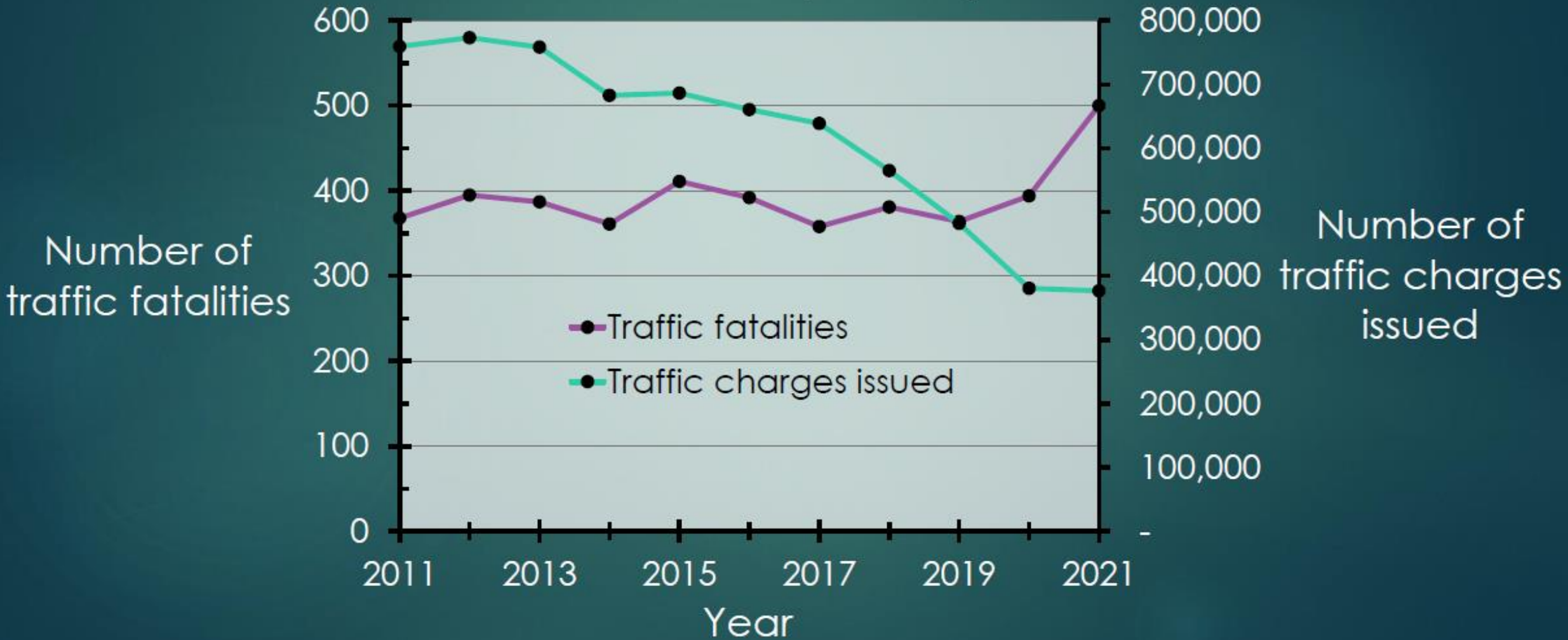
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## Traffic Safety – State Patrol Update Colonel Matt Langer



