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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – Traffic Fatalities Up Slightly from Last Year's Total

[Lancaster, Ohio, October 16, 2012] According to the Ohio Department of Public Safety's website, Fairfield County's total fatality count for this past year is up slightly from the same period as last year. According to the comparison map listed on the website, Fairfield County has increased their fatality total by one. The State of Ohio's Traffic statistics show that Fairfield County had a total of 14 traffic fatalities for the calendar year 2011.

"When looking at traffic statistics, you always try to determine what causes traffic fatalities, and when are the most dangerous times of the year," noted Director of Safe Communities Teresa C. Carper. "September is generally a safe month statistically; however drivers need to know that they need to practice safe driving habits every day no matter what the statistics tell us."

Fairfield County drivers have a good seat belt use rate. But driving impaired, and distracted driving, contribute to many of the fatalities in the area. Speed is also a factor. By simply putting down the phone, driving the recommended limit, not driving impaired, and continuing to "Buckle Up Every Trip Every Time," traffic related fatalities can decrease in Fairfield County.

Safety tips found at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration website at www.nhtsa.gov can be helpful to drivers of all ages, and make the roadways in Fairfield County a safer place to travel.

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