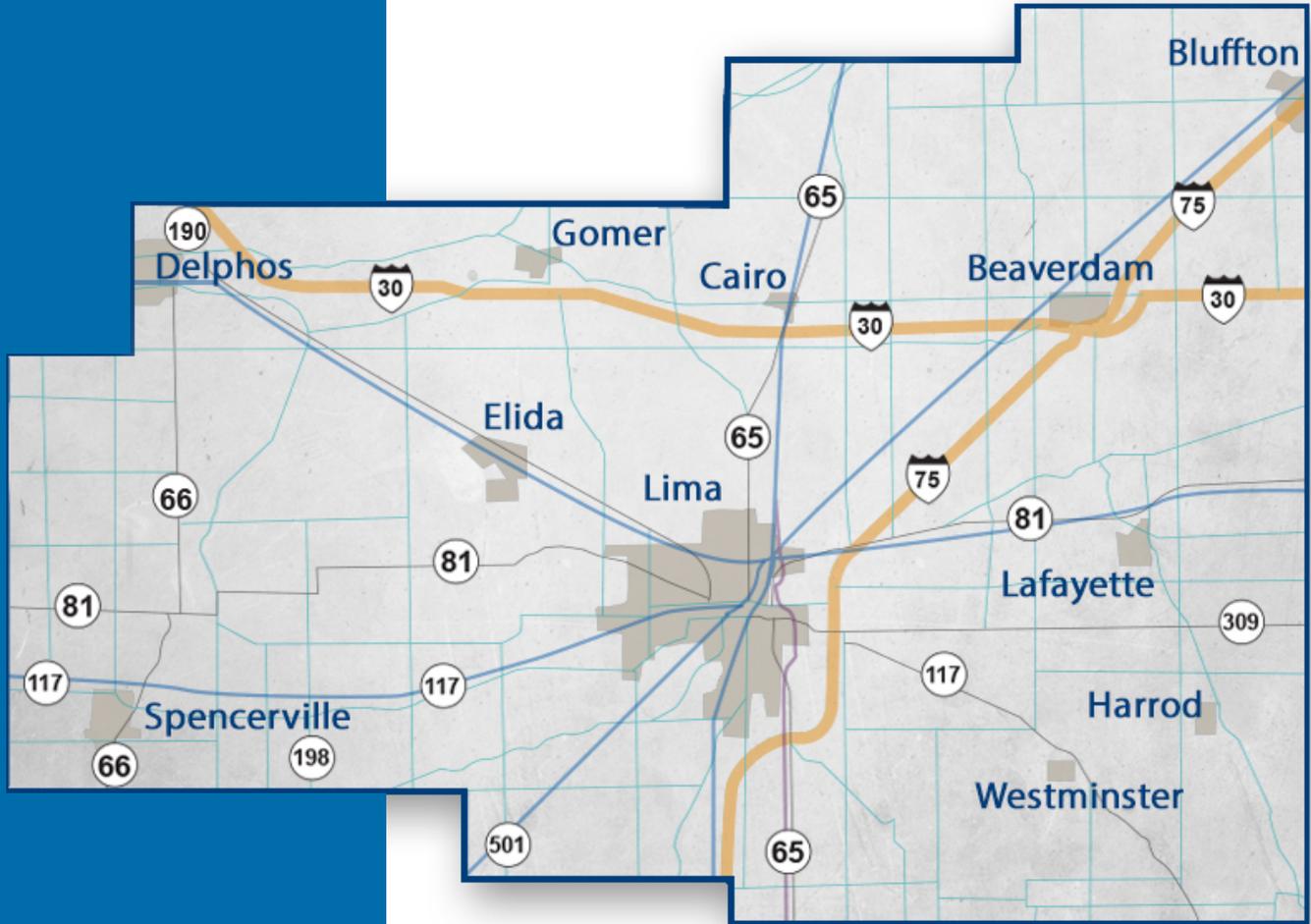


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# Allen County Fatal Crash Report



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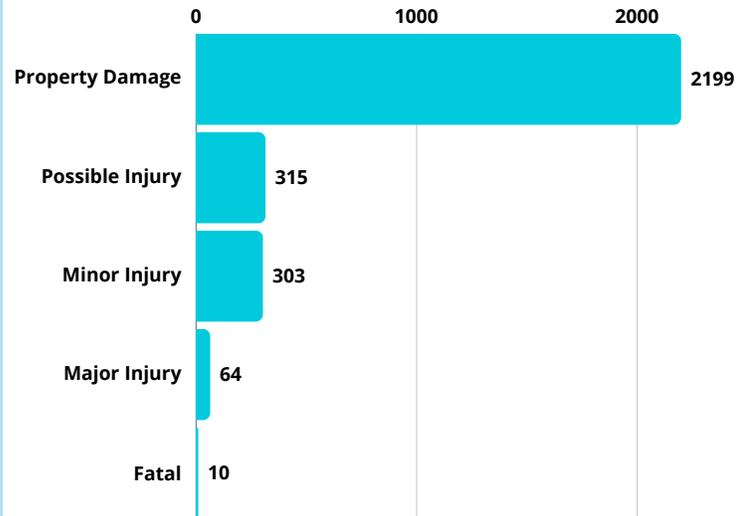
# Introduction

The Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission (LACRPC) is pleased to present the 2023 Traffic Crash Summary Report for Allen County, Ohio. This report reflects fatal motor vehicle crashes for the calendar year 2023 and intends to provide the reader with a clear summary of the year's fatal crashes. In addition, it will attempt to draw some parallels between the county's crashes and statewide trends to provide our members with sufficient information to make informed decisions regarding traffic improvements. The contents of this report represent the work of the LACRPC. The report does not represent a standard or policy of FHWA, ODOT, ODPS, or the NHTSA. Please forward any questions or concerns to the LACRPC at 130 W. North Street, Lima, Ohio 45801 ([www.LACRPC.com](http://www.LACRPC.com)). This report presents data across various topics, but if additional data is needed, please do not hesitate to contact LACRPC's office directly at (419) 228-1836.

