



News Release

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Subject: "Motorcycle Safety"

The Mansfield Division of Police would like to bring attention to Motorcycle Awareness throughout the City of Mansfield. During the summer months the warm weather increases the number of motorcycles on the city streets.

Since January 1, 2012 to August 15, 2014 Mansfield has had 33 motorcycle accidents within the city limits.

- 29- Reported Injury
- 3 - Property Damage
- 1 - Fatality

Of the **33** motorcycle accidents, **9** occurred on Park Avenue West, **2** in 2013 and **7** so far this year. The Mansfield Division of Police conducts high visibility enforcement on Park Avenue West on a continuous basis due to the high volume of traffic accidents and complaints.

- 1 – No Injury
- 1 – Possible Injury
- 2 – Non-Incapacitating Injury
- 4 – Incapacitating Injury
- 1 – Fatal

There were 163 motorcycle fatalities in Ohio and 3,290 injuries last year, of those 67% were not wearing helmets.

The City Administration remains cognizant of the fact that Park Avenue West is an attraction to all ages. We enjoy offering a location for vehicles to leisurely cruise, while maintaining a safe environment for motorcycles to travel as well. The police enforce the laws in relation to dangerous driving in order to keep all our citizens safe. We can't stress enough the importance of remaining acutely aware of others with whom we share the roadways.