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NEWSLETTER **MAY 2021**



This month in Safe Communities...

Partner Spotlight:

Robert Bray, Motorcycle Safety

Robert Bray has been involved with motorcycle safety for over 16 years, participating with the Goldwing Roadriders Association (GWRRA) in their rider education program. Robert is also a former Motorcycle Ohio basic rider instructor.

After reading an article about the Safe Communities program at the Tuscarawas County Health Department, Robert became involved with the Safe Communities Coalition. He participates in various activities such as the Teen Driving Rodeo, community events, and Coalition and fatal crash review meetings. He also prepares public service announcements regarding motorcycle safety that are aired on WBTC Radio Station.

In May, 2019, Robert wrote an article about the Safe Communities Coalition and motorcycle safety titled, "Taking Action, Getting Involved in Your Community for Safer Motorcycle Riding." The article was published in the *Wing World*, an international *Gold Wing Rider* magazine.

Robert has retired law enforcement officer from two states (Ohio and Arizona).

Robert and his wife Amy reside in Brightwood and own a 2003 Candy Red Goldwing with 200,000 miles.

National Click It or Ticket Enforcement Mobilization

From May 17th to June 6th the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) will be teaming up with law enforcement and traffic safety partners to bring awareness to the National Click It or Ticket Campaign. Seat belts have been proven to be one of the best ways to save your life during a crash. Unfortunately, many still don't buckle up.

According to NHTSA, in 2019, there were 9,466 unbuckled passenger vehicle occupants killed in crashes in the United States. In 2020, 50 % of the motor vehicle fatalities in Tuscarawas County were not buckled at the time of the accident. During the CIOT Campaign, participating law enforcement and traffic safety partners will be working hard to ensure this life-saving message gets out to drivers and passengers. Buckling up isn't just the safe thing to do, it's also the law.

Please remember, every time you go somewhere in a vehicle, whether you're the driver or passenger, you should have your seat belt buckled. It could mean the difference between life and death.

Motorcycle Awareness Month

May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. The National Highway Traffic Administration (NHTSA) wants to remind vehicle drivers and motorcyclists to Share the Road.

According to the Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) website, from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2020, Tuscarawas County had experienced 13 fatal crashes involving motorcycles which resulted in 14 fatalities. Of the 13 motorcycle-related fatal crashes; 62% involved speed, 53% involved impairment, 77% were motorcycle only crashes, 57% were not wearing a helmet, and 69 % of the crashes occurred on a weekend.

Safe riding practices and cooperation from all road users will help reduce the number of fatalities and injuries on our nation's highways. It's especially important for motorists to understand the safety challenges faced by motorcyclists, such as size and visibility, and motorcycle riding practices like downshifting and weaving to know how to anticipate and respond to them. By raising motorists' awareness, both drivers and riders will be safer sharing the road.

Please feel free to contact us at the 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 **05/03/2021**.

YEAR TO DATE	2021	2020
Enforcement Stops	1,583	1,062
Fatal crashes	1	2
Crashes investigated	402	341
OVI enforcement	84	59
Driving under suspension	105	87
Seat belt enforcement	388	333
Distracted driving violations	51	27

Crash Fatality Difference from 2020 to 2021:

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



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May 2021

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

National Youth Traffic Safety Month	RULES for the ROAD	May is Motorcycle Awareness Month	Share Road	5/17-6/7 NHTSA CIOT Mobilization	CLICK IT OR TICKET DAY & NIGHT	1 National Heat Stroke Awareness Day
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 <i>Mother's Day</i>	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 <i>CIOT</i>	18 <i>CIOT</i>	19 <i>CIOT</i>	20 <i>CIOT</i>	21 <i>CIOT</i>	22 <i>CIOT</i>
23 <i>CIOT</i>	24 <i>CIOT</i> 8:30 AM SC on WBTC	25 <i>CIOT</i>	26 <i>CIOT</i> 1- SC Coalition Mtg.	27 <i>CIOT</i>	28 <i>CIOT</i>	29 <i>CIOT</i>
30 <i>CIOT</i>	31 <i>CIOT</i> <i>Memorial Day</i>					

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