

### **New Safety Countermeasures for 2012**

On January 12, 2012, The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) released its update of the 2008 model for proven safety countermeasures that federal, state, and local entities can use to increase the overall safety of the traveling public.

#### **Backplates with Retroreflective Borders**

These are added to a traffic signal in order to improve the visibility of the illuminated face of the signal by introducing a controlled-contrast background.

#### **“Road Diet” (Roadway Reconfiguration)**

This involved converting an undivided four lane roadway into three lanes made up of two through lanes and a center two-way left turn lane.

#### **Corridor Access Management**

A set of techniques that can be used to control access to roadways. Benefits include improved movement of traffic, reduced crashes, and fewer vehicle conflicts. The Maple Avenue concrete median is a perfect example.

#### **Longitudinal Rumble Strips and Stripes on two-lane roads**

As this item is pretty self explanatory, these items are designed primarily to address driver error crashes.

#### **Median and Pedestrian Crossing Islands in Urban and Suburban Areas**

Although not widely used in Muskingum County, but these methods include but are not limited to reducing pedestrian crashes and reducing traffic delays.

#### **Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons**

This is a pedestrian-activated warning device located on the roadside or on mast arms over midblock pedestrian crossings.

#### **Safety Edge**

This is a proven technology that shapes the edge of a paved roadway at about thirty degrees from the pavement cross slope during the paving process. It eliminates tire scrubbing, a phenomenon that contributes to losing control of a vehicle.

#### **Roundabouts**

These have three functions: create a low-speed environment, yielding traffic that leads to excellent operational performance, and reducing conflict by channelization at the entrance and deflection around a center island.

## News and Notes

- ⇒ Asphalt Resurfacing is nearing completion for 2012. The following roads have been completed thus far: Dietz Lane from SR 60 to Ellerman Drive, Old River Road from Philo to Gaysport, Old Wheeling Road from SR 40 to Hicks Road, and Salt Creek Drive from Mill Street to SR 146. With the berming completed as well, these roads turned out very nice for the southeastern portion of our county.
- ⇒ Norfield Road has yet to be motor-paved from Piper Road to SR 83 and Arch Hill Road from SR 40 to Harvest Hill Road will be bid soon to resurface.
- ⇒ North Pointe Road will be closed from Richvale Road to McClade School Road beginning July 9th for 30 days. Shelly Company is the successful bidding contractor and will immediately begin work repairing the road surface over the Vista View Drive bridge structure and repairing of the shoulder and berm. The actual work will be performed between Richvale Road and Powelson Road.
- ⇒ Three bridge projects are expected to begin this summer as well. Main Street in Roseville, Shannon Road near Frazeyburg, and Creamery Road near SR 60 have been bid and awarded. Pre-construction meetings are yet to come.
- ⇒ As a reminder, don't forget that MCEO will once again shut down during the Muskingum County Fair week.
- ⇒ Thank you for everyone's participation and cooperation during our last safety meeting. It was a nice break before the hot summer work set in for our department and provided great reminders that safety must always be top priority to keep everyone out of harm's way.
- ⇒ According to recent radio farm reports, this summer is setting up to resemble the 1988 drought that wrecked havoc on our area. Hopefully we get the much needed rain to fend off any future problems for our crops and gardens.

### **Happy Birthday to...**

Ryan Bates	6-24
Mike Jordan	6-27
Brian Newton	6-16
Bob Wilson	6-1

### **Happy Anniversary to...**

Ryan Bates	10 years
Lincoln Deitrick	3 years
Logan Deitrick	5 years
Josh Emmert	3 years
Brad Morrison	26 years
Chad Pollock	1 year
Tom Spencer	20 years
Dakota Tom	2 years
Charlie Wilkins	15 years