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Two Traffic Fatalities are Two Too Many

The Union County Health Department's Safe Communities program reports that two traffic fatalities occurred in Union County from January 1, 2012 through March 31, 2012.

"Two deaths are two too many for our community," said Safe Communities/Safe Kids Coordinator, Shawnna Sue Jordan. "Each time such a tragedy occurs, a valuable member of our community is abruptly taken from his or her family. I only hope that through raising traffic safety awareness and educating motorists, we can help prevent the loss of another life."

While the loss of a loved one outweighs economic value, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that an individual traffic fatality has a comprehensive cost of $3,366,388. While this figure does not include the enormous loss associated with losing a loved one, it does include the loss of the individual's valued future contributions to the 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. As part of this grant program, quarterly traffic fatality reports are released to the community.

For more information, please contact the Union County Health Department at 937-642-2053.

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