



*SAFE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM OF PICKAWAY COUNTY*

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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**FROM: Safe Communities of Pickaway County**

**RE: Trend in Traffic Safety following that of 2010**

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Each month the Safe Communities of Pickaway County Program reviews traffic safety statistics to see how the current year compares with the previous year in regards to Fatal crashes and number of Fatalities. As with 2010, the year 2011 is starting off well with no fatalities listed for this calendar year.

"We are always cautious when we make a statement regarding how the county is doing in regards to traffic safety accidents and fatalities," stated Teresa C. Carper of the Safe Communities Program. "With warm weather approaching, the end of the school year just around the bend, and some major Holidays soon upon us, we hope that everyone will drive safe in order to keep these numbers low."

With the pending St. Patrick's Day Holiday, Law Enforcement will step up patrols to attempt to deter drunk driving and alcohol related crashes. As a part of the National Campaign to promote traffic safety, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration sets aside specific dates and holidays to promote issues that can help save lives on our nation's highways. Safe Community programs work to promote these safety issues to the general public, while law enforcement steps up enforcement to ensure safety.

"Our Deputies will be out during this Holiday and others throughout the year, with the hope that we can keep these fatality numbers to a minimum," stated Sheriff Dwight E. Radcliff. "We always strive for a year without any fatalities on Pickaway County roadways."

For more information on traffic safety issues, visit the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration website a [www.nhtsa.gov](http://www.nhtsa.gov) .