



Lima/Allen County  
**REGIONAL PLANNING  
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# 2021

# FATAL CRASH REPORT

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## INTRODUCTION:

One of the primary purposes of government is to protect and provide for the safety of its citizens. It is for this reason the Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission (LACRPC) continually tracks traffic crashes on an annual basis. This data is used to better understand traffic patterns and driver habits, as well as, to examine potentially problematic road conditions. These analyses allow LACRPC to address problems as they occur and to focus efforts on targeted areas rather than more broad solutions. This report strives to do just that; examine each of the fatal crashes that occurred within the LACRPC's planning area throughout calendar year 2021. Additionally, it will provide the critical data needed to examine each of the incidents, giving local agencies the tools to engineer solutions. This is accomplished through a series of maps, figures, and statistical analysis of factors surrounding each of these crashes.

## OBJECTIVES:

The objectives of the fatal crash summary report are: (1) assess the overall characteristics of fatal motor vehicle incidents which occur in Allen County; (2) provide a basis for major improvements that offer effective incident reduction/prevention; (3) identify specific time periods for selective law enforcement surveillance; (4) provide a benchmark for assessing the success or failure of previous roadway improvements, as well as the community's traffic safety programming, and (5) provide further data for the county's ongoing effort to meet or exceeded the safety based performance measure established by the FAST Act.



## **BACKGROUND:**

Since 1992 LACRPC has worked in collaboration with other local agencies to improve roadway safety in Allen County. A large part of this effort involved the creation and the ongoing maintenance of a local traffic crash database. This is accomplished primarily with the use of OH-1 reports completed by law enforcement officers at the time of the crash. These OH-1 reports are archived by the Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS). The LACRPC came to use the local crash data to prepare annual reports outlining aspects of roadway safety.

In 1997, the LACRPC secured ODPS grant monies to support the development of a multi-disciplined coalition of community stakeholders known as the Lima-Allen County Safe Community Coalition. To promote traffic safety, the Coalition was charged with the task of identifying traffic safety problems as well as strategies to mitigate those problems based on analyses of local traffic crash data. Such traffic safety initiatives integrate elements of the 5-E process to identify, address, and evaluate roadway safety problems and associated countermeasures. The 5-E disciplines of engineering, education, enforcement, emergency medical services, and evaluation provide structure to the problem identification and mitigation process.

The ODPS, Ohio Traffic Safety Office (OTSO) requires grantees to establish a committee to review all fatal crashes. Known locally as the Allen County Safety Review Team (SRT), the committee reviews the “who, what, when, where, how, and why” of each fatal crash. The SRT works to identify the problem and offer possible mitigation strategies in a data-driven process to determine if trends or patterns can be identified and, when possible, develop countermeasures in response to those trends. Members of the SRT include local safety advocates from various 5-E disciplines who participate in an open forum designed to facilitate a continuing, cooperative, and communicative process, aimed at making Allen County roadways safer.

This Allen County Fatal Crash Report, published annually, seeks to offer succinct analyses of fatal crashes to help the community identify roadway safety problems – both environmental and behavioral. Each Allen County fatal traffic incident is included in the analyses in terms of potential variables, including restraint use, impairment, time of day, etc. The analyses contained in the Allen County Fatal Crash Report: 2021 focuses on 2021 fatal crash data collected by the LACRPC. However, to fully examine fatal crash and fatality trends over the long term, the study also analyzes fatal crash data over a ten-year period spanning 2012 through 2021.



## OVERVIEW:

This report is heavily dependent upon traffic crash data contained in the Integrated Traffic Records System (ITRS), maintained by the Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS).

It reflects descriptive statistics about fatal traffic crashes. However, the only state-approved traffic incident reports submitted to and processed by ODPS are included within the database. Generally, unless there is an injury, traffic incidents involving damage less than \$1,000 are not required to be reported to the state by local law enforcement agencies, and as such some crashes may not be considered in this report. This becomes important when talking about total crashes within the county. Incident statistics are presented with respect to the incident occurrence, incident involvement, and incident severity. Incident occurrence is generally described in terms of the types and numbers of incidents that occur, incident involvement categorizes incidents by the types of vehicles and drivers that were involved. Statistics on incident severity are revealed by the number of deaths/injuries.

The statistical report is simplified through the use of tables, illustrations, and maps. In some cases, data is displayed in both tabular and chart formats. Data related to incident occurrence precedes that information related to incident involvement. Incident severity is interspersed throughout the tables of the report in order to allow the reader easy reference with respect to degree. High incident intersection locations are defined by frequency, crash rates, and severity. As impairment-related incidents are of particular concern, information is a topic of comparison throughout the report.





## PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

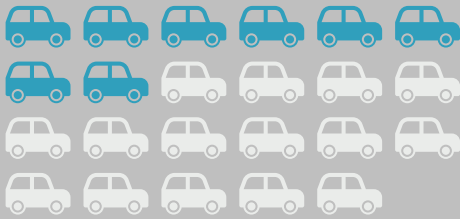
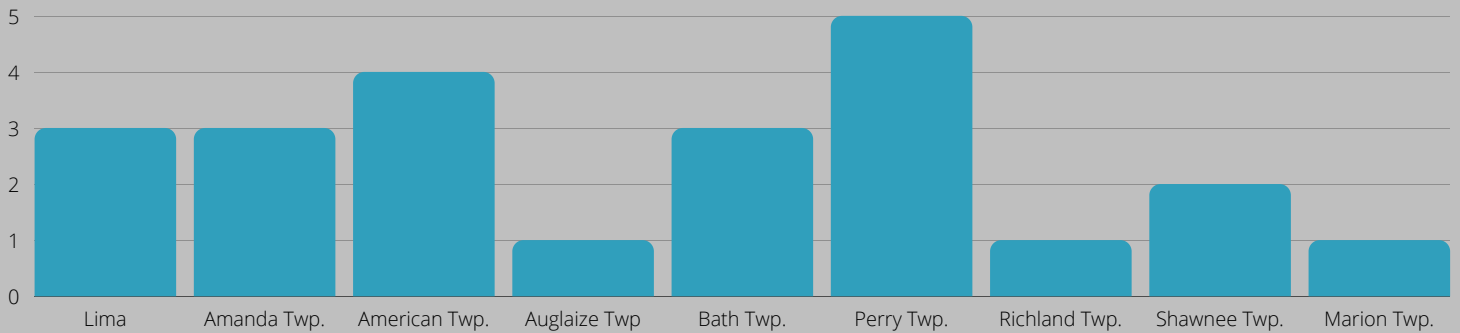
The focus of this report is to highlight Allen County crash data in respect to the performance measures defined in the FAST Act, specifically those pertaining to fatal crashes (i.e., total number of fatal crashes, fatal crash rate, and non-motorist related fatal crashes). Per the FAST Act, and statewide goals set by ODOT, this MPO committed to a goal of a 2% reduction in CY 2021, using a 5-year rolling average (2016-2020) as a baseline. The MPO uses the performance measures as criteria in prioritizing future improvements and recommendations to governmental agencies. Please note that other performance measures were established by the FAST Act, however, these are not applicable to the scope of this report. Overall, the county met none of the three fatal crash-related goals set for the year. Please see the table below for a more detailed summary of these performance measures

Safety Based Performance Measures 2021						
Performance Measure	Total Fatal Crashes		Fatality Rate		Non-motorized Fatalities/Injuries	
Numerical Goal	Goal	Total	Goal	Total	Goal	Total
	9	23	0.75	7.76	7	8
Was the Goal Achieved	No		No		No	

