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The Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission (LACRPC) has prepared and released for public review and comment the 2007 Allen County Traffic Crash Incident Summary Report.

Lima, Ohio (September 3, 2008): The Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission (LACRPC) has prepared and released the 2007 Allen County Traffic Crash Incident Summary Report. The document enumerates motor vehicle crash incidents that occurred during 2007. The goal is to provide insight into the general state of local roadway safety, to identify high hazard crash locations, and systemic contributing causes of crash incidents as well as to support high profile safety programs.

In Allen County during 2007, the following traffic crash incidents occurred:

- 3,746 total crashes;
- 1,299 injuries resulted from 891 crashes;
- While the total number of crashes has remained somewhat consistent over the past ten years, total injuries are at the lowest level during that same period;
- 43 intersections had 15 or more crashes in the past three years;
- Drivers 16-20 were about two times more likely to be in a crash;
- Bicycle related crashes trended upward to the highest level since 2003;
- Heavy truck crashes and injuries trended downward to a ten year low;
- Light truck crashes trended downward to the lowest level since 1998.

There were 12 fatal crashes resulting in 13 fatalities:

- 2/3 of fatal crashes involved leaving the roadway and hitting a fixed object;
- Over 46% of fatalities resulted from alcohol related incidents;
- 3 people died and 63 people were injured in motorcycle crashes;
- Male drivers were involved in four times as many fatal crashes as females.

The 2007 Allen County Traffic Crash Incident Summary Report will be available for 30 days for review and comment during normal business hours at the Lima Public Library as well as the Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission located at 130 W. North Street in Lima, Ohio. Staff is available to answer questions. The Report can also be accessed on the internet at www.lacrpc.com; follow the link "What's New!" and click on the 2007 Allen County Traffic Crash Incident Summary Report.

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