Contributing factors towards 2008 Territory Road Toll
As at 5pm December 31 2008

75 people were killed on Territory roads in 2008 as a result of 67 fatal crashes – 51 males and 24 females.

**Too many people are killed due to drink driving**
Alcohol was a factor in at least 28 deaths – 39% of the road toll

**Too many people are killed without buckling up**
Failure to wear seat belts was a factor in 24 deaths – 32%

**Too many people are killed speeding**
Speeding was a factor in at least 22 deaths – 30% of the road toll

**Too many young people are killed on our roads**
Drivers under 25 made up 33% of deaths on our roads

**The dry is more dangerous than the wet**
Significantly more fatalities occurred in the dry compared to the wet:
- 34 deaths occurred during the four month dry/tourist season from May through to August. An average of 8.5 per month
- 16 deaths occurred during the four month wet/holiday season months January, February, November and December. An average of 4 per month.

**Dramatic increase in deaths on urban roads**
31 deaths occurred on urban roads – up from 9 in 2007

**Rural deaths down slightly**
44 deaths occurred on rural roads compared to 48 in 2007

**Indigenous road toll less than non Indigenous**
Indigenous people remain over represented in the 2008 road toll but have not had the same increase as non-Indigenous. The Indigenous road toll this year was 35 compared to 31 in 2007. The non Indigenous road toll was 40 compared to 26 last year.

**Road toll is down in 130 k/h areas**
The road toll is down in areas where 130k/h limits were introduced 2 years ago. 7 people were killed in 130k/h areas in 2008 and 6 in 2007. This compares to an average of 12 per year in the five years prior to speed limits.