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**Health Department to Host
Buckle Up, Batter Up Press Event**

The Toledo-Lucas County Health Department’s Traffic Safety program, along with the Lucas County Safe Communities Coalition, Ohio State Highway Patrol, AAA, and the Toledo Mud Hens, is once again hosting this annual event to highlight the life-saving importance of seatbelt use.

WHO: TLCHD Traffic Safety
Toledo Mud Hens
Ohio State Highway Patrol
AAA
Saved by the Belt Award Recipients

WHAT: Press event to highlight the importance of seatbelt use while riding in a vehicle.

WHEN: Friday, September 12, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

WHERE: Fifth Third Field, Main Gate
Corner of Washington St. and N. Huron

The simple act of buckling a seatbelt is known to decrease the severity of injuries and can be the difference between life and death. According to national and local data, seatbelts reduce the risk of fatal injury by nearly half. This event aims to raise awareness and celebrate lives saved by this small but powerful action.

The event will include crash statistics from the Ohio State Highway Patrol, a color guard performance, and a display of patrol vehicles. A special on-field ceremony will honor 15 local residents, ages 9 to 71, who survived serious crashes because they were buckled up. Troopers will also throw the game’s ceremonial first pitch ahead of the 7:05 p.m. Toledo Mud Hens vs. Louisville Bats game.

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