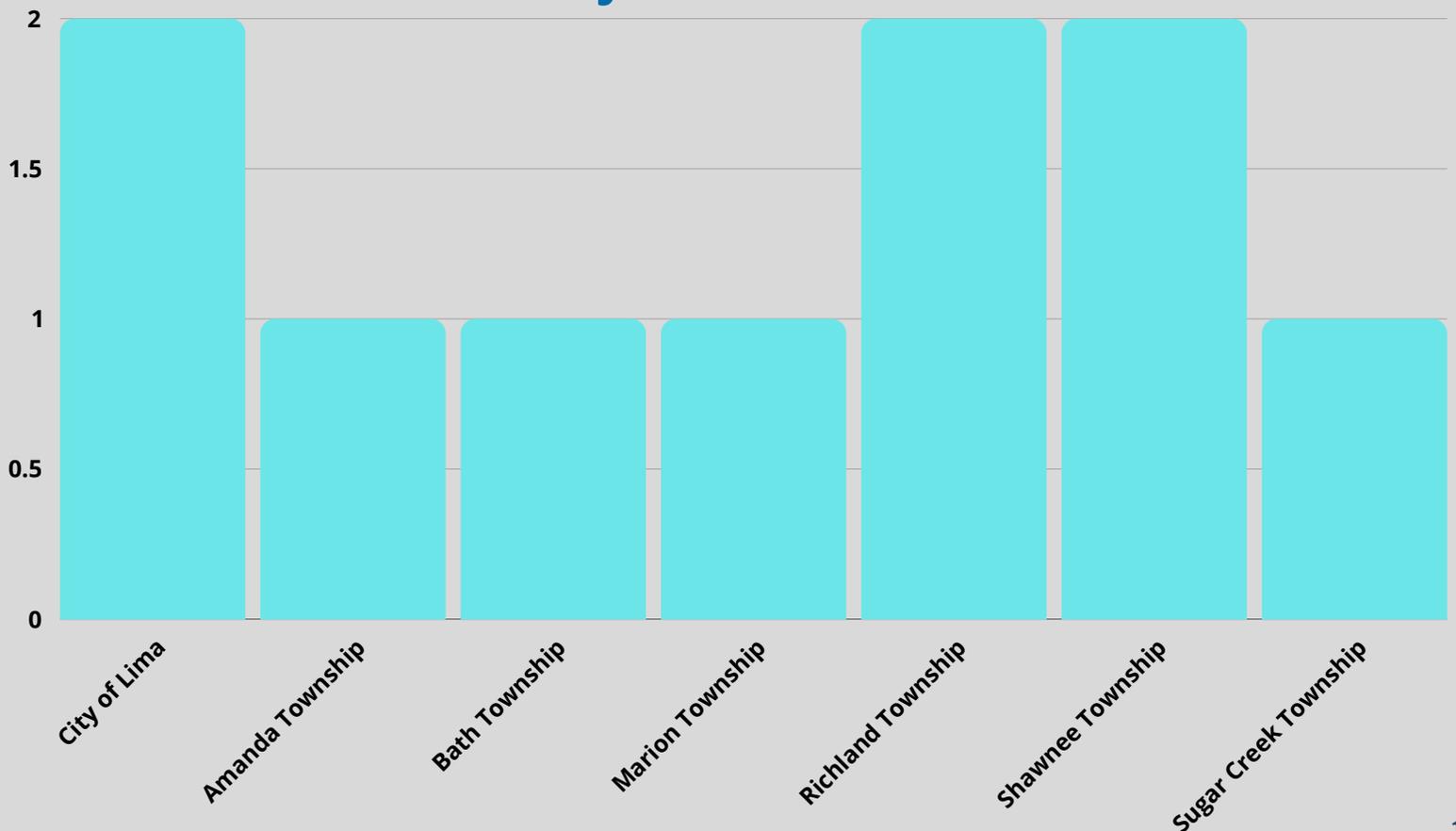
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## 2023 Crash Severity



## Fatals by Political Subdivision





## 2023 Traffic Crash Overview

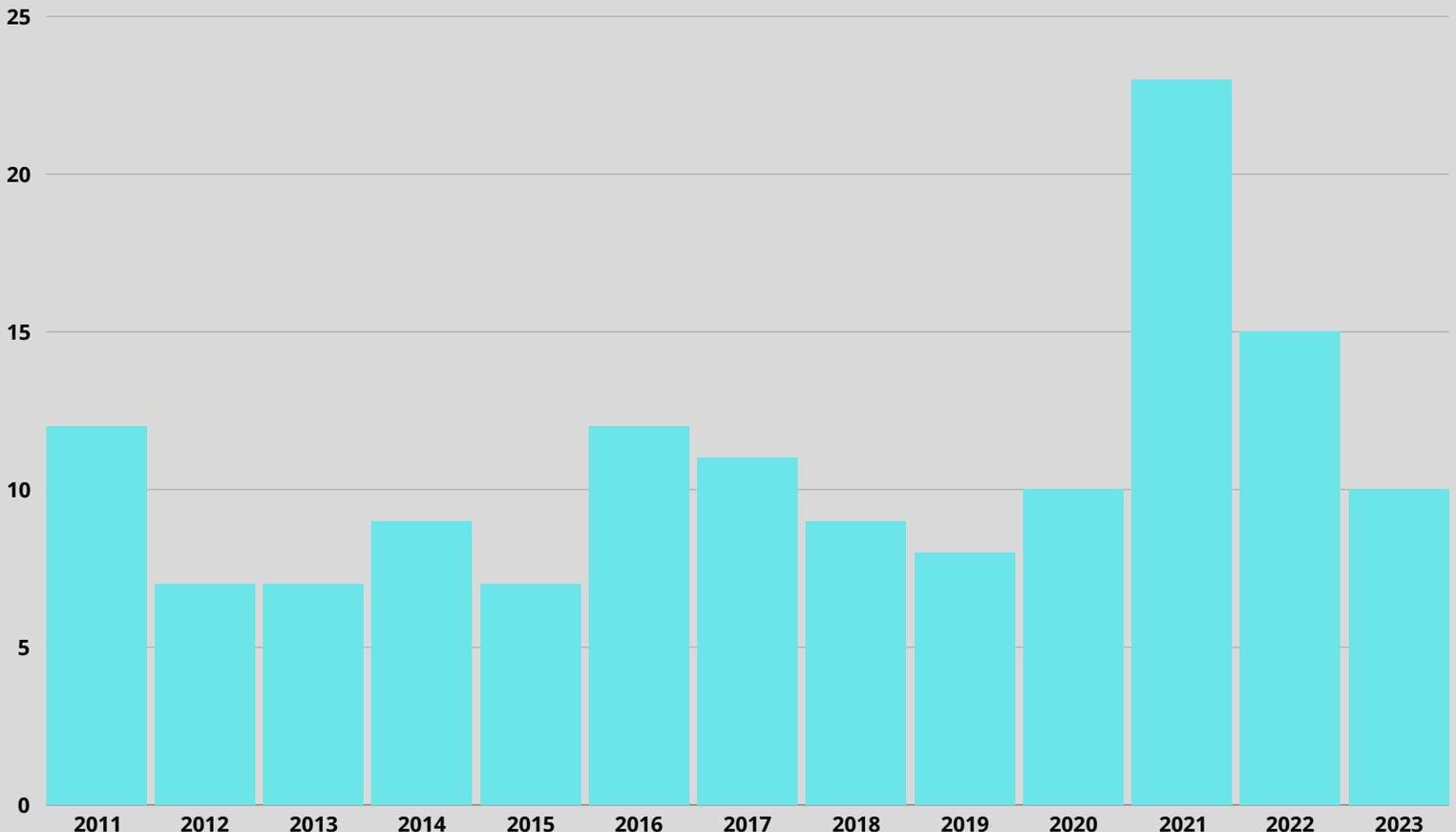
A total of 2,891, crashes occurred within LACRPC's planning area in 2023. All crashes provided within the Ohio Department of Transportation's (ODOT) GIS Crash Analysis Tool (GCATS) system were included in this report. There were 10 fatal crashes, 682 involving injuries of varying degrees, and 2,199 involving only property damage (see attached statistical sheets). Regarding personal costs, 10 individuals were killed and 1,022 injured in crashes in 2023.

2023 represents a significant improvement from 2022 in terms of number of fatal crashes (15 vs. 10) as well as a slightly less significant statistical improvement from the 10-year rolling average (12). With that in mind it can be stated that 2023 had a lower than average number of fatal crashes as well as total crashes. 2023 represents the second consecutive year with a reduction in fatal crashes, and what appears to be a return to more average crash numbers after a period of elevated fatalities. This trend is also apparent at the state wide level.

Allen County continues to battle impaired driving. In 2023, 30% of all fatal crashes involved drugs or alcohol. Additionally, there were 2 fatal crashes involving excessive speed.

\*Totals are subject to change as end of year crash reports become available.