# ALLEN COUNTY FATAL CRASHES

## 2021 FATAL CRASH REVIEW

CRASHES BY LOCATION



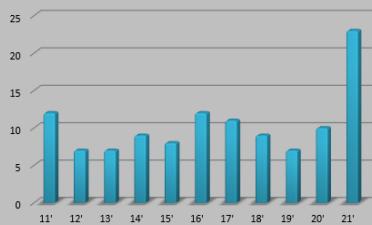
8 OUT OF 23 FATAL CRASHES  
INVOLVED DRUGS OR ALCOHOL



8 OUT OF 25 FATALITIES INVOLVED  
PEDESTRIANS OR NON-MOTORIZED VEHICLES

### FATAL CRASHES OVER TIME

2011-2021



130%

INCREASE IN FATAL CRASHES

60.9%

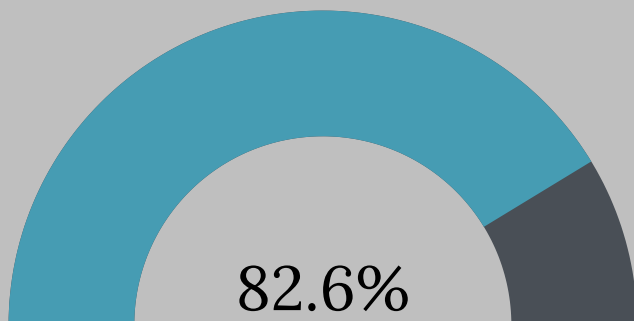
OF FATAL CRASHES OCCURED AT NIGHT

32%

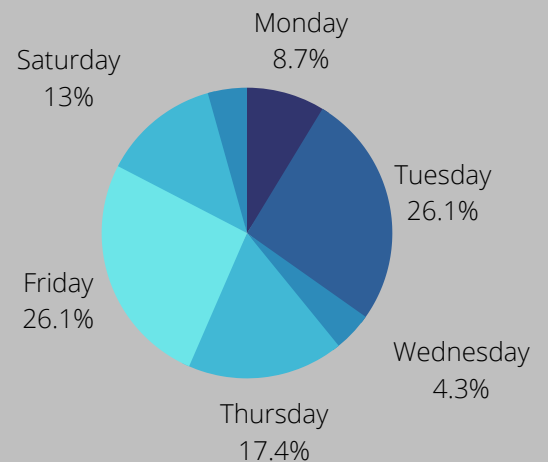
OF FATAL CRASHES INVOLVED PEDESTRIANS  
OR NON-MOTORIZED VEHICLES

34.8%

OF FATAL CRASHES INVOLVED IMPAIRED DRIVERS



CRASHES ON DRY ROADWAYS

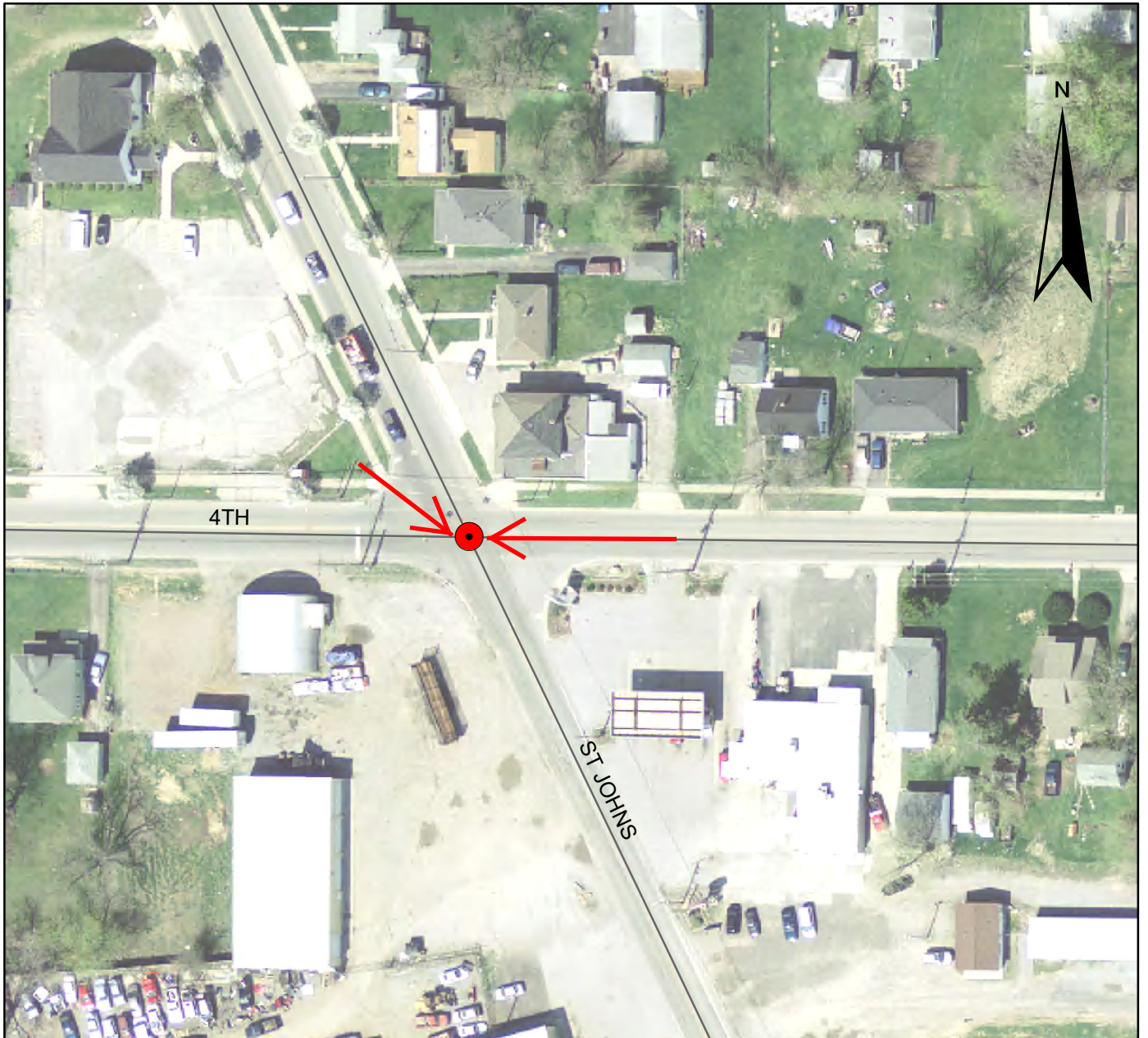


FATAL CRASHES BY DAY

# Map 1

## 2021 Fatal Crash #1:

### St. Johns Ave.; Lima



### Crash Facts:

Date and Time: 01/21/2021 @ 22:24

Conditions: Dry Pavement & Dark with an Lighted Roadway

Vehical Description: One Vehicle, Passenger Car and One Bicycle

Crash Type and Description: Pedestrian, the passenger car was stopped at the traffic signal pointing West on 4th St. When the light changes to green the passenger car turned South and struck a bicycle moving from Northwest to Southeast within the intersection.

