



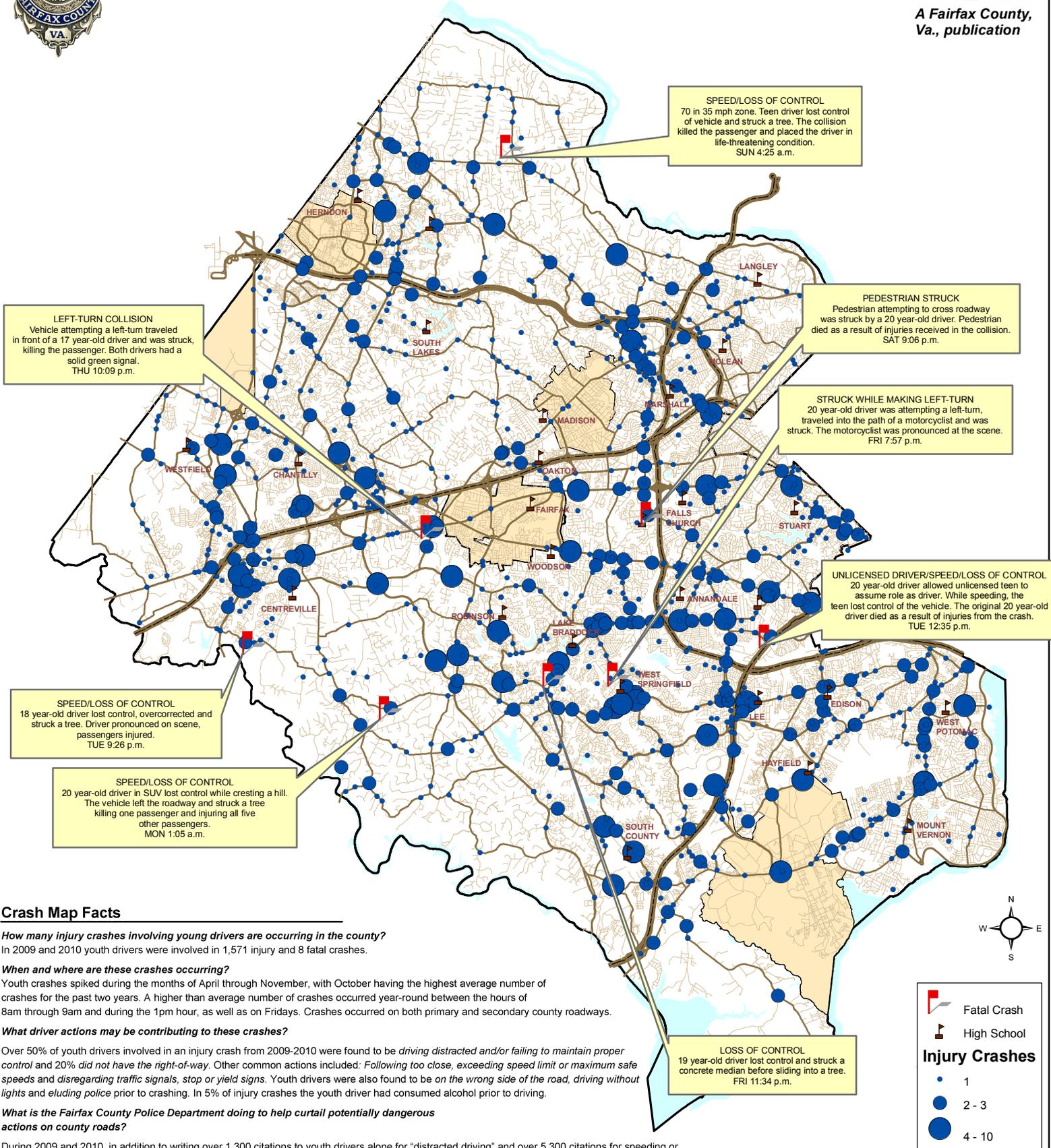
Youth Crash Map

Injury and Fatal Crashes Involving Drivers 15-20 Years of Age

Includes Crashes Occuring Within Fairfax County from 1/1/2009 through 12/31/2010



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Crash Map Facts

How many injury crashes involving young drivers are occurring in the county?
In 2009 and 2010 youth drivers were involved in 1,571 injury and 8 fatal crashes.

When and where are these crashes occurring?
Youth crashes spiked during the months of April through November, with October having the highest average number of crashes for the past two years. A higher than average number of crashes occurred year-round between the hours of 8am through 9am and during the 1pm hour, as well as on Fridays. Crashes occurred on both primary and secondary county roadways.

What driver actions may be contributing to these crashes?
Over 50% of youth drivers involved in an injury crash from 2009-2010 were found to be *driving distracted and/or failing to maintain proper control* and 20% *did not have the right-of-way*. Other common actions included: *Following too close, exceeding speed limit or maximum safe speeds and disregarding traffic signals, stop or yield signs*. Youth drivers were also found to be *on the wrong side of the road, driving without lights and eluding police* prior to crashing. In 5% of injury crashes the youth driver had consumed alcohol prior to driving.

What is the Fairfax County Police Department doing to help curtail potentially dangerous actions on county roads?

During 2009 and 2010, in addition to writing over 1,300 citations to youth drivers alone for "distracted driving" and over 5,300 citations for speeding or reckless speeding, the Fairfax County Police Department has sponsored a variety of enforcement and educational efforts to include: distracted driving campaigns, initiatives to target aggressive and reckless driving behavior, youthful driver and traffic safety education programs.

To request this information in an alternative format, call Fairfax County Police Department:
Traffic Division 703-280-0500 or TTY 703-204-2264



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