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Winter Storm Leads to Large Increase in MO Traffic Crashes

(AP)--Winter storms always cause a spike in wrecks, but the Missouri State Highway Patrol is raising concerns about the massive number of wrecks that occurred over a two-day period this week.

Heavy snow, along with sleet in some locations, blanketed much of the state Tuesday and Wednesday. Some areas got nearly a foot of snow. Streets, roads and highways across Missouri were a mess, prompting hundreds of schools and even many colleges to call off classes. The Highway Patrol typically handles about 100 accidents per day. On Tuesday and Wednesday, troopers investigated a combined 1,054 wrecks. Ninety-six people were hurt and two were killed. Patrol Superintendent Ron Replogle urges people to stay off the roads when conditions are dangerous.

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