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SAFE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – One Traffic Fatality for the Month of May

[Lancaster, Ohio, June 14, 2013] As the summer season gets underway, traffic safety advocates are always concerned for the increase in impaired driving. Impaired driving has continued to be a major factor in fatalities on Fairfield County roadways, and the month of May was no exception. The one fatality for the month of May involved impaired driving, and motorists need to remember a few simple rules before they get behind the wheel after an evening out, a celebration, or an event where alcohol may be served.

“Buzzed Driving IS Drunk Driving” is a known slogan used in traffic safety programs. If you plan to drink, then plan ahead and designate a sober driver to get you and others home safely. Even a small amount of alcohol can impair your driving, and the decision to drink and drive is just not worth the risk. Drivers who choose to drive impaired can face fines, loss of work, jail time, and can even cost a person their life.

“Safe Communities of Fairfield County wants to remind drivers that ‘Friends Don’t Let Friends Drive Drunk,’ and by volunteering to be the designated driver may make the difference in the life of the person who is impaired, and the lives of other innocent motorists,” noted Safe Communities of Fairfield County Director Teresa C. Carper. “Local law enforcement is always on the lookout to make our roadways safer, and if you don’t ‘Drive Sober’ you will get ‘Pulled Over.’”

Safe Communities would also like to remind citizens of Fairfield County that seat belt surveys will be taken statewide throughout the months of June and September. Although Fairfield County has a fairly high use rate, there is always room for improvement.

Sheriff Dave Phalen thanked everyone for their assistance in the recent “Click It or Ticket” campaign. “I encourage the citizens of Fairfield County to continue to buckle up, and remember safety each time they get behind the wheel of a motor vehicle.”

For more information on traffic safety tips, visit the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration website at www.nhtsa.gov.

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