Persons Involved and Fatalities: 5 Persons Involved; 1 Fatality

Safety Equipment: Utilized by all 4 occupants of the car



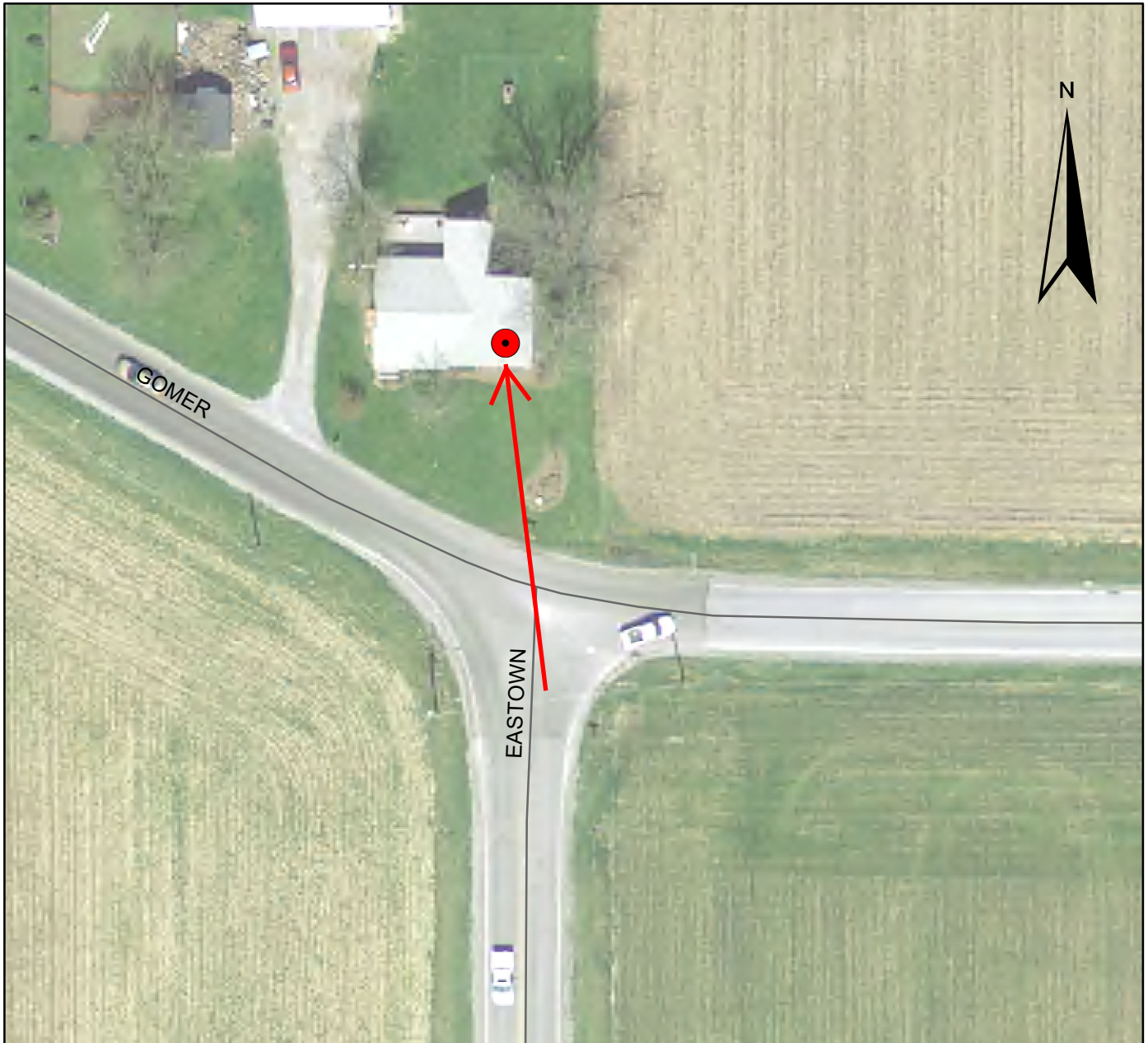


# Map 2

## 2021 Fatal Crash #2:

### Eastown Rd.;

### American Township



### Crash Facts:

0 25 50 100  
Feet

Date and Time: 01/13/2021 @ 1:33

Conditions: Dry Pavement & Dark with an Unlighted Roadway

Vehical Description: One Vehicle, Pickup, 2 Pedestrians

Crash Type and Description: Pedestrian Strike, The pickup truck was traveling North bound on Eastown Rd. when it left the roadway and struck a house. 2 pedestrians within the house were killed.

Persons Involved and Fatalities: 3 Persons Involved; 2 Fatality

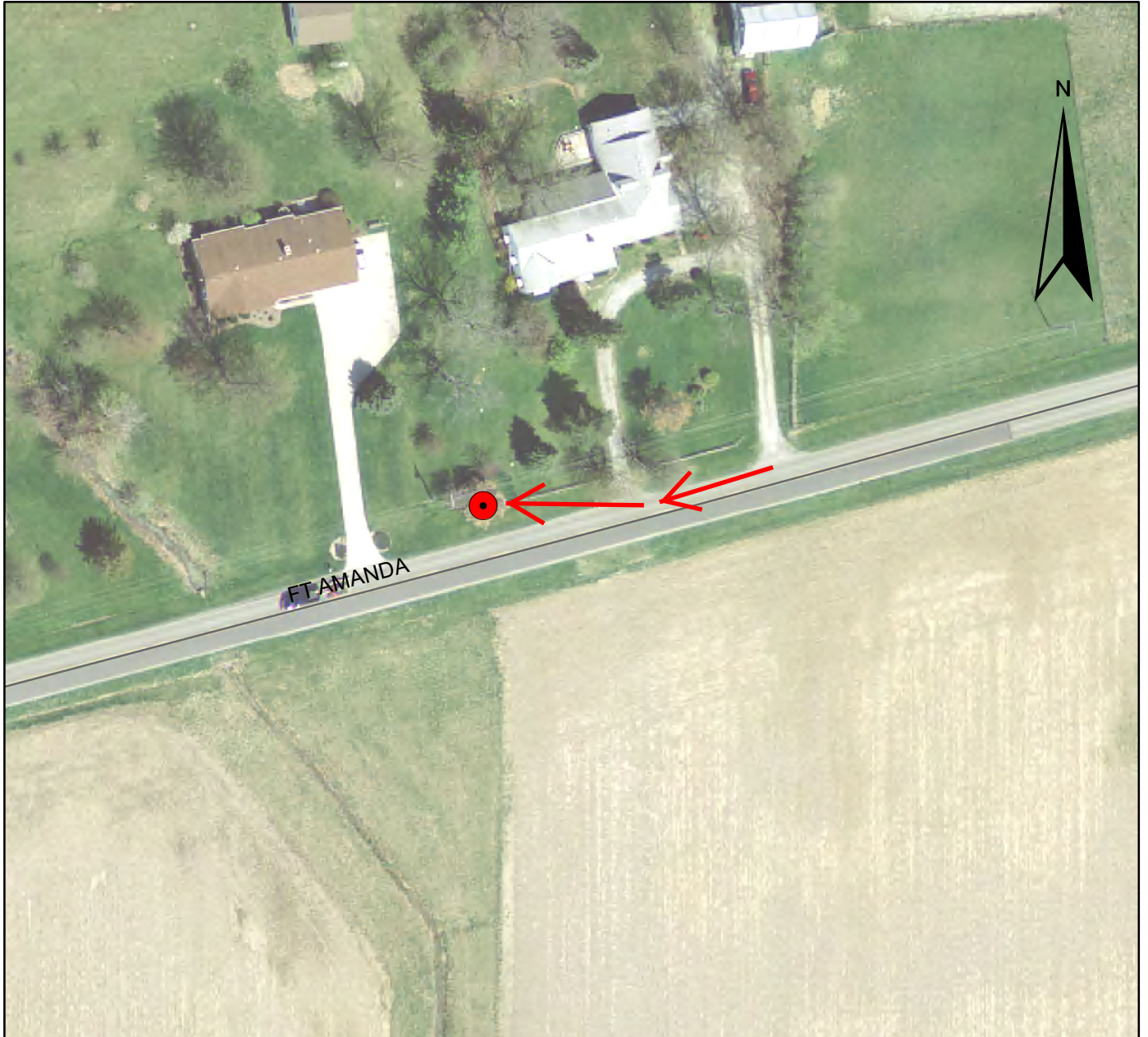
Safety Equipment: Utilized by the driver of the truck



