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Safe Communities of Tuscarawas County Releases 2023 Quarter Two Traffic Fatality Report


Dover—Between January 1 – June 30, 2023, the Ohio State Highway Patrol reported a total of 1,043 vehicle crashes investigated in Tuscarawas County. For the second quarter of 2023 (covering April 1 through June 30, 2023), there were 478 crashes investigated and thankfully no fatal crashes experienced in Tuscarawas County. Thus, for the first half of 2023 (January 1- June 30), Tuscarawas County experienced one fatal crash with one fatality compared to 5 fatal crashes with 6 fatalities recorded during the first half of 2022.



“While we are encouraged by the reduction in crash fatalities, we will continue sharing traffic safety messages to keep crash fatalities low,” explained Abbie Benton, Safe Communities Program Coordinator for the Tuscarawas County Health Department. “By looking at the crash statistics from this quarter, we know that 28% of drivers were not wearing a seat belt, which is an increase of two percent from last quarter. Safe Communities hopes to increase seat belt usage throughout the county through continued education.”



To help prevent fatal traffic crashes and injuries from occurring in Tuscarawas County, the local Safe Communities Coalition conducts traffic safety media campaigns, coordinates events and activities, and distributes educational materials year-round. Led by the Tuscarawas County Health Department, the coalition is comprised of partners from various county agencies and organizations. “Our partners are so important in helping us promote traffic safety in Tuscarawas County,” said Benton.

On August 16th, 2023, members of the Safe Communities Coalition will be meeting to review local traffic safety measures and plan for future educational campaigns. If you would like to know more about Safe Communities, please email healthed@tchdnow.org or visit www.tchdnow.org/safe-communities.html.

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