

# Press Release



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## **Greene County Safe Communities Reports Three Traffic Fatalities in 3rd Quarter (April-June) of Fiscal Year**

**XENIA, OH** -- The Greene County Safe Communities program reports **three fatal crashes in the third quarter of the grant's fiscal year, 2026** (April - June 2026).

The biggest cause of these crashes was "failure to yield" (pulling out in front of oncoming traffic). This brings the total to twelve fatal crashes for the fiscal year.

Local law enforcement and members of the Safe Communities coalition want to remind all drivers to "**look left, look right, then look left again**" to ensure their safety and that of others before proceeding through an intersection. This is also a good reminder that the "**100 Deadliest Days of Summer**" is the period between Memorial Day and Labor Day. During this summer season, safety officials see a sharp spike in fatal car crashes. Teen drivers face the highest risk, as they are 20% more likely to be in a deadly crash during these months. Remember to put down your phones, avoid all distractions, buckle up, drive sober, and obey all traffic signs and signals.

The Safe Communities Coalition will continue to collaborate with schools, businesses, and the public to provide educational materials and information, ensuring Greene County citizens remain safe on the roadways. The safety of Greene County residents while traveling is the Coalition's biggest concern.

The Safe Communities program was developed to help communities reduce traffic injuries and deaths, increase safety awareness, decrease the cost of traffic-related injuries, and increase the number of people involved in keeping communities safe.

The public is welcome and invited to attend all meetings of the Greene County Safe Communities Coalition. For more information and coalition meeting dates/times, contact Kaci Warren at 937-374-5673 or email [kwarren@greenecophoh.gov](mailto:kwarren@greenecophoh.gov).

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