### Fatal Crashes Over Time



# Safety Based Performance Measures



	Performance Measure Goal	Number Occured
1	Total Fatalities - 12	10
2	Total Serious Injuries - 82	72
3	Fatal Rate 0.92 /100 MVM	0.78/100 MVM
4	Serious Injury Rate - 6.29/100 MVM	5.64/100 MVM
5	Ped/Non-Motorized Fatal/Serious Injuries - 9	8

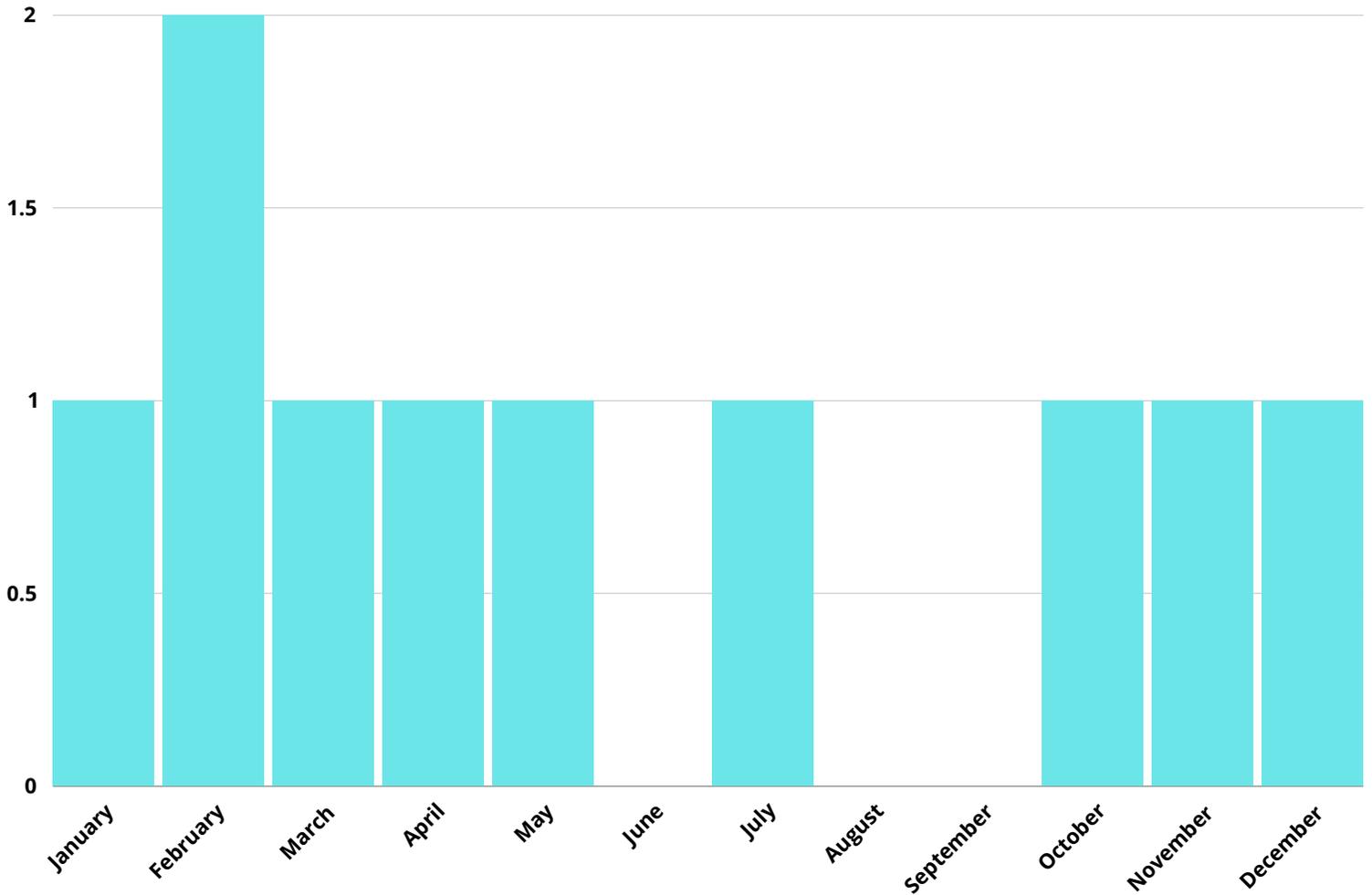
## Safety Based Performance Measures

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The goal of this report is to improve roadway safety in Allen County for all users. A set of quantitative measurements must be established as a baseline comparison for past and future data to achieve these goals. The FAST Act, established under the Obama Administration, establishes these goals as performance measures. Per the FAST Act standards and concurrence of statewide goals set by ODOT, this MPO committed to a goal of a 2% reduction in CY 2023, using a 5-year rolling average (2018-2022) as a baseline in all five (5) safety metrics. These metrics include the total number of fatalities, the fatality rate per 100 million vehicle miles (MVM), the total number of serious injuries, serious injuries per 100 MVM, and non-motorized fatalities and/or serious injuries. The MPO uses these performance measures to prioritize future improvements and make recommendations to governmental bodies. Please note that other performance measures were established by the FAST Act but are not applicable under the scope of this report.



