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DEER/VEHICLE CRASHES

2002-2004

Wildlife crashes happen anywhere, anytime - but be especially alert:

- ◆ From dusk till dawn so slow down at night
- ◆ Driving through forested or rural areas
- ◆ When you see one deer or moose...they tend to travel in a group so there are often more animals nearby

If a crash is unavoidable...

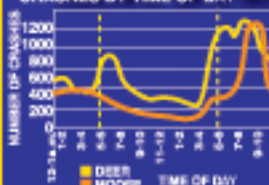
- ◆ Apply the brakes
- ◆ Let up on the brake just before impact
- ◆ Aim to hit the tail end of the animal if possible
- ◆ Duck to minimize injury

Watch for the reflection of headlights in the eyes of a deer. Because moose are taller, headlights don't reflect in their eyes. Instead, be on the lookout for a tall silhouette.

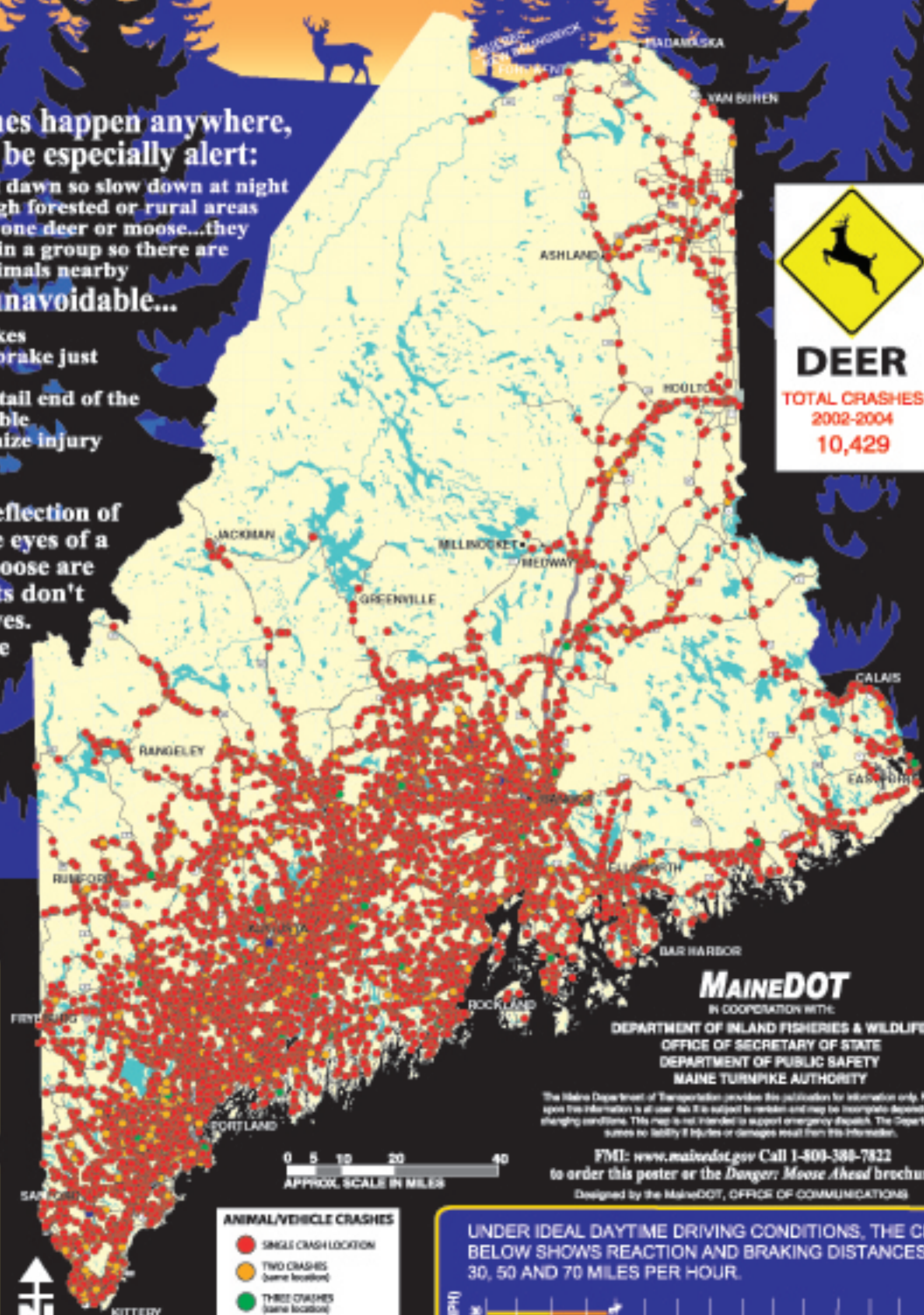
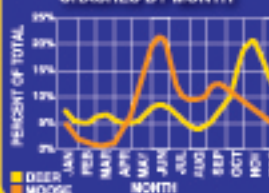
RELATIVE SIZE OF A MOOSE AND DEER COMPARED TO A SIX FOOT PERSON AND A MID-SIZE AUTOMOBILE



CRASHES BY TIME OF DAY



CRASHES BY MONTH



DEER

TOTAL CRASHES
2002-2004
10,429

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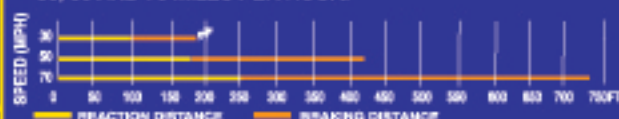
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ANIMAL/VEHICLE CRASHES

- SINGLE CRASH LOCATION
- TWO CRASHES (same location)
- THREE CRASHES (same location)
- FOUR OR MORE CRASHES (same location)

UNDER IDEAL DAYTIME DRIVING CONDITIONS, THE CHART BELOW SHOWS REACTION AND BRAKING DISTANCES AT 30, 50 AND 70 MILES PER HOUR.



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