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SPEEDING, ALCOHOL INVOLVED IN NOVEMBER CRASH DEATH

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DELAWARE, Oh., Dec. 22, 2010 – The Delaware County Safe Communities program reports that there was one traffic death in Delaware County in November. This compares to 3 traffic deaths on local highways in November 2009.

So far in 2010, 12 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 2010 stands at \$40,396,656.

Last month's fatality occurred on Nov. 10 just after 11 p.m. on South Old 3C Highway. A pickup truck driver lost control on a curve, striking a utility pole and overturning. The driver was not wearing a seatbelt and died as a result of being ejected from his truck. The crash investigation concluded the 62-year-old driver was speeding and impaired by alcohol.

The Delaware County Safe Communities/Safe Kids Coalition urges all motorists to observe posted speed limits and avoid driving impaired by alcohol during their holiday celebrations. Drivers are also reminded to check that everyone in their vehicle is buckled up on every trip.

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>.