## 2022 Fatal Crashes by Month



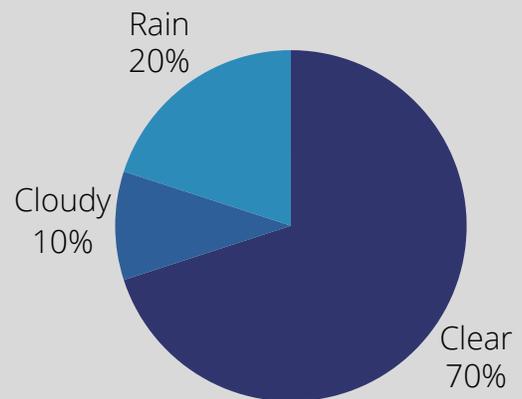
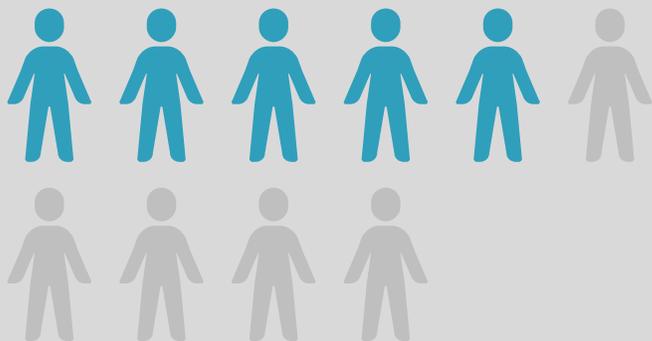
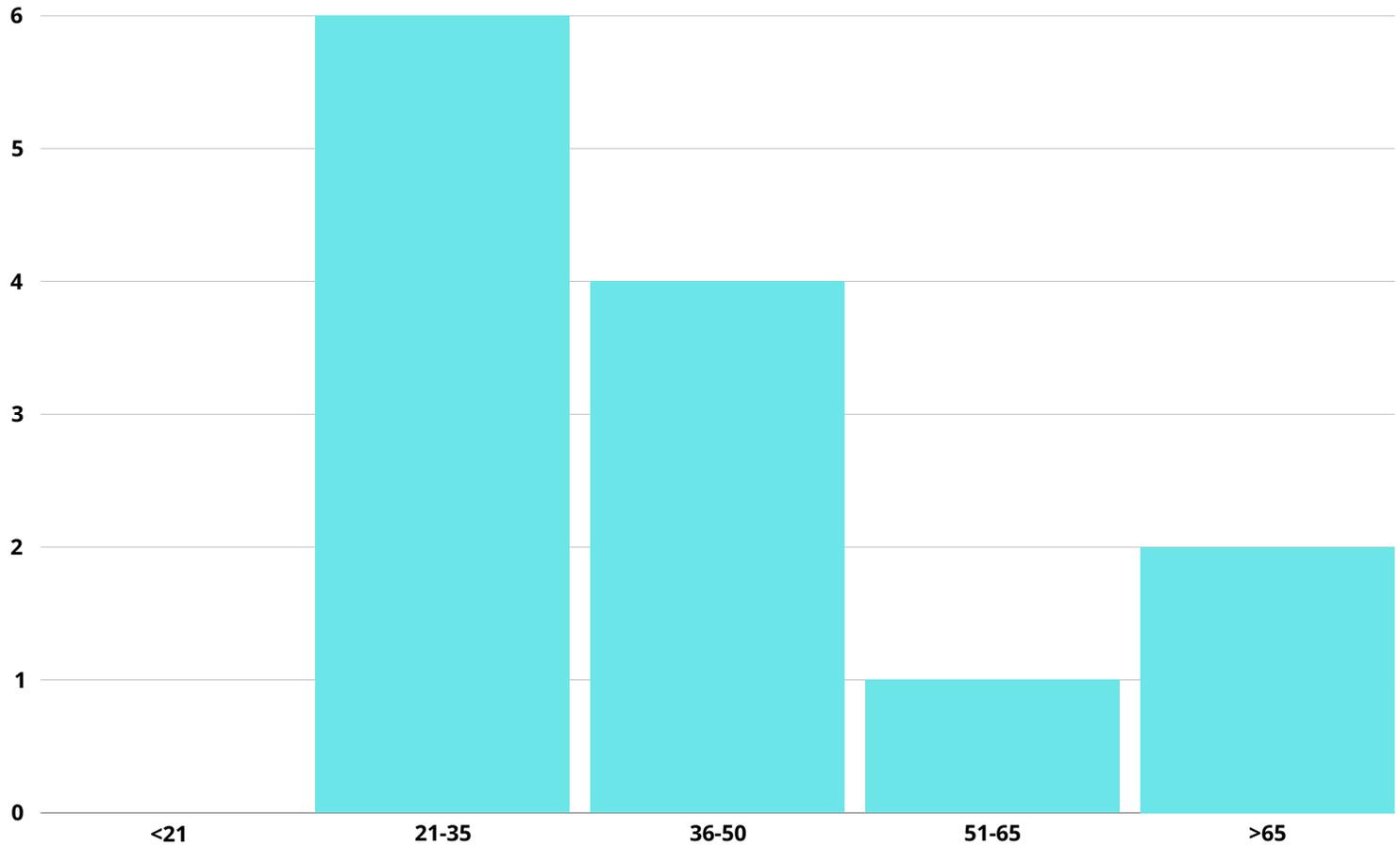
### Historical Crash Comparison

As is the case most years, the overwhelming majority of crashes occur on dry roadways (60%) during the day (80%). Additionally, fatal crashes seem to correspond with common commute times 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (5); and 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. (2). Fatal crashes peaked for the year in February at 2 occurrences; this is actually contrary to historical trends where the peak tends to fall in mid summer (June-July) or Late Fall (November).

As previously discussed while single-year fatal crash totals were lower than in 2022, the data becomes more encouraging when comparing the 2022 totals to the 10-year rolling average, where 2022 is statistically lower than average. This assertion is supported when examining the safety based performance measured goals set by the county, where all 5 were met.



## Age of Drivers Involved In Fatal Crashes



FATAL CRASHES BY WEATHER CONDITION



## 2023 Fatal Crash Maps

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# Map 1

## 2023 Fatal Crash #1: State Route 66; Marion Township



### Crash Facts:

Date and Time: 01/26/2023 @ 7:41 P.M.

Conditions: Dark unlit roadway, wet, clear.

Vehicle Description: 1 Unit (pick up truck).

Crash Type and Description: Unit #1 was traveling south on State Route 66.

Unit #1 crossed the center line, traveled off of the left side of the roadway, struck a ditch, and overturned.

Persons involved and Fatalities: 1 Person involved; 1 fatality.

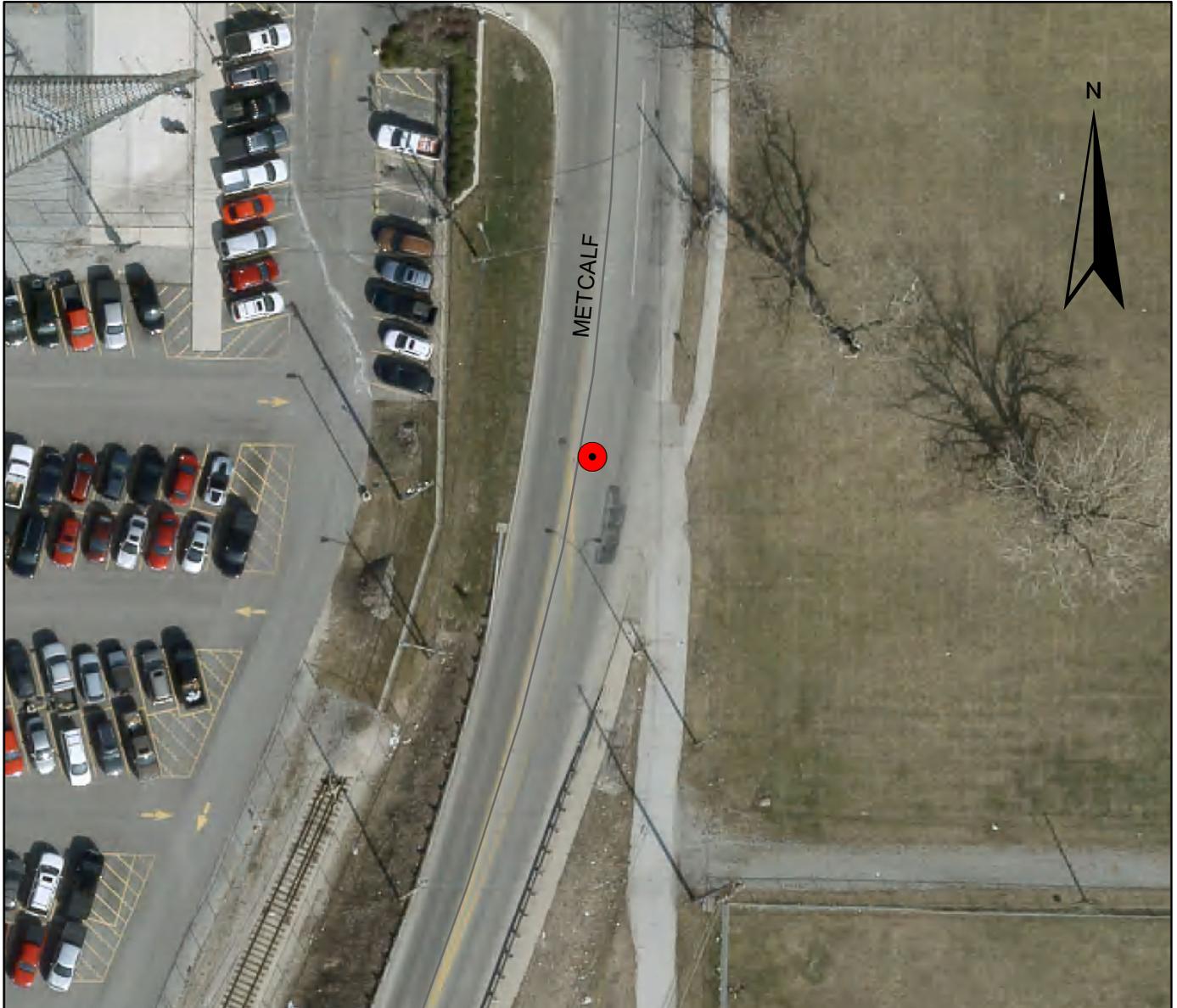
Safety Equipment: None used.