# Map 3

## 2021 Fatal Crash #3:

### Fort Amanda Rd.; Amanda Township



### Crash Facts:

Date and Time: 01/16/2021 @ 16:10

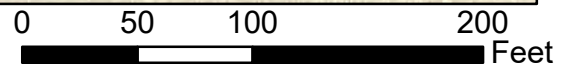
Conditions: Daylight, Cloudy Day

Vehical Description: Two Vehicles, both Passenger cars.

Crash Type and Description: Sideswipe, Unit 1 and 2 were both traveling westbound on Fort Amanda Rd. While attempting to pass unit 1, unit 2 came into contact with the front drivers side quarter panel of unit 1. Unit 1 was forced off the roadway and came to rest upside down north of the roadway.

Persons Involved and Fatalities: 3 Persons Involved; 1 Fatality

Safety Equipment: Utilized by both drivers but not the passenger





# Map 4

## 2021 Fatal Crash #4:

### State Route 117.;

### Perry Township



### Crash Facts:

Date and Time: 04/23/2021 @ 21:01

Conditions: Dark unlighted roadway, Clear Night

Vehical Description: One Vehicles, Passenger cars.

Crash Type and Description: Pedestrian, Unit 2 was traveling Northwest on State Route 117 and struck pedestrian standing in the lane of travel. Pedestrian was killed.

Persons involved and Fatalities: 2 Persons Involved; 1 Fatality

Safety Equipment: Utilized by driver.

0 135 270 540 Feet





# Map 5

## 2021 Fatal Crash #5:

### State Route 501.;

### Shawnee Township



0 50 100 200  
Feet

### Crash Facts:

Date and Time: 04/27/2021 @ 21:11

Conditions: Dark unlighted roadway, Clear Night

Vehical Description: Unit 1 was traveling northbound on State Route 501, and struck unit 2 who was waiting to turn at the intersection. Unit one left the roadwas and was killed.

Persons involved and Fatalities: 3 Persons Involved; 1 Fatality

Safety Equipment: Helmet worn by Passenger of Unit 2.



# Map 6

## 2021 Fatal Crash #6:

### Intersection of Alger Rd. and Lawrence Rd.; Auglaize Township



#### Crash Facts:

Date and Time: 05/11/2021 @ 16:55

Conditions: Day light, clean dry roadway

Vehical Description: Unit 1 was traveling southbound on lawrence Rd., and Unit 2 was traveling Eastbound on Alger Rd. Unit 1 failed to stop and struck Unit 2. Unit 2 left the roadway struck a fixed object, overturned and finally came to a stop.

Persons involved and Fatalities: 2 Persons Involved; 1 Fatality

Safety Equipment: Only utilized by Unit 1.

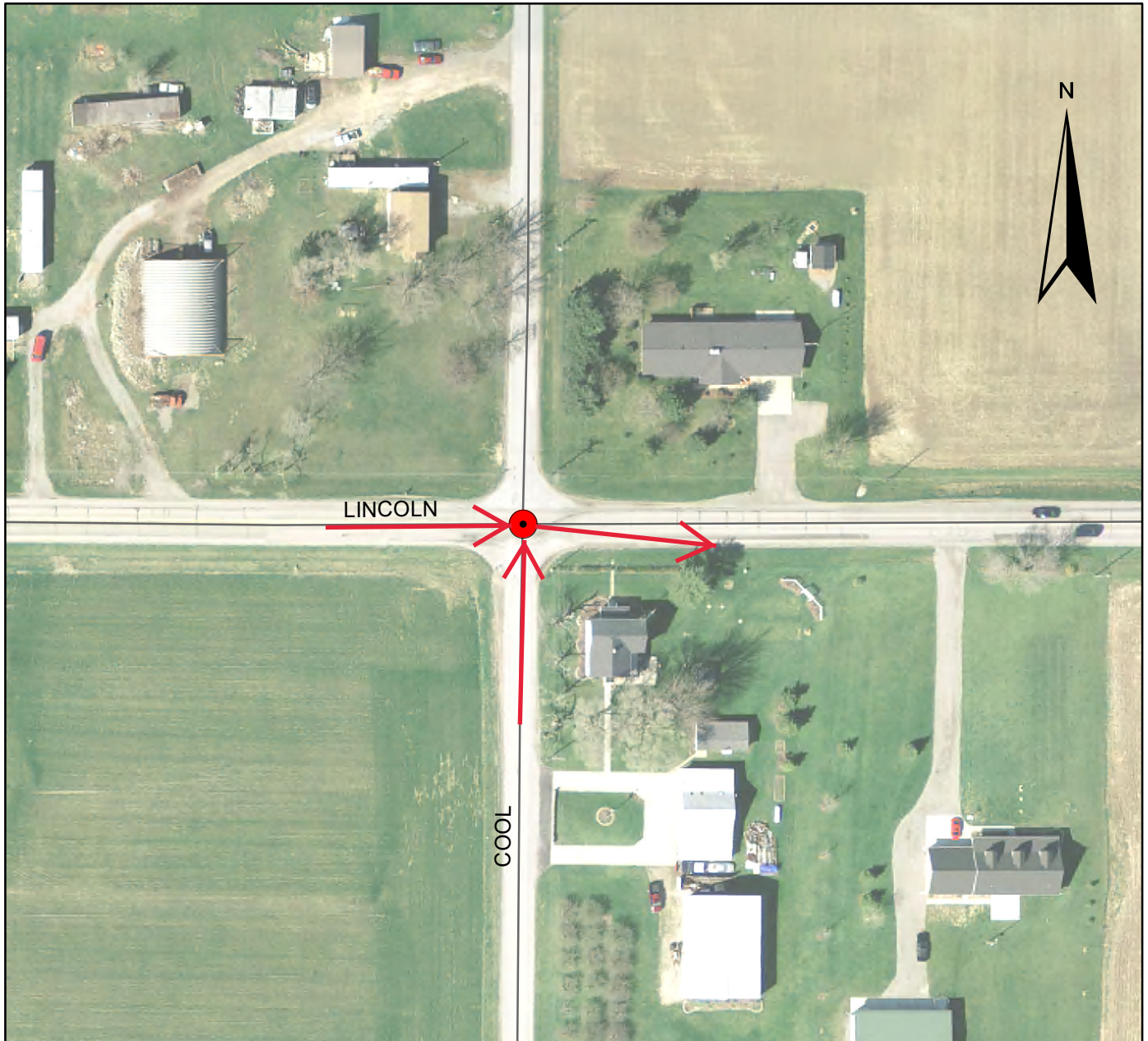




# Map 7

## 2021 Fatal Crash #7:

### Intersection Lincolne Highway and Cool Road.; Richland Township



#### Crash Facts:

0 62.5 125 250 Feet

Date and Time: 08/02/2021 @ 22:19

Conditions: Dark roadway not lighted, clean dry roadway

Vehical Description: 4 Units Involved, 2 SUV's 1 pedestrian, and 1 passenger car

Crash Description: Units 2 and 3 were involved in a traffic crash,  
at which point unit 4 left their vehical and was struck by unit 1.

