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DELAWARE COUNTY ROADS FREE OF FATALITIES IN OCTOBER

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DELAWARE, Oh., Nov. 17, 2010 – The Delaware County Safe Communities program reports that there were no traffic deaths in Delaware County in October. This compares to 2 traffic deaths on local highways in October 2009.

The end of the year is upon us and with it comes challenges to safety on Delaware County roadways. These may include additional holiday traffic congestion and travel with the accompanying stresses, plus the start of winter weather driving hazards. The Delaware County Safe Communities/Safe Kids Coalition urges motorists to make sure their vehicles are safe and well maintained, and their child restraints are inspected and used properly. All drivers also need to take measures to avoid being distracted, drunk, drugged, drowsy, or unrestrained behind the wheel.

So far in 2010, 11 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 \$37,030,268.

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