\*Location approximate, based on officer GPS location.

# Map 2

## 2023 Fatal Crash #2: South Metcalf St.; City of Lima



### Crash Facts:

Date and Time: 02/25/2023 @ 6:25 P.M.

Conditions: Daylight, dry, clear.

Vehicle Description: 2 Units (1 passenger car, 1 motorcycle).

Crash Type and Description: Unit 1 was traveling northbound in the

1100 Blk of S. metcalf St. A witness was traveling southbound in the 1100 Blk. of S. Metcalf. Unit 2 overtook the witness in a no pass zone at a high rate of speed. Unit 2 then collided head on with Unit 1.

Unit 2 was ejected from his motorcycle. Unit 2 came to a final rest just west of Unit 1. Unit 2 was found to be deceased on officer arrival.

Persons involved and Fatalities: 2 Persons involved; 1 fatality.

Safety Equipment: Only used by passenger car.

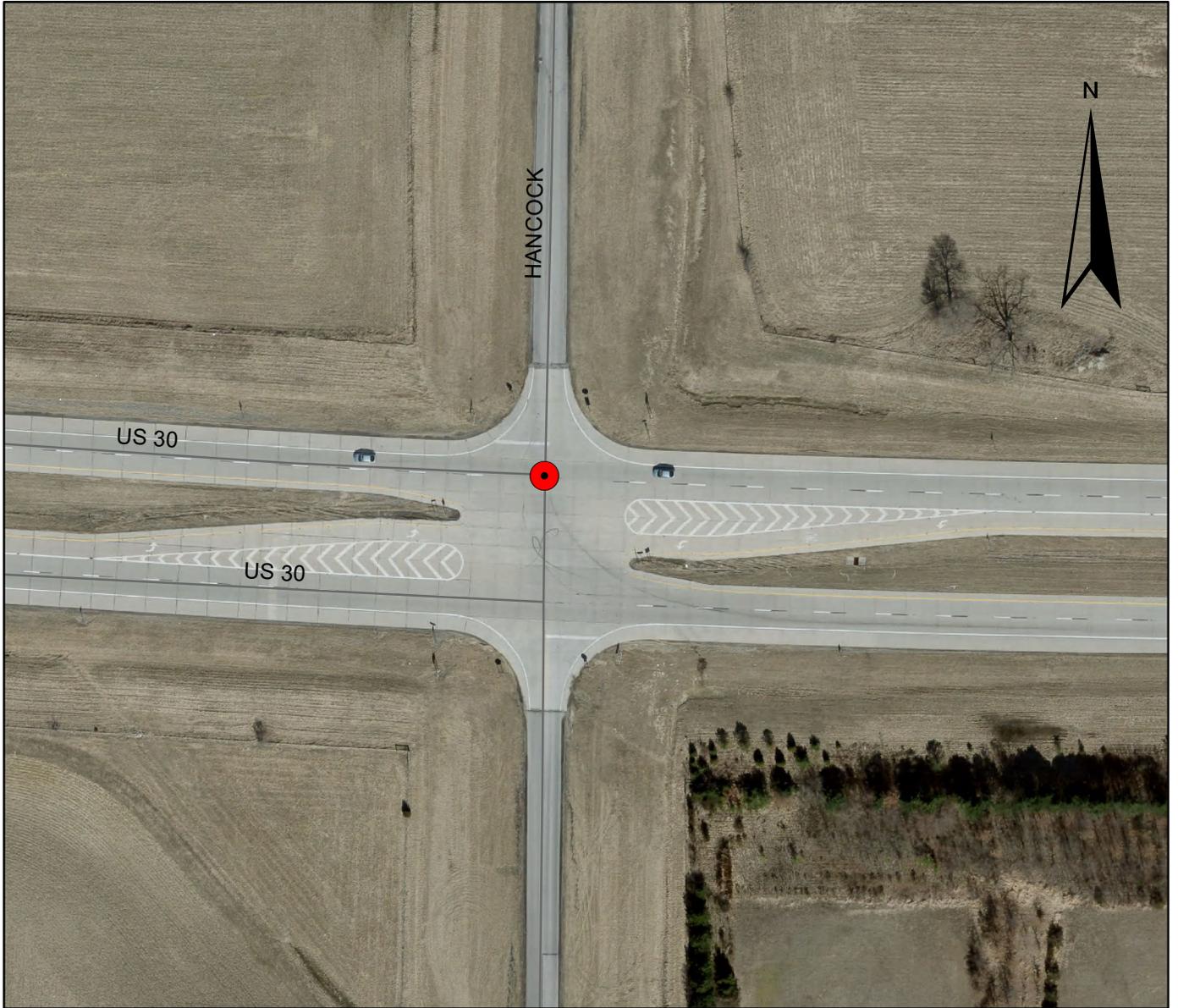


# Map 3

## 2023 Fatal Crash #3:

### US 30;

### Richland Township



### Crash Facts:

Date and Time: 02/16/2023 @ 8:17 A.M.

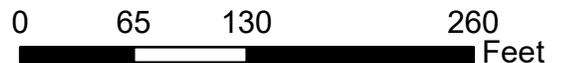
Conditions: Daylight, wet, raining.

Vehicle Description: 2 Units (1 passenger car, 1 semi-tractor).

Crash Type and Description: Unit 1 was driving east on US 30. Unit 2 was driving west on US 30 in the right lane. Unit 1 Made a left hand turn north onto Hardin Rd. and failed to yield to unit 2 and was subsequently stuck by unit 2. Units 1 and 2 then drove off the right side of the roadway and came to rest in a ditch.

Persons involved and Fatalities: 2 Persons involved; 1 fatality.

Safety Equipment: Used by all.



# Map 4

## 2023 Fatal Crash #4: Interstate 75; Shawnee Township



### Crash Facts:

Date and Time: 03/27/2023 @ 9:57 A.M.

Conditions: Daylight, wet, cloudy.

Vehicle Description: 1 Units (1 passenger car).

Crash Type and Description: Unit #1 was traveling Southwest on I-75 in the left lane of travel. Unit #1 spun off of the right side of the roadway, struck a right of way fence, and subsequently struck a tree.

