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Improving Motor Vehicle Safety in Georgia *Public Health receives funding from Governor's Office of Highway Safety*

ATLANTA – The Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) received a total of \$824,500 in competitive funding from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) to offer technical assistance and resources to partner agencies statewide, develop community support for motor vehicle safety programs and evaluate program efforts.

"The funding from GOHS is integral to addressing a leading cause of death among persons under age 34," said DPH Commissioner Brenda Fitzgerald, MD. "No one agency is going to solve this problem. By working together and supporting each other, we have made a difference and can continue to save lives and prevent injuries."

The Office of Health Indicators for Planning (PHIP) has crash data available along with other important health data at <http://oasis.state.ga.us>.

For more information on Injury Prevention initiatives visit www.gahighwaysafety.org or www.health.state.ga.us/programs/injuryprevention.

About the Georgia Department of Public Health:

The Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) is the lead agency responsible for the health of Georgia's communities and the entire population. In 2011, the General Assembly restored DPH to its own state agency after more than 30 years consolidated under other departments. At the state level, DPH is divided into numerous divisions, sections, programs and offices, and at the local level, DPH functions via 18 health districts and 159 county health departments. Through the changes, the mission has remained constant – to protect the lives of all Georgians. Today, DPH's main functions include: Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, Maternal and Child Health, Infectious Disease and Immunization, Environmental Health, Epidemiology, Emergency Preparedness and Response, Emergency Medical Services, Pharmacy, Nursing, Volunteer Health Care, the Office of Health Equity, Vital Records and the State Public Health Laboratory. For more information on DPH, visit www.health.state.ga.us.

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