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Release of 2020 Allen County Fatal Crash Summary Report

**Allen County Coroner, Dr. John Meyer, released the
2020 Allen County Fatal Crash Summary Report
At 10:30 a.m. - Thursday, February 4, 2021
Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission, 130 W. North Street, Lima**

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Lima, Ohio: (February 4, 2021) In partnership with the Lima-Allen County Safe Community Coalition, Allen County Coroner, Dr. John Meyer, released the **2020 Allen County Fatal Crash Summary Report** at **10:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 4, 2021, at the Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission, 130 W. North Street, Lima.**

In addition, local law enforcement was present to provide information to the public about overtime enforcement scheduled for the upcoming Super Bowl weekend.

In Allen County, during 2020, there were 10 fatal crashes and 10 related fatalities, following is a brief summary of the analysis:

- Six (6) fatal crashes occurred on state or federal highways – one each on SR 117 (Shawnee Township), SR 501 (Shawnee Township), U.S. 30 (Marion Township), Intersection of SR 117 & SR 501 (Shawnee Township), and two (2) on SR 309 (Lima & Bath Township); four (4) fatal crashes occurred on city or county roads – one each on Kiggins RD (Marion Township), Buckeye Rd (Shawnee Township), North St (Lima), and Dixie Hwy (Bath Township).
- In 2020, four (4) fatal crashes occurred during and identified holiday period: Two (2) over Thanksgiving and two (2) over July 4th.
- 70.0% of all fatal crashes occurred during dark hours; while, 30.0% occurred during the daylight hours. This is not consistent with the previous 10-year data which suggests fatal crashes are evenly split between daylight and dark conditions.
- 30% of all fatal crashes in 2020 are believed to be suicide.
- 60% of all fatal crashes in 2020 involved drug/alcohol impairment.
- Over the ten-year study period, young drivers under the age of 21 years of age represented 14.6% of all drivers in fatal crashes; while, young driver 21-35 years of age represented 31.8% of all drivers involved in fatal crashes. Involvement in a fatal crash does not imply fault.
- During the year 2020 no motorcyclists were involved in fatal crashes.

Driver errors or bad decisions, by all who use area roadways, result in the continued unnecessary loss of life in Allen County as well as all across the U.S. There are some simple steps everyone can take to stop such senseless deaths.

- **Drive sober.** Remember “buzzed” driving is drunk driving. Designate a sober, non-drinking, driver or give the keys to someone who has not been consuming alcohol or drugs.
- **Wear your seatbelt.** A seatbelt keeps you in your seat inside your vehicle – the safest place for you to be in the event of a crash. It increases your chances of survival in a crash as well as reduces the risk for serious injury.
- **Pay attention and look before you turn.** Obey signs and signals – do what they tell you to do. At an intersection look left, then right, then left again. Expect the unexpected – anticipate what other drivers might do. Observe, anticipate, and plan ahead.
- **Obey speed limits and follow at a safe distance.** Speed limits protect you, the driver, and your passengers as well as others using public roadways, including pedestrians and cyclists. Allow a safe distance between you and other vehicles.
- **Drive defensively.** Remember, you are sharing the roadway with other drivers who may or may not be making good safety decisions.

The **2020 Allen County Fatal Crash Summary Report** is available for review and comment during normal business hours at the Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission located at 130 W. North Street in Lima, Ohio. Staff is available to answer questions. The Report can also be accessed on the internet at www.lacrpc.com – click on “Recently at RPC” and scroll down to the **DRAFT 2020 Allen County Fatal Crash Summary Report**.

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