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MIAMI COUNTY SAFE COMMUNITIES REPORTS ON FATAL CRASHES JULY-SEPTEMBER 2016

TROY, OHIO (10/14/16) – Miami County Public Health’s Safe Communities Coalition reported four fatal crashes in Miami County during the quarter of July 1- September 30, 2016. Miami County Public Health’s Safe Communities Coalition tracks traffic fatalities in an effort to create programs to reduce these numbers. The coalition provides a quarterly update to county residents.

The coalition’s mission is to educate the public about the consequences of dangerous driving behaviors such as drinking and driving, reckless driving, distracted driving, not wearing a seatbelt, and not wearing a helmet when operating a motorcycle. The purpose of this quarterly fatality update is to keep the public informed about common driving behaviors that cause fatal crashes, as well as educate the community to be safer drivers.

Of the four reported fatal crashes during the fourth quarter, two involved drivers who were not wearing a seat belt at the time of the crash and one involved a motorcycle where a helmet was not worn. High rates of speed, failing to stop at a stop sign and failing to yield were also contributing factors.

“We urge all motorists to slow down, look, look and look again before pulling into traffic, and just as importantly, wear your seatbelt,” said Chief Deputy Duchak, Miami County Sheriff’s Office. “All of Miami County’s law enforcement agencies have partnered to ensure Miami County’s roadways are safe to travel through traffic safety education and enforcement. Please slow down, drive safe and buckle up.”

Based on county data, the Safe Communities Coalition and local law enforcement will continue efforts to decrease fatalities. The holiday season is right around the corner and as a country we will start to see more vehicles traveling. The Safe Communities coalition reminds Miami County residents to always buckle up, every trip, every time and to always drive sober. For more information about the Safe Communities Coalition, please contact the Safe Communities Coordinator at kboyle@miamicountyhealth.net.

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