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TWO HIGHWAY FATALITIES IN DELAWARE COUNTY IN OCTOBER

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DELAWARE, Oh., Nov. 16, 2009 -- The Delaware County Safe Communities program reports that there were two local traffic deaths in October 2009. There were none in October 2008.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, each fatality has a comprehensive cost of \$3,366,388 associated with it. Delaware County's fatality cost for October was \$6,732,776.

"It's up to all of us in Delaware County to be smart and to buckle up and not drink and drive," says Safe Communities project supervisor Susan Sutherland. "Our coalition is dedicated to keeping Delaware County roadways safe so we don't have to grieve over someone in our community."

The "Safe Communities" program was developed through the Ohio Department of Public Safety to establish and/or expand community partnerships to create safer, healthier communities throughout Ohio.