



SAFE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM OF PICKAWAY COUNTY

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TO: Circleville Herald

FROM: Safe Communities of Pickaway County

RE: "Saved By the Belt" Awards highlight Safe Communities meeting

The Safe Communities of Pickaway County Coalition met on Wednesday, July 20, 2011 for their regular meeting, however this meeting came with the opportunity to recognize individuals and businesses that have made a difference in spreading the word about traffic safety initiatives.

The First Annual "Save By The Belt" and "Community Service" Awards were designed to recognize those who have made a difference in traffic safety for Pickaway County. The Circleville Herald was recognized by members with the "Public Awareness" Award. This award recognized the efforts of the Circleville Herald for creating innovative stories and promoting traffic safety messages throughout the past three years. The "Partnership" Awards recognizes the efforts of businesses or organizations that have worked with Safe Communities and/or law enforcement to promote traffic safety awareness to not only their customers, but the entire community. Those recognized this year were McDonald's Restaurant of Circleville for their part in the "Buckle Up Bear/"Click It or Ticket" Drive Thru event. Also recognized was Fletcher's towing for their donation of time and efforts during the "Over The Limit, Under Arrest" Campaign, and their partnership in Prom Promise.

The other awards presented during the meeting were from a program used by the Pickaway County Sheriff's Office a few years ago, and used at many other agencies nationwide. The "Saved By the Belt" award is given to individuals who potentially saved their own lives by using their seat belt, and survived an auto crash. The award is presented for not only their willingness to "Buckle Up", but the effect their survival has on others. Katherine

Sabine was the first Pickaway Contain to be recognized for saving her own life and being an example to others by simply buckling up. She prevented serious injury by doing so during a crash that occurred in March of this year.

“I would like to thank all of the award winners for their efforts, and their willingness to be a messenger for traffic safety”, noted Sheriff Dwight E. Radcliff, who made the award presentations. “Through their efforts, it is hard to say how many lives they may have saved.”

For more information on the Safe Communities of Pickaway County Program, contact the Director, Teresa C. Carper, at 740-420-5794.