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# SAFE COMMUNITIES

OF TUSCARAWAS COUNTY

NEWSLETTER **JUNE 2021**



## This month in Safe Communities...



### Construction Project update from ODOT:

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Eastern District 11 has begun working on a major rehabilitation project on SR800 and SR212. This major project includes the reconstruction of State Route 800 and State Route 212 from Dover to the Tuscarawas/Stark County line by rehabilitating the existing concrete base in sections and constructing a new asphalt pavement to the existing surface of the roadway. Work also includes asphalt resurfacing from the City of Dover to the Dover Dam and within the village of Mineral City. Work is expected to take place during the summers of 2021 and 2022.

This project requires several closures of State Route 800. The first closure will begin June 1, 2021. The closures are necessary for the contractor to remove the existing concrete pavement from several sections of SR 800 and replace it with asphalt pavement. Please click the link below for a detailed map and list of locations with corresponding dates for the upcoming closures between June 1 and August 15, 2021.

Click [HERE](#) for ODOT updates on this project!

Crash Fatality Difference from 2020:

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This comparison from OSHP shows whether Tuscarawas County crash rates are up or down since 2020.

### Summer Travel

This summer many families will be packing up and heading out of town for their family vacation. With the COVID-19 pandemic continually changing, many travelers have chosen destinations that they can drive to. If you are one of the many travelers who will be hitting the highway this summer, please remember to prepare ahead of time and keep the following safe driving tips in mind:



- Always wear your seatbelt. Seatbelts save lives. No matter if you are sitting in the back seat or front seat, day or night, please remember to buckle up.
- Never drive impaired. Generally, when people think about impaired driving, they only think about consuming alcohol or using drugs. However, it is important to remember that prescription drugs as well as over-the-counter drugs can affect a person's ability to drive safely. They can cause side effects such as drowsiness, nausea, and blurred vision which can affect judgement and lesson coordination and reaction time.
- Get plenty of rest before heading out. Driving while drowsy delays reaction speed, decreases concentration, and impairs judgment.
- Never drive distracted. When you are driving on unfamiliar roads it is easy to get distracted trying to read a map or navigation system. Designate a "co-pilot" to do this for you so you can concentrate on your driving.

These are only a few tips. For a more comprehensive guide for safe summer travel including stocking and preparing your vehicle, please click the link for NHTSA's Summer Driving Tips:

<https://www.nhtsa.gov/summer-driving-tips?fbclid=IwAR0P0ldbIV7VHu4F97tUqmGsrV14VHMi1w1UTBeuYs9Bwzpd2c1wCCK>

### 100 Deadliest Days of Summer

According to the Ohio State Highway Patrol the time period from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend is referred to as the 100 Deadliest Days of Summer. During this time and always, the Ohio State Highway Patrol is reminding motorists to drive buckled, focused and sober.

Last year in Ohio, 452 fatal crashes killed 478 people during this time period. While these 100 days only represent 27 percent of the calendar year, they account for more than one third of all fatal traffic crashes and deaths.



For more information please click: <https://statepatrol.ohio.gov/>

Please feel free to contact us at (330) 343-5555 ext. 182 or [ksnyder@tchdnow.org](mailto:ksnyder@tchdnow.org) with any suggestions on how we can help with traffic safety at your agency or in your community. We thank you for your commitment to traffic safety in Tuscarawas County.

### Tuscarawas County Traffic Activity Statistics

This data is pulled from the Ohio State Highway Patrol's OSTATS and highlights activity from 01/01/2021 to the current month **06/07/2021**.

| YEAR TO DATE                  | 2021  | 2020  |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Enforcement Stops             | 2,285 | 1,258 |
| Fatal crashes                 | 1     | 6     |
| Crashes investigated          | 538   | 447   |
| OVI enforcement               | 109   | 72    |
| Driving under suspension      | 136   | 100   |
| Seat belt enforcement         | 524   | 350   |
| Distracted driving violations | 66    | 29    |



**STAY ALIVE!**  
don't TXT & drive



# June 2021

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|               |                                     | 1 <i>CIOT</i> | 2 <i>CIOT</i> 5-8 SC at Dennison Railroad Fest. | 3 <i>CIOT</i>                        | 4 <i>CIOT</i> | 5 <i>CIOT</i> |
| 6 <i>CIOT</i> | 7                                   | 8             | 9   | 10                                   | 11            | 12            |
| 13            | 14                                  | 15            | 16  | 17 5-8 SC at WTUZ Beach Party-Atwood | 18            | 19            |
| 20            | 21 <i>National Ride to work Day</i> | 22            | 23  | 24                                   | 25            | 26            |
| 27            | 28 8:30 AM SC on WBTC               | 29            | 30  |                                      |               |               |

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