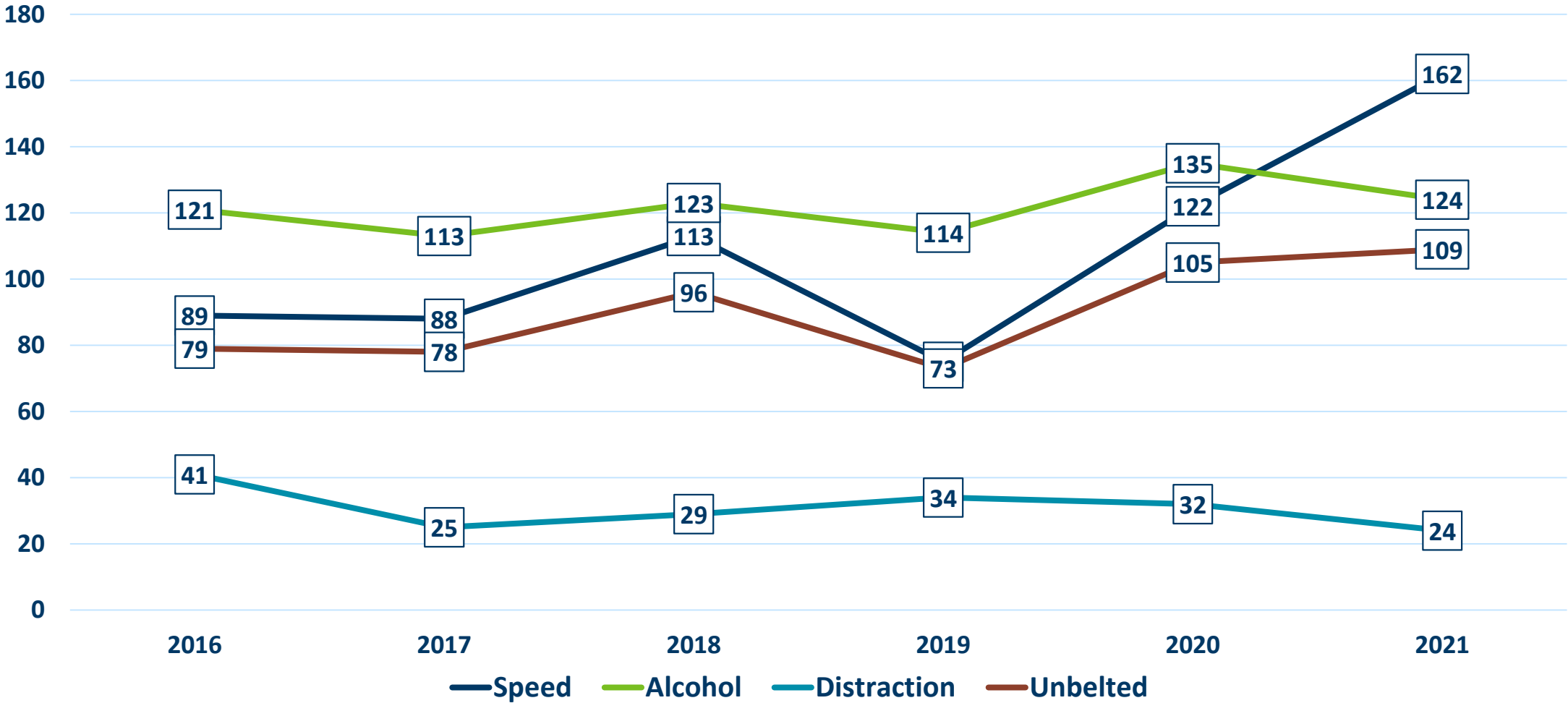
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# Traffic Fatalities and Traffic Charges Issued Over Time

