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Fairfield County Receives Traffic Safety Grant

County Administrator
Carri L. Brown

Lancaster, OH – The Fairfield County Commissioners today announced the Ohio Department of Public Safety’s Ohio Traffic Safety Office (OTSO) award of **\$42,000** in federal traffic safety funding for federal fiscal year 2019 to the Fairfield County Family, Adult and Children First (FACF) Council. The County Commissioners are the administrative agent for the grant project, while the FACF Council will be responsible for the operations of the project.

Clerk
Rachel A. Elsea

This award will launch the Safe Communities Program to promote traffic safety in Fairfield County. To save lives and make roads safer, the FACF Council will use the grant funds to conduct traffic safety education at community events and in schools and disseminate traffic safety information. These activities will support the efforts of state and local partners to focus on seat belt use, impaired driving, motorcycle safety and distracted driving.

The traffic safety grant funds are passed through OTSO from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and are awarded competitively by OTSO. The 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).

The activities of the Safe Communities Program will be informed by a local coalition that includes local law enforcement and community representatives. The coalition will meet bi-monthly to collaborate efforts and resources toward decreasing motor-vehicle crashes and fatalities in Fairfield County. Steve Davis, President of the Board of County Commissioners, stated, “We are encouraged with the award of funds to promote traffic safety and support local collaboration among law enforcement and community groups interested in safety education.”

Community members interested in serving on the Safe Communities Coalition are encouraged to contact Ann Probasco, Injury Prevention Coordinator for the FACF Council, at 740.652.7282.

For more information about the Ohio Traffic Safety Office and statewide efforts to improve safety on Ohio’s roadways, log on to <http://ohiohighwaysafetyoffice.ohio.gov/>.

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