Persons Involved and Fatalities: 4 Persons Involved; 1 Fatality

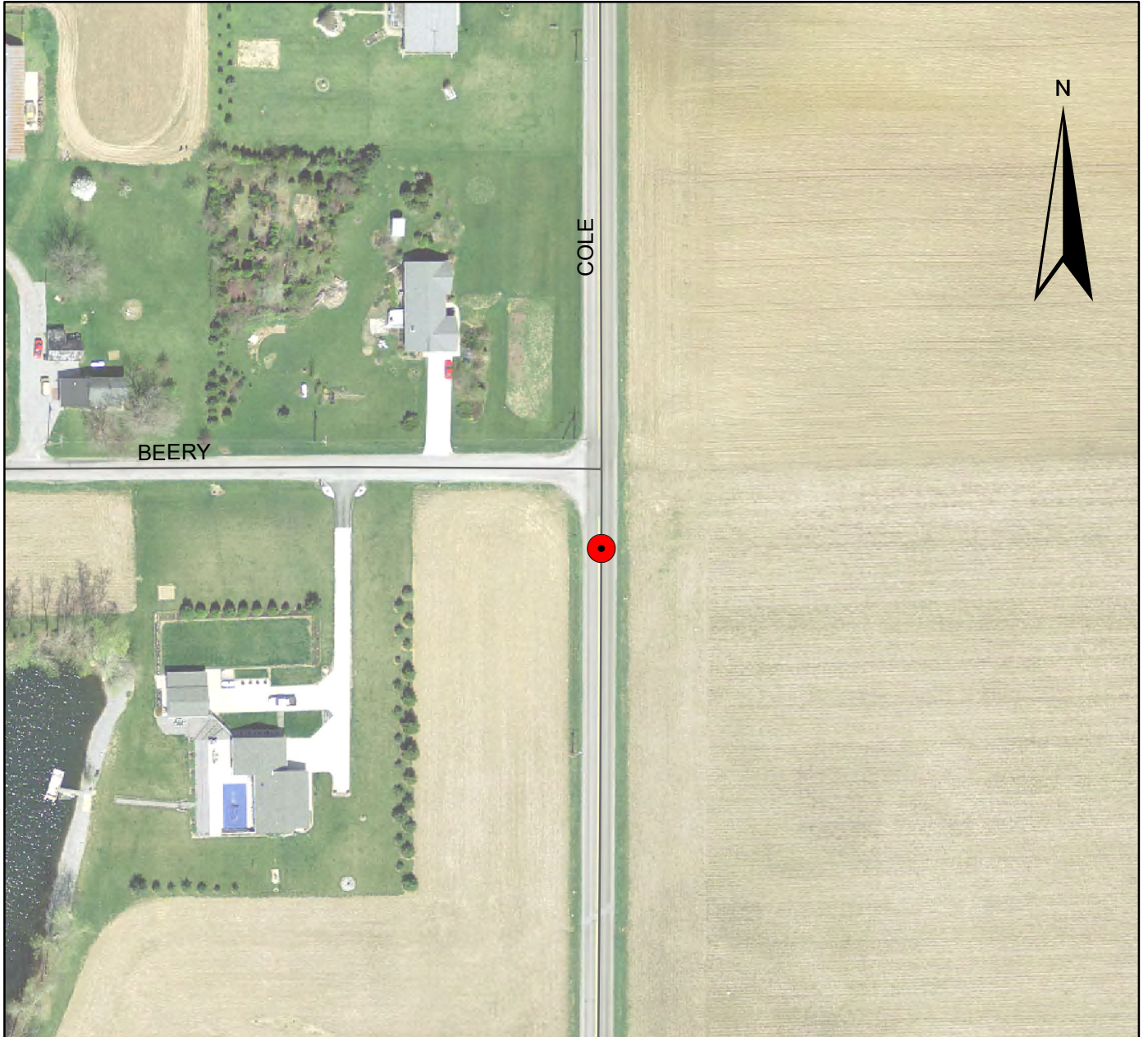
Safety Equipment: N/A.



# Map 8

## 2021 Fatal Crash #8:

### Intersection of Beery Road and Cole Street.; American Township



#### Crash Facts:

0 75 150 300 Feet

Date and Time: 08/30/2021 @ 13:22

Conditions: Daylight, clean dry roadway

Vehical Description: 1 Units Involved, Motorcycle

Crash Description: Units 1 was northbound on Cole Street. The vehicle crossed the center line and struck a ditch,