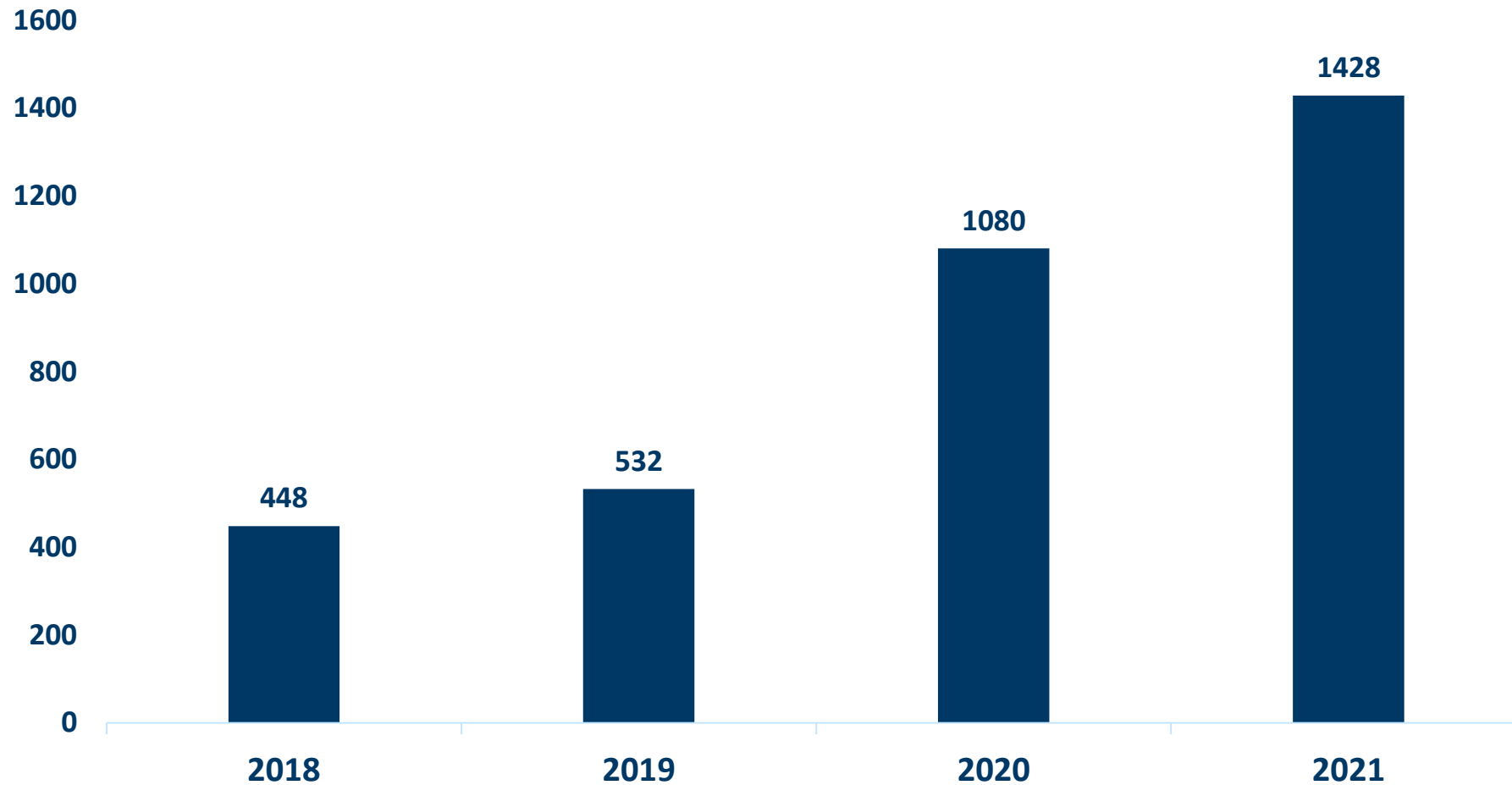




# Contributing Factors to Traffic Fatalities



# State Patrol Speeding Citations (100 mph+)

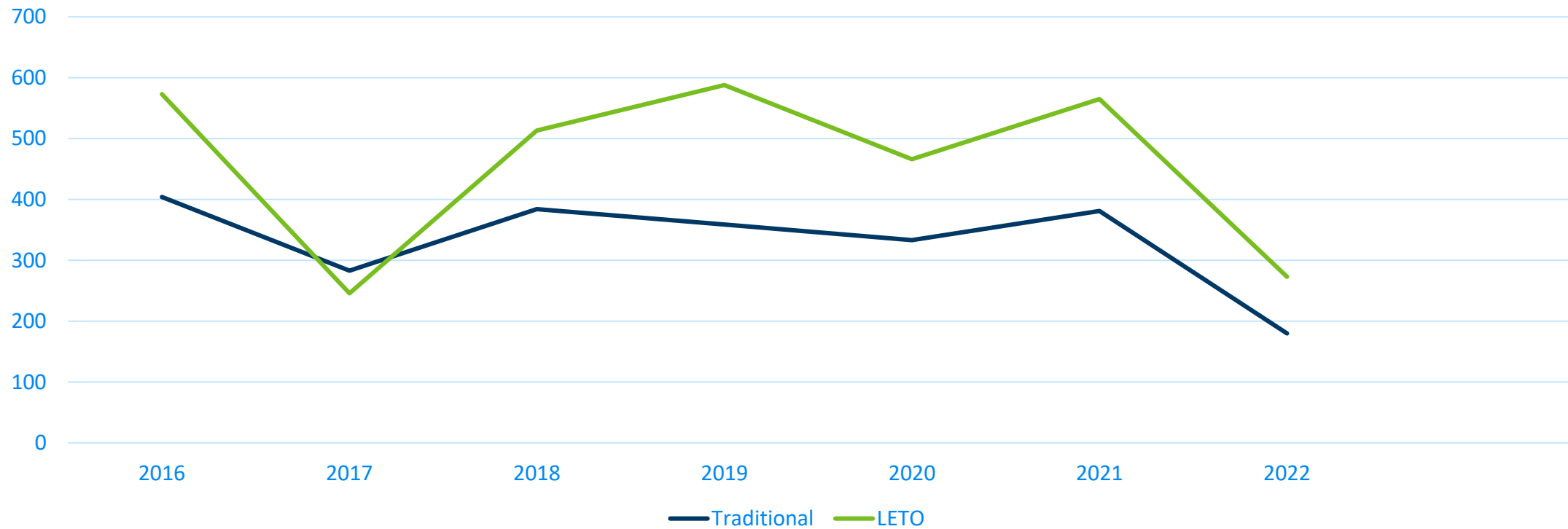


# Highway Enforcement of Aggressive Traffic Project

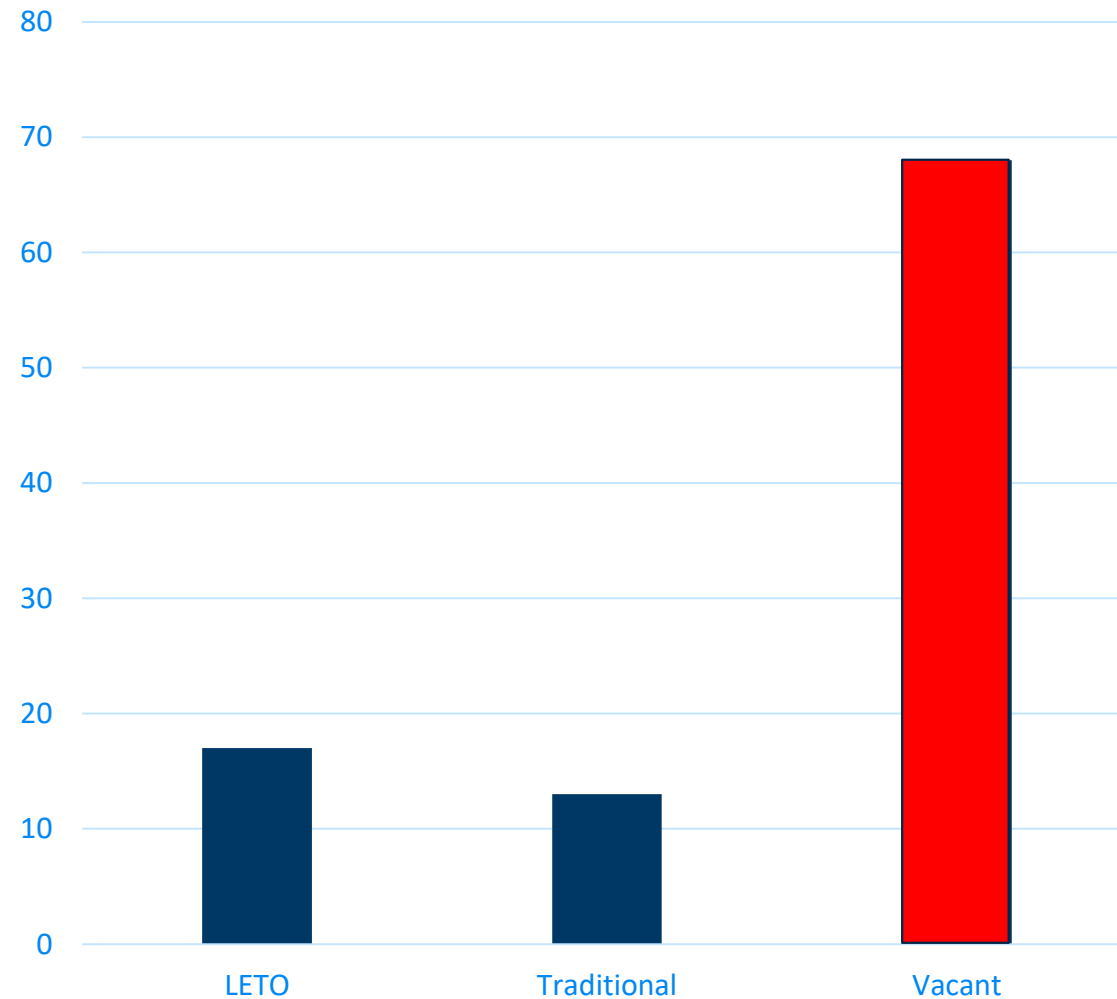
- Days Implemented = 9
- Results:
  - Traffic Stops = 667
  - Total Speed Contacts = 483
    - Top Speed: **104 mph** (driver arrested for DWI, .19 BAC)
  - Total Pursuits = 6
  - DWI Arrests = 20
- Notable Events:
  - Stolen vehicle fled, aviation tracked, driver arrested for DWI and warrant
  - Vehicle fled, aviation tracked, 3 occupants arrested
  - Aviation located suspects who fired at officers in Robbinsdale, gun recovered
  - Suspect fled, Aviation tracked to saloon in Minneapolis, suspect arrested – suspect in several shootings

# State Patrol Recruitment

## State Patrol Applications



# 2022 Academies



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## School Bus Stop Arm Camera Grant Program Office of Traffic Safety Director Mike Hanson



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# School Bus Grant Program

- Phase 1
  - RFP was open November – December 3rd
  - 32 Grantees
  - \$3,531,276 Total Awarded
- Phase 2
  - Currently 49 grantees in process
  - Awards announced June 2022
- Phase 3
  - Deadline for application is June 15, 2022

