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## DELAWARE COUNTY 2011 HIGHWAY FATALITIES TOLL RISES TO FOUR

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**DELAWARE, Oh., July 15, 2011** – The Delaware County Safe Communities program reports that there was one traffic death in Delaware County in June. This compares to no traffic deaths on local highways in June 2010. So far in 2011, four motorists have died on Delaware County roads. According to the National Traffic Safety Administration, each fatality has a comprehensive cost of \$3,366,388 associated with it. The fatality cost in Delaware County for 2011 stands at \$13,465,552.

The fatal crash on June 30 took the life of a 21-year-old man from Marion whose northbound SUV went left-of-center on State Route 203 and collided head-on with a concrete mixer truck. Investigators have not been able to determine the cause. Drugs and alcohol are not believed to be a factor.

The Delaware County Safe Communities Program, a Delaware General Health District program, was developed by the Governor's Traffic Safety Office of the Ohio Department of Safety. For more safe driving tips, visit the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration at <http://nhtsa.gov>.