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Greene County Safe Communities Reports a Total of Five Traffic Fatalities During October - December 2024

GREENE COUNTY, OH -- The Greene County Safe Communities program reports that four fatal crashes, resulting in five deaths, occurred in the **first quarter of the grant's fiscal year, October - December 2024**. Please see below for the crash-related data for October - December 2024.

- **October 26, 2024** – Occurred on Roxanna-New Burlington Road, Spring Valley; one vehicle crash with a seat belt in place resulted in the death of a 65-year-old Waynesville woman; the cause was listed as failure to control.
- **November 2, 2024** – Occurred at U.S. 35 and Trebein in Beavercreek Township; one vehicle crash with seat belts in place, resulting in the deaths of two people, 78 years old and 64 years old, from Wisconsin; the cause was listed as lack of assured clear distance.
- **November 4, 2024** – Occurred at Plymouth Road in Silvercreek Township; one vehicle crash without a seat belt in place, resulting in the death of a 30-year-old individual from Kentucky; drugs/alcohol suspected; the cause was listed as failure to control.
- **November 8, 2024** – Occurred on SR-235 in Bath Township; a motorcycle crash resulted in the death of a 30-year-old individual from Xenia in full protective gear; the cause of death was listed as unsafe speed and failure to control.

There were 19 crashes in 2024, resulting in 21 fatalities, a significant and concerning increase over 2023 which saw only five crashes resulting in five fatalities for the entire year. The Coalition reminds you to please...put down your phones, avoid all distractions, buckle up, drive sober, slow down, and obey all traffic signs and signals. The Safe Communities Coalition will continue to work with schools, businesses, and the public to provide educational materials and information to keep Greene County citizens safe on the roadways. The safety of Greene County residents while traveling is the Coalition's biggest concern.

The Safe Communities program was developed to help communities decrease traffic injuries and deaths, increase safety awareness, decrease the amount of money spent on traffic-related injuries, and increase the number of people involved in keeping communities safe.

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