

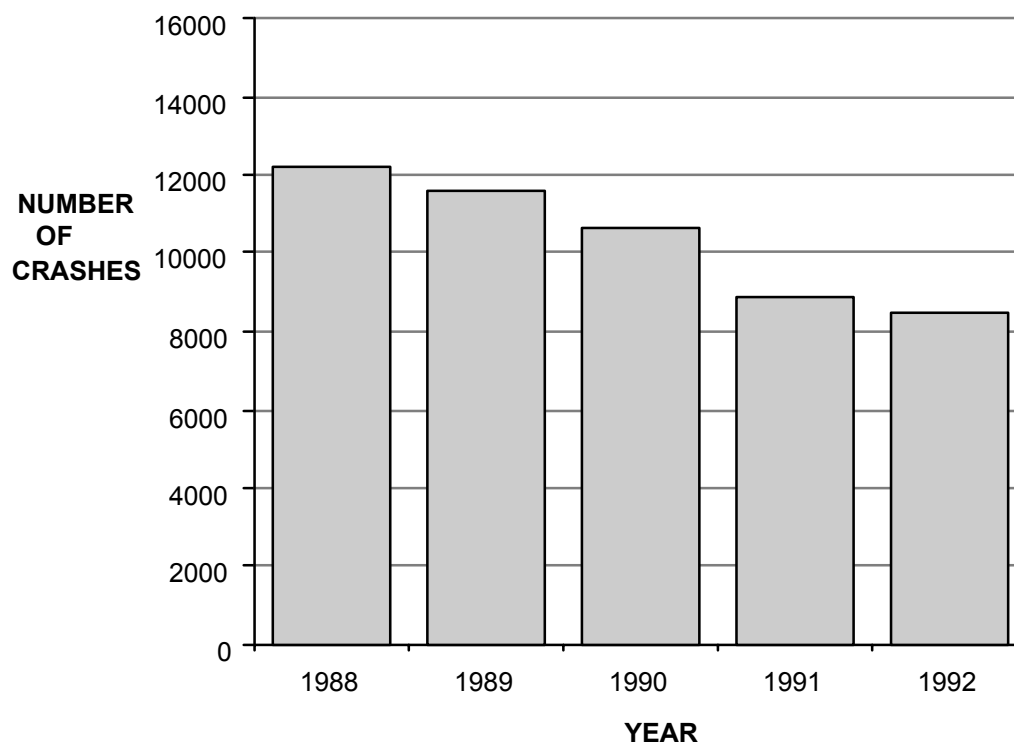
**A Weekly FAX from the Center for Substance Abuse Research**

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## ***AOD Crashes in Maryland Continue to Drop***

The number of alcohol- and/or other drug-related (AOD) crashes in Maryland continued to decline in 1992 according to statistics from the Maryland Department of Transportation. In 1992, AOD crashes in Maryland numbered 8,468, down from 8,893 the previous year and 12,170 in 1988. This represents a 5% decrease since 1991 and a 30% decrease over the past five years. During this five year period, the number of all crashes fell slightly; however, the percentage of all crashes that were alcohol and/or other drug-related also fell from 10.6% in 1988 to 8.5% in 1992. It should be noted that the classification of an alcohol- and/or other drug-related crash is dependent upon the investigating police officer's assessment of the impairment of the driver and/or pedestrian(s) involved in the accident.

### **Number of AOD Crashes in Maryland, 1988-1992**



SOURCE: Data Analysis and Reporting Techniques System (DART), State Highway Administration, Maryland Department of Transportation.

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