Persons involved and Fatalities: 1 person involved, 1 fatality

Safety Equipment: Used by all



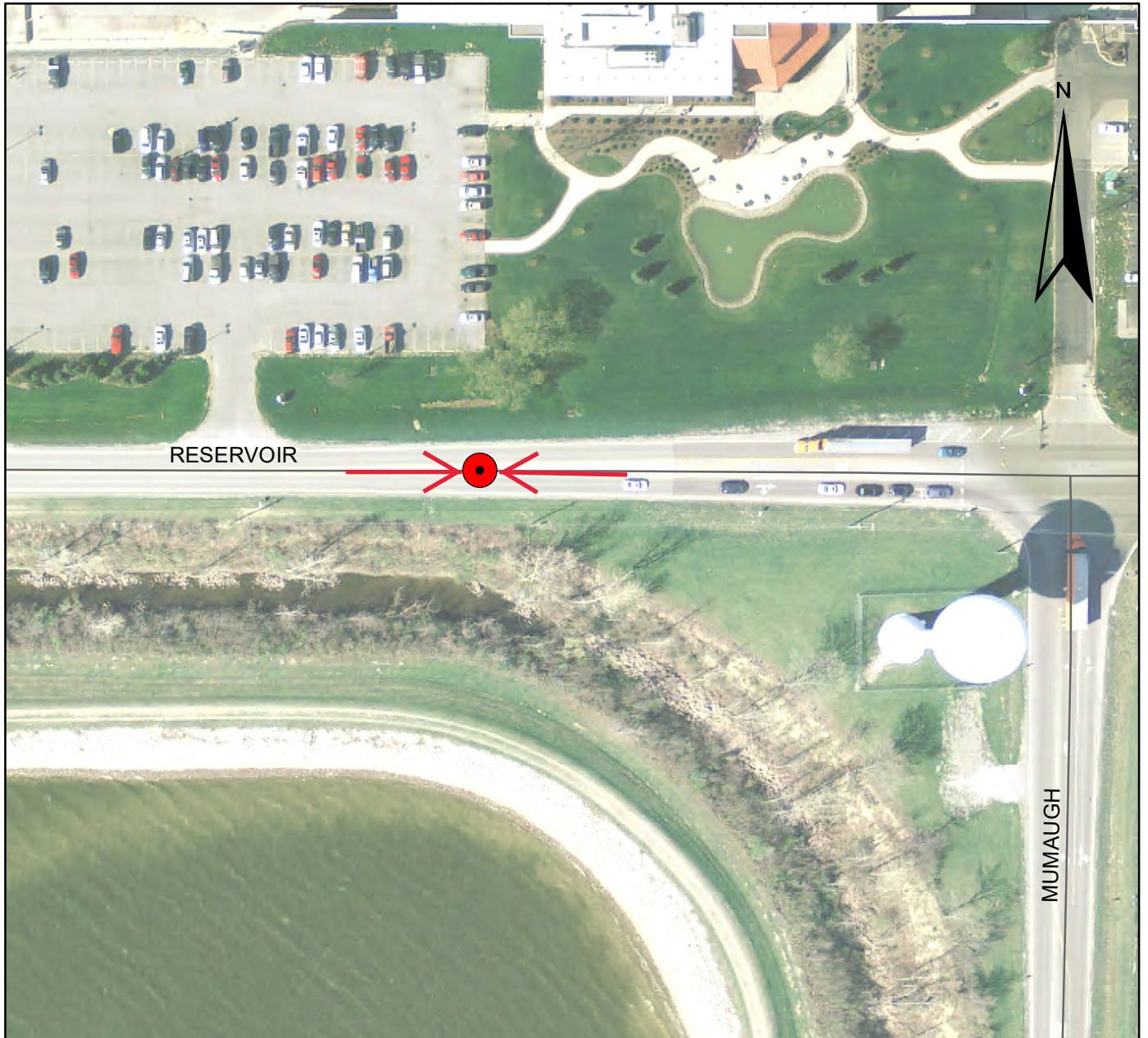


# Map 9

## 2021 Fatal Crash #9:

### Reservoir Road.;

### Bath Township



### Crash Facts:

Date and Time: 08/31/2021 @ 12:35

Conditions: Daylight, cloudy, dry roadway

Vehical Description: 2 Units Involved, 1 passenger car and 1 SUV

Crash Description: Unit 1 was traveling westbound while  
unit 2 was traveling eastbound. Unit 1 crossed the centerline  
and struck unit 2.

Persons involved and Fatalities: 2 person involved, 1 fatality

Safety Equipment: Used by one party





# Map 10

## 2021 Fatal Crash #10: Warsaw Road.; Perry Township



### Crash Facts:

0 380 760 1,520 Feet

Date and Time: 09/02/2021 @ 20:40

Conditions: Dark Unlighted Roadway, clear, dry roadway

Vehical Description: 2 Units, 1 pickup truck, 1 lawn mower

Crash Description: Unit 2 was traveling westbound on Warsaw Road.

Unit 1 was entering the roadway and was struck by unit 2

Persons Involved and Fatalities: 2 person involved, 1 fatality

Safety Equipment: Used by one party





# Map 11

## 2021 Fatal Crash #11: State Route 115.; American Township



### Crash Facts:

0 50 100 200 Feet

Date and Time: 08/05/2021 @ 13:24  
Conditions: Daylight, Clear, Dry Roadway  
Vehical Description: 1 Unit (Pick up truck)  
Crash Description: Unit 1 left the roadway and struck a utility pole  
Persons involved and Fatalities: 1 person involved, 1 fatality  
Safety Equipment: None Used





# Map 12

## 2021 Fatal Crash #12:

### Shawnee Road.;

### Shawnee Township



### Crash Facts:

0 75 150 300 Feet

Date and Time: 10/16/2021 @ 8:23

Conditions: Dark Unlit Roadway, Cloudy, Dry Roadway

Vehical Description: 2 Units (1 Bicycle and 1 Passenger Car)

Crash Description: Unit 1 and 2 were traveling southbound on Shawnee Road.

Unit 2 failed to maintain a safe following distance and struck unit 1 from behind.

Persons Involved and Fatalities: 2 person involved, 1 fatality

Safety Equipment: None or Unknown



# Map 13

## 2021 Fatal Crash #13:

### North Grubb Road.; Amanda Township



### Crash Facts:

0 190 380 760 Feet

Date and Time: 10/19/2021 @ 23:50

Conditions: Dark Unlit Roadway, Clear, Dry Roadway

Vehical Description: 1 Unit (1 Pickup Truck)

Crash Description: Unit 1 was traveling southbound on N. Grubb Rd.

Unit 1 then left the roadway and struck a tree.

