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THREE FATAL CRASHES IN PORTAGE COUNTY APRIL THROUGH JUNE 2022

Ravenna, OH – Portage County Fatality Review Board reviewed recent fatal crashes occurring April through June. In comparison, there were seven fatal crashes during the same three months in 2021.

Contributing causes were failure to maintain assured clear distance ahead (ACDA), unsafe speed and left of center. Two of the three crashes involved a motorcycle. At-fault ages ranged from age 26 to 62. Not all toxicology results have been received, but the three crashes involved alcohol or drugs.

The Fatality Review Board, a mandate of Safe Communities grant, is responsible for reviewing fatal crashes to identify crash trends and recommend countermeasures. The Board strongly urges continuous high visibility enforcement and education focusing on seat belts, speed, impaired and distracted driving to reduce preventable crashes.

Safe Communities is a program of Portage County Health District.