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PennDOT and PSP Working Together to Increase Safety on Route 115

Dunmore – Today, representatives from PennDOT, Bear Creek Township, the Bear Creek Charter School, Reps. Mike Carrol and John Yudichak and a representative of Sen. Raphael Musto's office discussed methods to minimize traffic fatalities along Route 115 in Bear Creek, Luzerne County, the site of several recent crashes.

The Wyoming Barracks of the Pennsylvania State Police committed to increase patrols of the roadway and increase speed limit enforcement. Patrols will begin soon.

PennDOT has positioned message boards designed to alert motorists to the possibility of changing weather conditions and the need to reduce speed. PennDOT will position speedminders, which alert motorists to their current speed. Speedminders have been proven as an effective way to reduce speeding.

Other safety options for the roadway, including enhanced roadway signs, pavement markings and reduced speed limits during the winter, are also being considered.

After reviewing the recent crash reports and conducting traffic engineering studies, PennDOT will make mid- and long-term recommendations by the end of January. If larger, long-term projects are recommended, funding resources will need to be identified.

The PennDOT Luzerne County maintenance office is taking extra care to monitor and service Route 115 which experiences quickly-changing weather conditions, particularly in the winter months.

PennDOT and its highway safety partners are committed to reducing the number of fatalities on all of its roads through traffic safety engineering and public education.

Driving too fast for conditions is a common occurrence on many roads and is often coupled with aggressive and distracted driving. Motorists need to be aware of their own behaviors as well as that of other drivers. PennDOT reminds motorists that they share a responsibility in maintaining their own safety through safe driving practices.

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