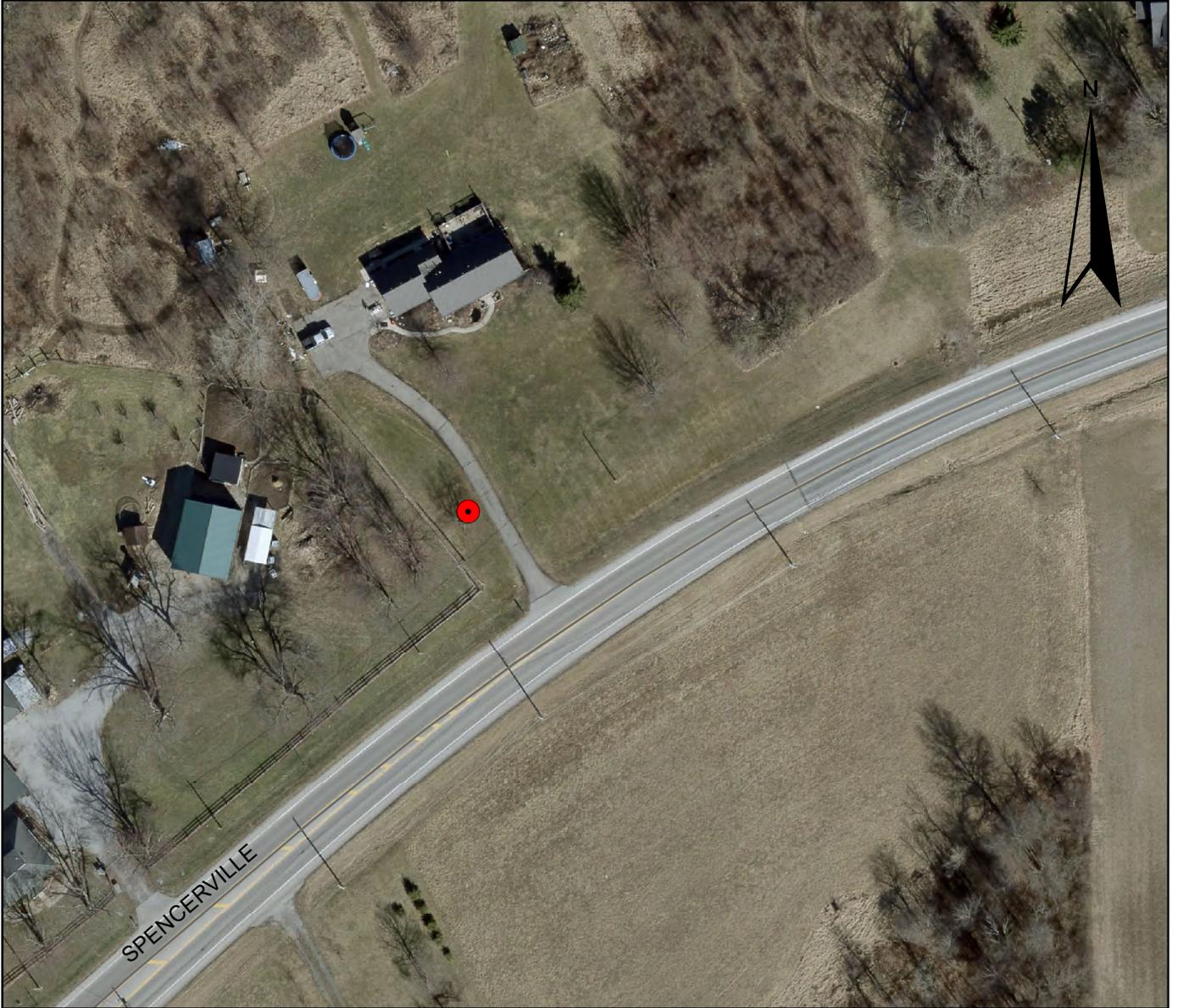
Persons involved and Fatalities: 1 Persons involved; 1 fatality.

Safety Equipment: Used by all.



# Map 5

## 2023 Fatal Crash #5: State Route 117; Shawnee Township



### Crash Facts:

Date and Time: 04/04/2023 @ 2:31 P.M.

Conditions: Daylight, dry, clear.

Vehicle Description: 1 Units (1 passenger car).

Crash Type and Description: Unit 1 was traveling west bound in the 5000 block of State Route 117. Unit 1 left the right side of the roadway traveling through a ditch; striking a gas meter; a fence; and multiple trees. Unit 1 sustained disabling damage and was subsequently towed from the scene.

Persons involved and Fatalities: 1 Persons involved; 1 fatality.

Safety Equipment: Used by all.



# Map 6

## 2023 Fatal Crash #6: Grubb Road; Amanda Township



### Crash Facts:

Date and Time: 05/28/2023 @ 7:17 P.M.

Conditions: Daylight, dry, clear.

Vehicle Description: 1 Unit (1 passenger car).

Crash Type and Description: Unit 1 was traveling northbound on Grubb Road. Unit 1 struck the roadway and went airborne, struck the roadway again, crossed the centerline, went off the road, struck a log, overturned multiple times, and finally came to rest.

Persons Involved and Fatalities: 1 Persons involved; 1 fatality.

Safety Equipment: None used.



# Map 7

## 2023 Fatal Crash #7:

### Intersection of N. Cole St. and Brice Ave.;

### City of Lima



#### Crash Facts:

Date and Time: 07/10/2023 @ 7:38 P.M.

Conditions: Daylight, dry, clear.

Vehicle Description: 2 Units (1 SUV and 1 Motorcycle).

Crash Type and Description: Unit 1 was traveling southbound on N. Cole St. near Brice Ave. Unit 2 stopped at a stop sign at Brice and N. Cole St. Unit 2 informed officers that she did not see Unit 1 coming. Unit 2 proceeded into the intersection. Unit 1 laid the motorcycle down and struck Unit 2 within the intersection. As a result of the collision the operator of Unit 1 was pronounced deceased at the scene.

Persons involved and Fatalities: 2 Persons involved; 1 fatality.

Safety Equipment: Used only by the SUV.

