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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – Another Fatal Crash for August

[Lancaster, Ohio, September 16, 2013] Although the number of fatalities for traffic crashes has been declining gradually statewide and nationwide, traffic safety advocates are always striving for zero amounts of traffic related deaths. Fairfield County registered another fatality for the month of August. A recent meeting of traffic safety professionals met and reviewed statistics for traffic fatalities in the county, and noted that one of the best ways to prevent a crash related death is to simply buckle your seatbelt. It takes an average of four seconds to complete the task; however it can make all the difference in the outcome of a crash. You are 50% more likely to survive a motor vehicle crash if you are wearing your seatbelt.

In Fairfield County, the lack of seat belt use has been noted as the number one contributing factor in motor vehicle crash deaths. Impaired driving is a close second, with teen drivers and motorcyclists being a high risk area of concern for injury and fatalities. By “Buckling Up Every Trip Every Time,” never driving impaired, watching speed limits, and remembering that “One Text or Call Could Wreck It All,” you can increase your safety on our roadways.

Information on motor vehicle safety, with additional information on teen driving issues, can be found at www.nhtsa.gov. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration provides an abundance of information on keeping you and your family safe while traveling in a motor vehicle.

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