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


DOVER-- From July 1 - September 30, 2023, the Ohio State Highway Patrol reported a total of 478 vehicle crashes investigated in Tuscarawas County. Of the 478 crashes investigated this quarter, Tuscarawas County experienced one fatal crash with one fatality. So far this year Tuscarawas County has experienced 1,551 crashes, resulting in 2 fatalities.



“By looking at the crash statistics from this quarter, we know that 23% of drivers were not wearing a seat belt and 6% of drivers were driving impaired,” said Abbie Shankland, Safe Communities Program Coordinator for the Tuscarawas County Health Department. “Safe Communities’ top priorities are to increase seat belt usage and decrease impaired driving through continued education and enforcement throughout our County.”



Led by the Safe Communities Coordinator at the Tuscarawas County Health Department, the Safe Communities Coalition conducts traffic safety media campaigns, coordinates events and activities, and distributes educational materials to help prevent fatal traffic crashes and injuries from occurring in the county. The coalition also focuses on educating the driving population of Tuscarawas County about impaired driving, seat belt use, distracted driving, and motorcycle awareness.

Efforts of the Safe Communities Program are funded through a grant from the Ohio Traffic Safety Office (OTSO). For more information about OTSO and statewide efforts to improve safety on Ohio’s roadways, visit <http://ohiohighwaysafetyoffice.ohio.gov/index.stm>.

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