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DEFIANCE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH RECEIVES \$35,000 IN TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANTS

Federal Funds from Ohio Traffic Safety Office Help Save Lives in Defiance County

Defiance – Kim Moss, Defiance County Health Commissioner announced that Defiance County Public Health was awarded \$35,000 in federal traffic safety funding. The funding is being received as a grant through the Ohio Department of Public Safety’s Ohio Traffic Safety Office (OTSO).

Defiance County Public Health has identified that education regarding traffic safety and lack of seat belt use is impacting the safety and welfare of the citizens of Defiance county. To save lives and improve the quality of life for our citizens, Defiance County Public Health will use grant funds to promote traffic safety initiatives with emphasis on seat belts usage. Defiance County Public Health will partner with local law enforcement and will be forming a coalition of community agencies to carry out these initiatives. “Partnerships are key in the success of any safety effort and we are committed to working with safety partners to address traffic safety concerns in Defiance County,” said Kim Moss.

Grant funds are passed through OTSO from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to support the efforts of safety partners statewide and focus on traffic safety priority areas such as restraint use, impaired driving, motorcycle safety and youthful drivers.

Competitive grant proposals were accepted and reviewed by OTSO. The FFY 2017 competitive grant process solicited grant proposals from state agencies, non-profit organizations, colleges, universities, hospitals, political subdivisions and other interested groups within selected Ohio counties and jurisdictions (based upon the number of fatal crashes).

For more information about OTSO and statewide efforts to improve safety on Ohio’s roadways, log <http://ohiohighwaysafetyoffice.ohio.gov/index.stm>

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