



SAFE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM OF PICKAWAY COUNTY

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FROM: Safe Communities of Pickaway County

**RE: *"Buckling Up Could Save Your Giblets this Thanksgiving!"
Buckle Up America.....Every Trip, Every Time***

As families and friends prepare to gather for the Thanksgiving Holiday, motorists should remember that getting to their destination safely is the best beginning to the celebration. Thanksgiving can be a dangerous time for motorists, especially the unbelted ones. Safe Communities of Pickaway County asks that you buckle up whether you are traveling day or night.

"Seat belts save lives and they are the best defense against a crash-related injury and fatalities", noted Director Teresa C. Carper. "Almost one in five American fail to buckle up regularly, and since you can improve your chances of surviving a crash by almost 50%, it just seems logical to take those few seconds to buckle up."

During the Thanksgiving Holiday travel season in 2009, 303 passenger vehicle occupants were killed in motor vehicle crashes nationwide. Of that amount, 52 percent were unrestrained. Furthermore, there were an estimated 12,713 lives saved in 2009 because of seat belt use.

"We at the Pickaway County Sheriff's Office want all of our citizens and visitors to our area to arrive safe and enjoy their Holiday", noted Sheriff Dwight E. Radcliff. "To ensure continued safety efforts, my deputies will participate in the High Visibility Enforcement Period, and we will have extra patrols on our highways and roadways."

Since the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration notes that seat belt use is the single most effective way to protect drivers and passengers, and reduce fatalities, the Safe Communities of Pickaway County asks Pickaway County citizens to “Buckle Up...Every Trip, Every Time”.

“Just remember to take four seconds to ‘Click It, Day and Night’”, concluded Sheriff Radcliff.

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