

McDougall Law Firm Reports Beaufort County Traffic Accidents Exceed 15,000 Over Four-Year Period

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McDougall Law Firm, LLC released data today showing Beaufort County recorded 15,489 traffic accidents between January 1, 2020, and June 16, 2024, resulting in 103 deaths and 6,314 injuries. The analysis positions Beaufort as having the 11th highest car accident rate among South Carolina's 46 counties, coinciding with the county's 25.64 percent population increase since 2010.

The county's population reached 204,589 in 2025, maintaining a 1.39 percent annual growth rate. Through mid-2024, data showed 13 fatalities and 633 injuries, indicating sustained accident levels despite statewide improvements. South Carolina achieved a nine percent decline in fatal crashes in 2024, reaching the lowest level in seven years.

The intersection of Parris Island Gateway and Robert Smalls Parkway recorded 267 collisions during the four-year period, marking it as the county's most hazardous intersection. The county's top 10 most dangerous intersections accounted for 1,432 total accidents over the study period.

"The concentration of development along the Highway 278 corridor has created complex traffic patterns that require specialized understanding when accidents occur," said J. Olin McDougall, II, founding attorney at McDougall Law Firm. "Many residents involved in accidents are unaware of their rights under South Carolina's at-fault insurance system, particularly regarding compensation for medical expenses and lost wages."

The Hilton Head Island-Bluffton-Port Royal metro area population reached 232,523 in 2023, with continued growth projected through 2026. The region's tourism and retirement-based economy creates seasonal population fluctuations that affect traffic patterns throughout the year.

Development concentrated in western Beaufort County has increased vehicle density at key intersections. The sustained nature of traffic incidents reflects infrastructure challenges as the county accommodates both permanent residents and seasonal visitors.

McDougall Law Firm Beaufort car accident lawyer services operate from the firm's main office at 115 Lady's Island Commons in Beaufort. The firm provides consultations at additional locations throughout the Lowcountry, including Bluffton, Columbia, Hardeeville, Hilton Head, Walterboro, and Greenville.

Founded over 20 years ago, McDougall Law Firm specializes in personal injury cases, including car accidents, truck accidents, motorcycle accidents, and other vehicle-related incidents. The firm's attorneys have handled cases ranging from $1.15 million multi-vehicle accident settlements to $2.5 million personal injury cases. The practice operates on a contingency fee basis and provides case evaluations and virtual consultations.

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As a Beaufort car accident lawyer practice established in the community for two decades, the firm handles cases involving medical expenses, lost wages, and injury compensation following traffic accidents. The firm maintains 24-hour availability for accident victims throughout South Carolina.
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