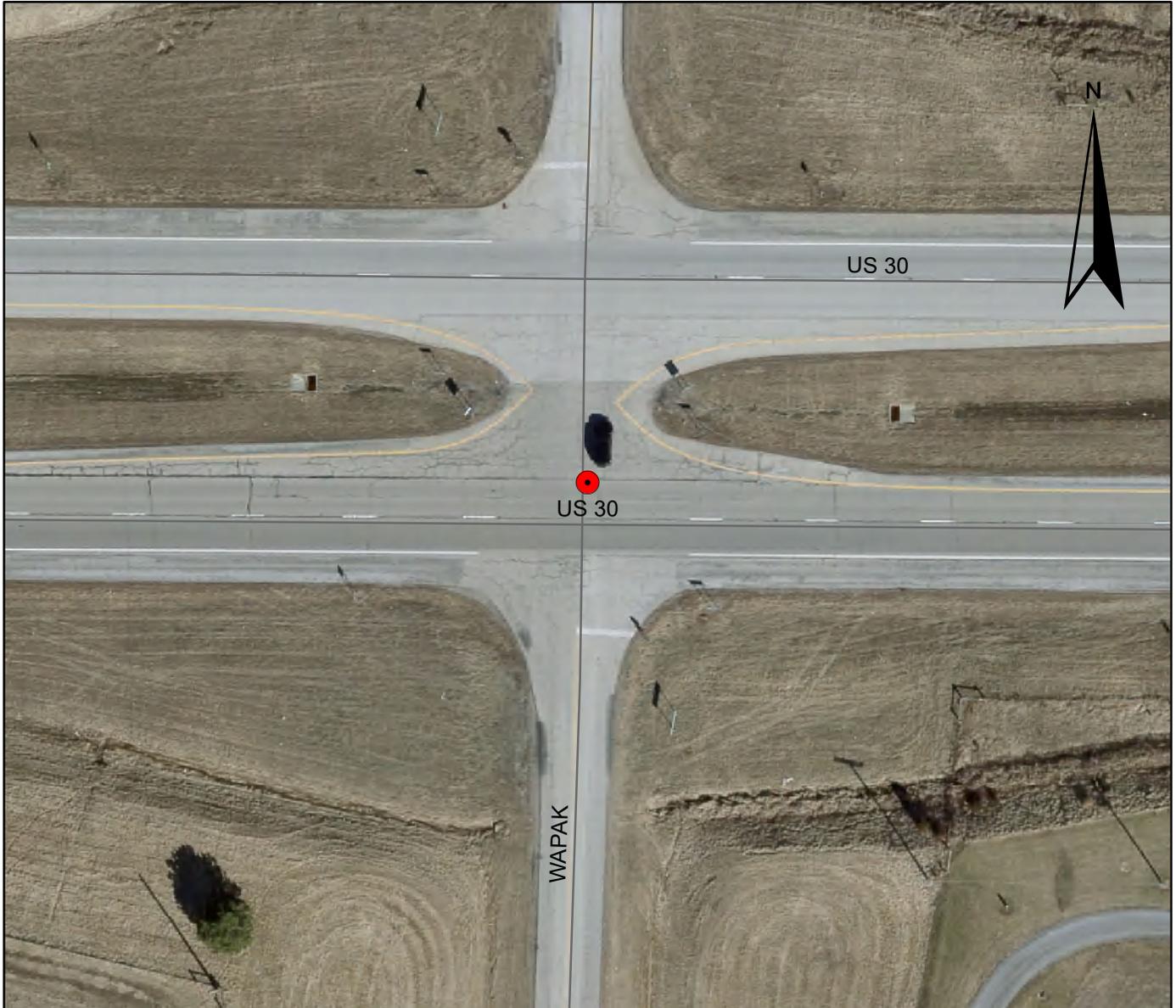


# Map 8

## 2023 Fatal Crash #8:

### Intersection of U.S. 30 and Wapak Rd.;

### Sugar Creek Township



#### Crash Facts:

Date and Time: 10/05/2023 @ 5:20 P.M.

Conditions: Daylight, wet, rain.

Vehicle Description: 2 Units (2 SUVs).

Crash Type and Description: Unit 1 was stopped at the stop sign on Wapak Rd. at the intersection of U.S. 30. Unit 2 was traveling east on U.S. 30 in the right lane. Unit 1 entered the intersection in the path of unit 2 and was struck.

Persons Involved and Fatalities: 4 Persons involved; 1 fatality.

Safety Equipment: Used by all.

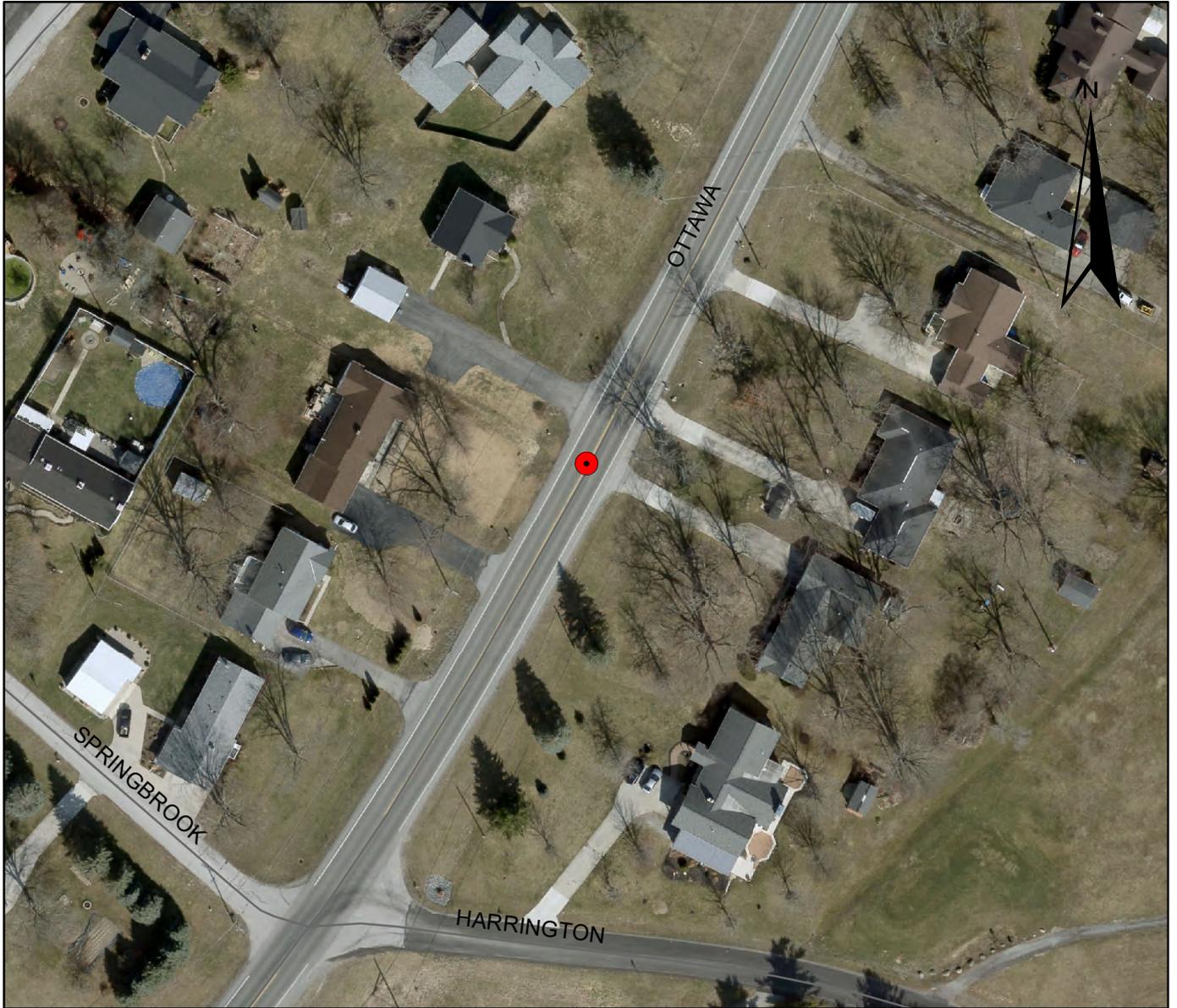


# Map 9

## 2023 Fatal Crash #9:

### State Route 65 (Ottawa Rd.);

### Bath Township



#### Crash Facts:

Date and Time: 11/13/2023 @ 9:44 P.M.

Conditions: Dark (roadway not lighted), clear, dry roads.

Vehicle Description: 1 Unit (passenger car).

Crash Type and Description: Unit 1 was traveling northeast on S.R. 65.

Unit 1 failed to negotiate a curve and traveled off the roadway.

Unit 1 struck a manhole, a pole, a tree, overturned, and struck a final tree and came to rest.

Persons involved and Fatalities: 1 Person involved; 1 fatality.

Safety Equipment: None Used.



# Map 10

## 2023 Fatal Crash #10: Interstate 75; Richland Township



### Crash Facts:

Date and Time: 12/15/2023 @ 3:44 P.M.

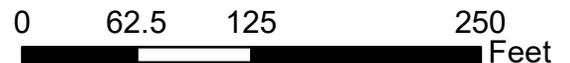
Conditions: Daylight, clear, dry roads.

Vehicle Description: 1 Unit (passenger car).