Persons Involved and Fatalities: 1 person involved, 1 fatality

Safety Equipment: Used by all involved

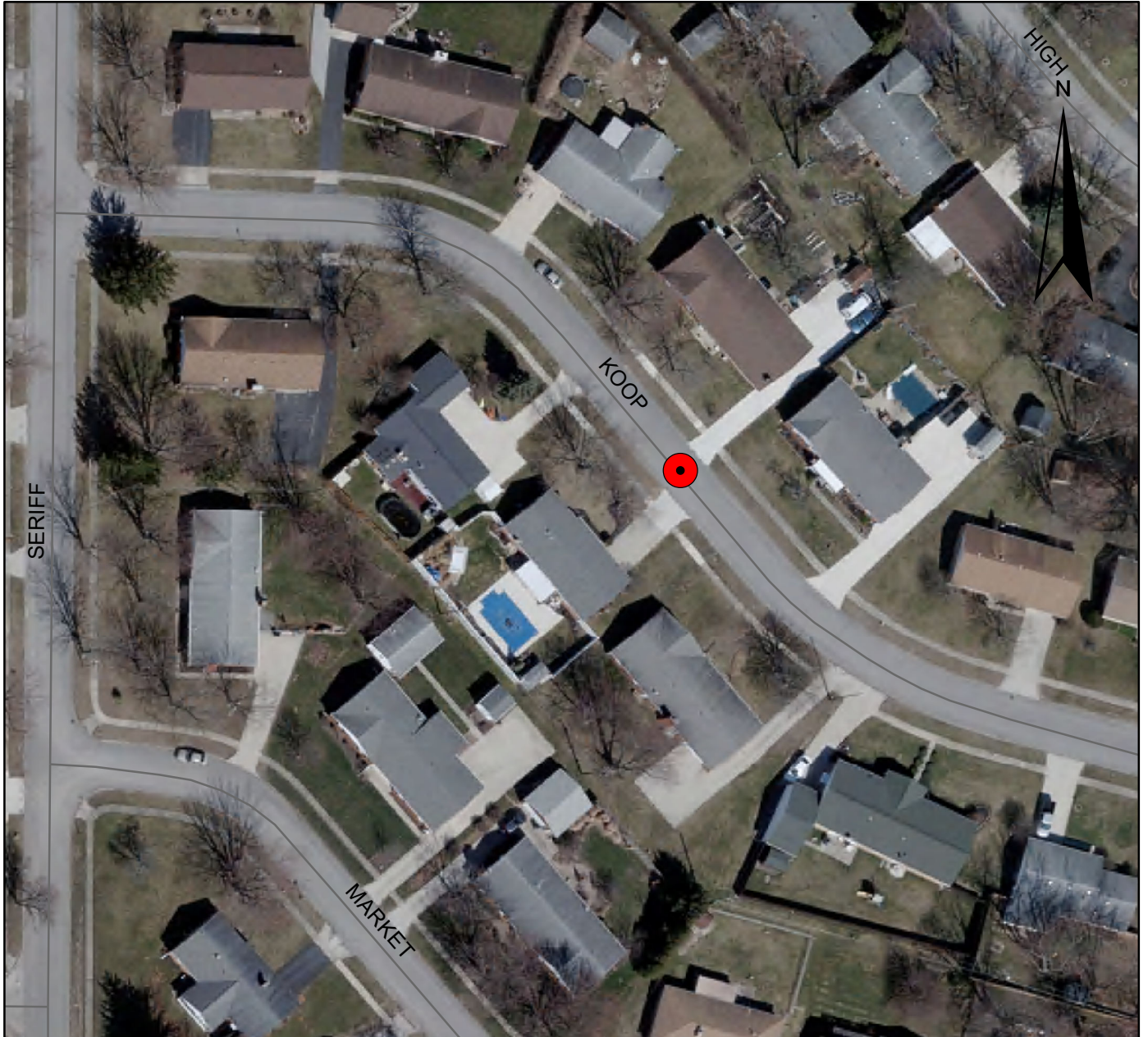




# Map 14

## 2021 Fatal Crash #14:

### Koop Road.; American Township



### Crash Facts:

Date and Time: 10/26/2021 @ 11:14

Conditions: Day Light, Clear, Dry Roadway

Vehical Description: 1 Unit (1 Passenger Car)

Crash Description: Unit 1 was driving northwest on Koop Rd. failed to negotiate a curve and left the roadway.

Persons involved and Fatalities: 1 person involved, 1 fatality

Safety Equipment: None Used





# Map 15

## 2021 Fatal Crash #15:

### State Rd. and State Route 65.; Bath Township



#### Crash Facts:

Date and Time: 11/06/2021 @ 21:59

Conditions: Dark Lighted Roadway, Clear, Dry Roadway

Vehical Description: 2 Unit (1 Pickup Truck, 1 Semi-Tractor)

Crash Description: Unit 2 was traveling south on State Route 65, while unit 1 was traveling north. Unit 2 attempted to turn left across traffic and was struck by Unit 1.

Persons Involved and Fatalities: 2 persons involved, 1 fatality

Safety Equipment: Used by all parties





# Map 16

## 2021 Fatal Crash #16:

### Bellefontaine Ave.;

### The City of Lima



#### Crash Facts:

0 62.5 125 250 Feet

Date and Time: 11/09/2021 @ 6:29

Conditions: Dark Lighted Roadway, Clear, Dry Roadway

Vehical Description: 2 Unit (1 Passenger Car, 1 Pedestrian)

Crash Description: Unit 1 was traveling west on Bellefontaine Ave.

Unit 2 attempted to run across the road and was struck by Unit 1.

Persons Involved and Fatalities: 2 persons involved, 1 fatality

Safety Equipment: Used by Driver of Unit 1





# Map 17

## 2021 Fatal Crash #17:

### State Route 309;

### Perry Township



### Crash Facts:

0 75 150 300 Feet

Date and Time: 11/12/2021 @ 23:21

Conditions: Dark unlit Roadway, Snow, Wet Roadway

Vehical Description: 1 Unit (1 Passenger Car)

Crash Description: Unit 1 was traveling east on State Route 309,  
it then left the roadway and struck a tree.

Persons Involved and Fatalities: 1 person involved, 1 fatality

Safety Equipment: None Used





# Map 18

## 2021 Fatal Crash #18:

### St. Johns Ave. and Vine Street; The City of Lima



#### Crash Facts:

0 37.5 75 150  
Feet

Date and Time: 11/19/2021 @ 6:50  
Conditions: Dark lighted Roadway, Clear, Dry Roadway  
Vehical Description: 2 Units (1 SUV and 1 Pedestrian)  
Crash Description: Unit 1 was crossing St. John's Ave and was struck by Unit2. Unit 2 Fled the scene.  
Persons involved and Fatalities: 2 persons involved, 1 fatality  
Safety Equipment: None Used and Unknown



# Map 19

## 2021 Fatal Crash #19:

### Interstate 75 and State Route 65; Perry Township



#### Crash Facts:

Date and Time: 11/26/2021 @ 7:21

Conditions: Dawn/Dusk, Cloudy, Icy Roadway

Vehical Description: 1 Unit (1 Pickup Truck)

Crash Description: Unit 1 was traveling eastbound on I-75, they lost control and left the roadway. The Vehical came to rest off the right side of the roadway.

Persons Involved and Fatalities: 1 persons involved, 1 fatality

Safety Equipment: None Used

0 75 150 300 Feet





# Map 20

## 2021 Fatal Crash #20:

### State Route 117; Amanda Township



### Crash Facts:

0 62.5 125 250 Feet

Date and Time: 11/28/2021 @ 6:40

Conditions: Dark Non-lighted roadway, Clear, Dry Roadway

Vehical Description: 2 Units (1 Passenger Car, 1 SUV)

Crash Description: Unit 1 was eastbound on SR117 and crossed the centerline and struck unit 2 who was traveling westbound on SR 117.

Persons Involved and Fatalities: 2 persons involved, 2 fatality

Safety Equipment: Used by All



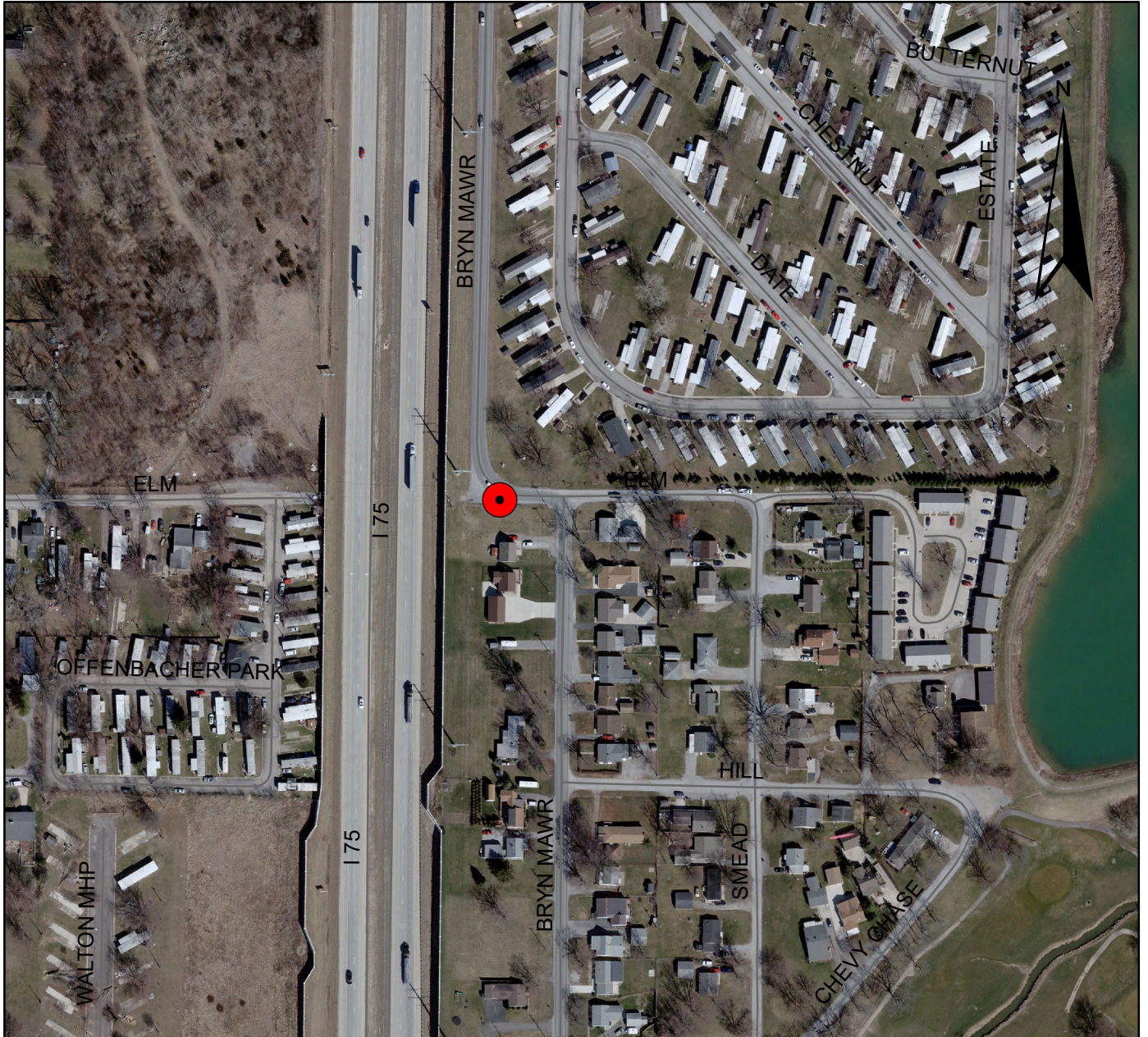


# Map 21

## 2021 Fatal Crash #21:

### Bryn Mawr Ave.;

### Bath Township



### Crash Facts:

Date and Time: 12/23/2021 @ 20:01

Conditions: Dark Non-lighted roadway, Cloudy, Dry Roadway

Vehical Description: 1 Unit (1 SUV)

Crash Description: Unit 1 was traveling south on Bryn Mawr and fauled to negotiate the sharp curve. Unit 1 left the roadway and struck both the guard rail and the house adjacent to the roadway.

Persons Involved and Fatalities: 2 persons involved, 1 fatality

Safety Equipment: Used only by fatality.





# Map 22

## 2021 Fatal Crash #22:

### U.S. 30;

### Marion Township



0 160 320 640 Feet

### Crash Facts:

Date and Time: 11/26/2021 @ 8:57

Conditions: Daylight, Snow, Snow Covered Roadway

Vehical Description: 1 Unit (1 Passenger Car)

Crash Description: Unit 1 was traveling northbound on Baugh Road and left the right side of the roadway and struck a guard rail.

Persons involved and Fatalities: 1 person involved, 1 fatality

Safety Equipment: Unknown





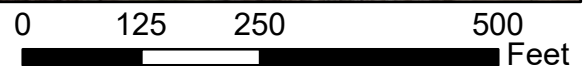
# Map 23

## 2021 Fatal Crash #23:

### S.R. 117 and Bowman Rd.; Perry Township



### Crash Facts:



Date and Time: 6/11/2021 @ 13:49

Conditions: Daylight, Clear, Dry Roadway

Vehical Description: 2 Units (1 Passenger van and 1 semi truck)

Crash Description: Unit 2 was northbound on Bowman Rd. Unit 1 was west bound on S.R. 117. Unit 1 failed to yield at a stop light and struck unit 2. Both units then left the roadway.

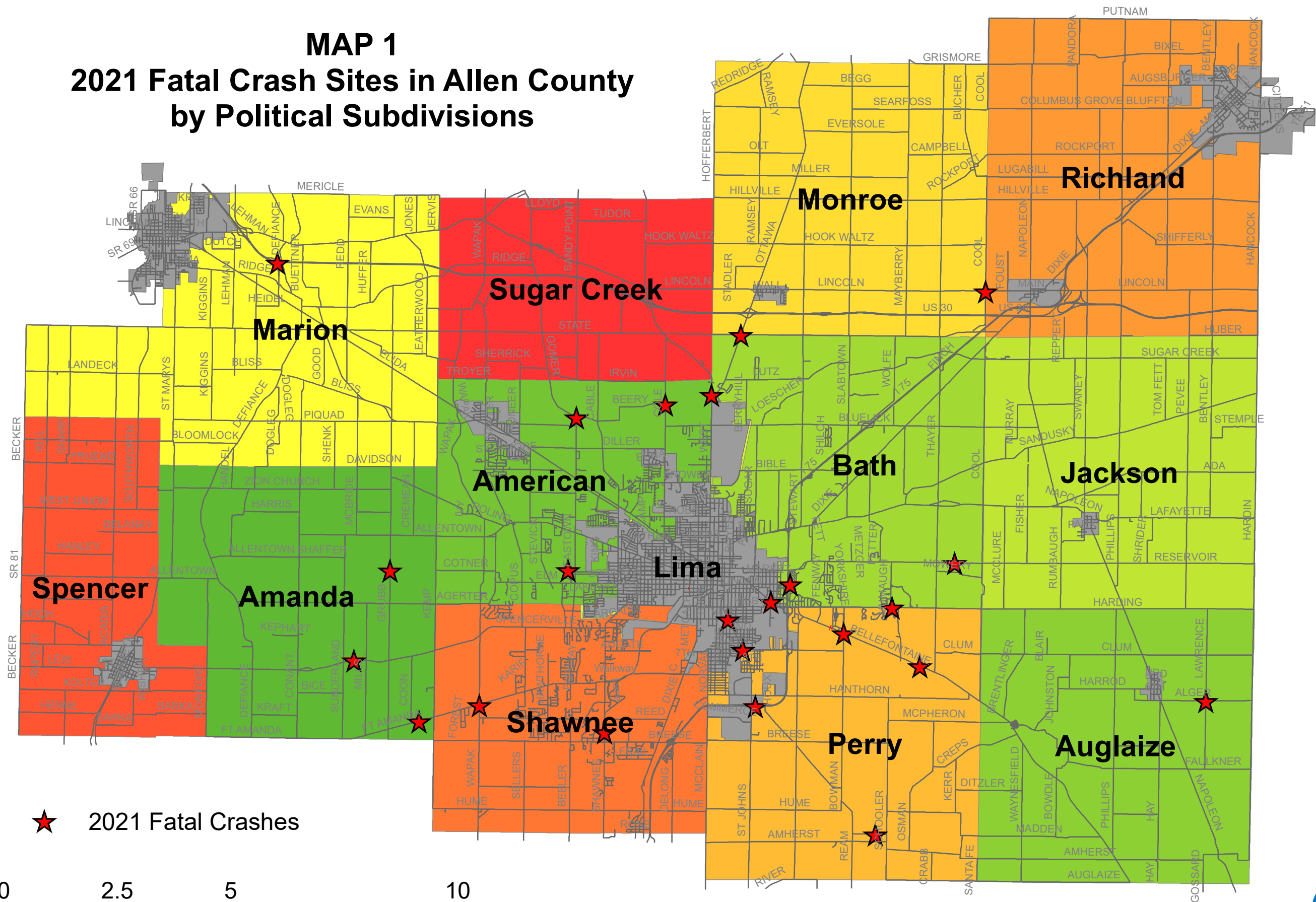
Persons involved and Fatalities: 2 person involved, 1 fatality

Safety Equipment: Used by unit 2 (shoulder and lap belt)



# MAP 1

## 2021 Fatal Crash Sites in Allen County by Political Subdivisions



★ 2021 Fatal Crashes

0 2.5 5 10 Miles