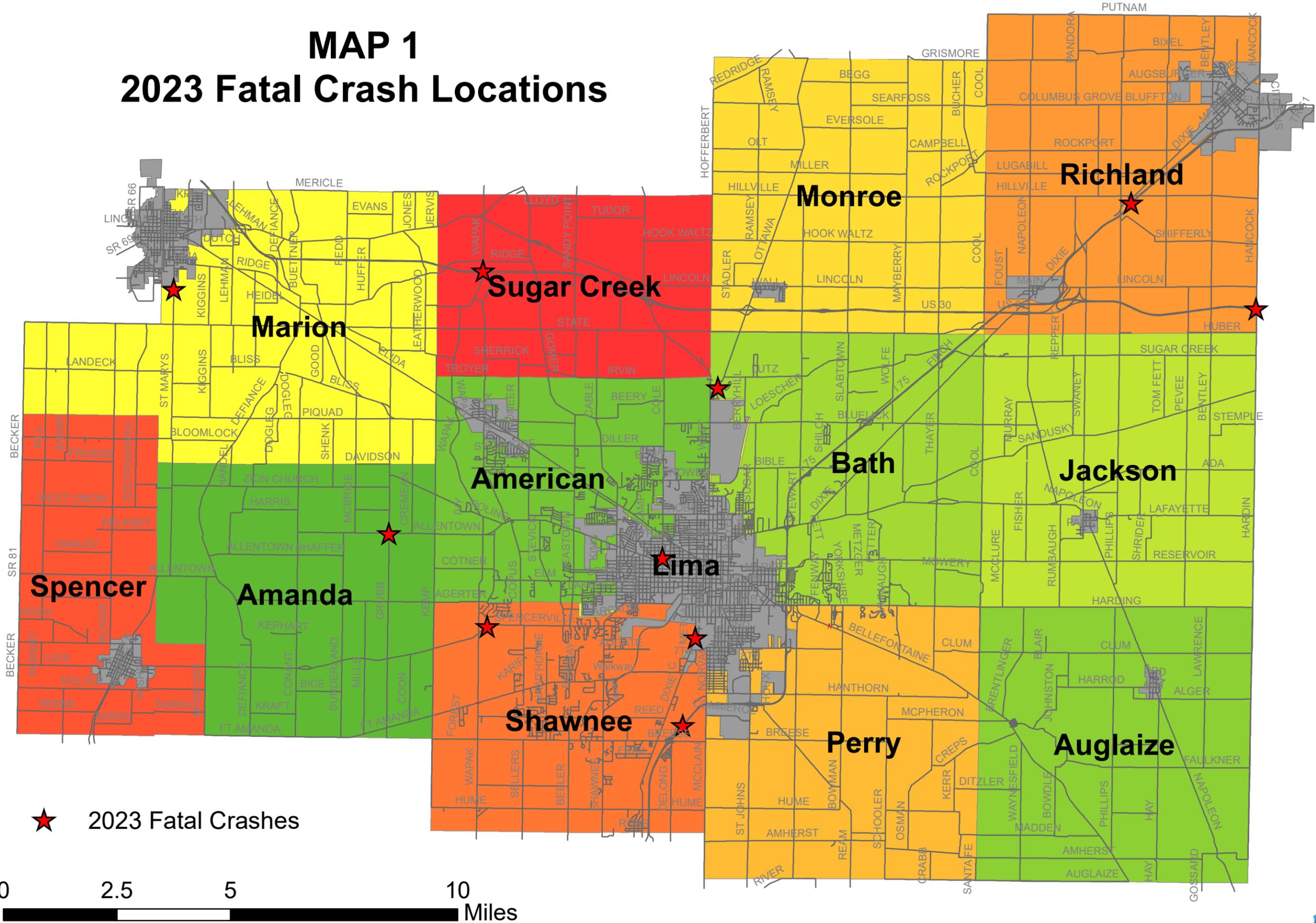
Crash Type and Description: Unit one was traveling southwest on I-75,  
ran off road, struck a ditch, a tree line, another tree, and finally came to rest.

Persons involved and Fatalities: 1 Person involved; 1 fatality.

Safety Equipment: Used by all.



# MAP 1 2023 Fatal Crash Locations



★ 2023 Fatal Crashes





# Appendix A:

2023 Fatal  
Crash Review

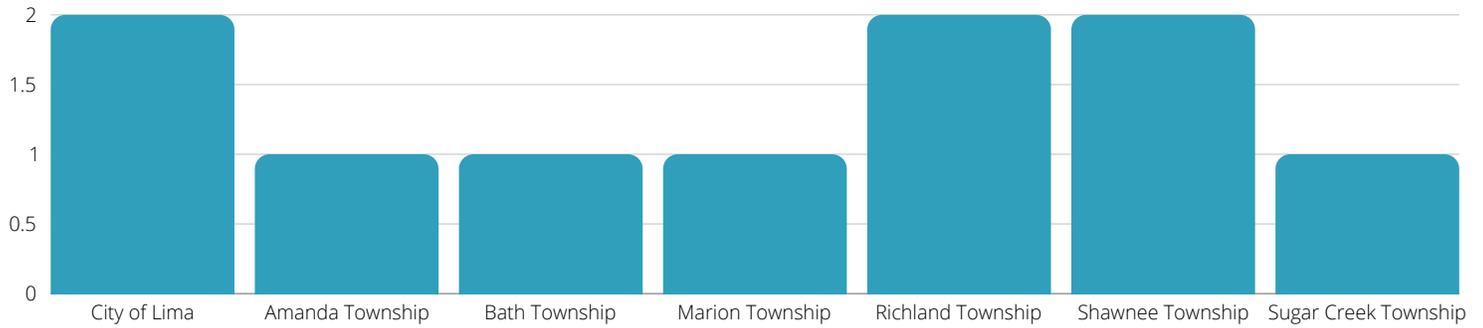
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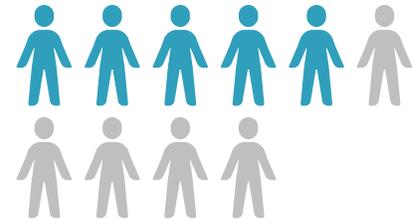
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CRASHES BY LOCATION

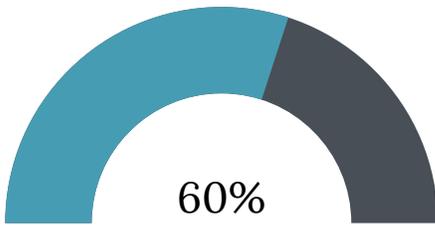


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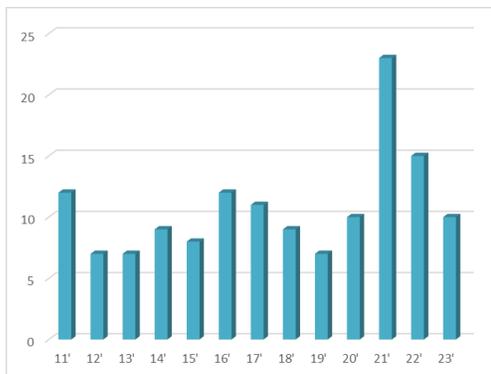


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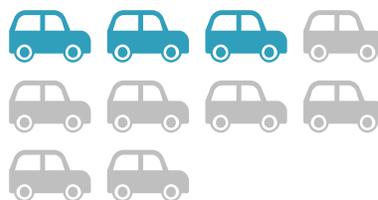
CRASHES ON DRY ROADWAYS



- 33.3% DECREASE IN FATAL CRASHES
- 20% OF FATAL CRASHES OCCURED AT NIGHT
- 20% OF FATAL CRASHES INVOLVED MOTORCYCLES
- 30% OF FATAL CRASHES INVOLVED IMPAIRED DRIVERS



FATAL CRASHES OVER TIME  
2011-2023



3 OUT OF 10 CRASHES INVOLVE EXCESSIVE SPEED

