

# Press Release

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## **BEAR CREEK TOWNSHIP CALLS FOR REDUCED SPEED LIMITS ON ROUTE 115**

BEAR CREEK TOWNSHIP, PA, JANUARY 12, 2009: Route 115 in Bear Creek Township has been the scene of three serious accidents in the last 8 days which claimed the lives of two young women. While the reasons for these accidents are still under investigation, one fact is clear. Route 115 is an unforgiving road, one on which any traffic incident carries with it a high probability of serious injury or death. While we look forward to working with PENNDOT to find a long term solution, we call on the state to take immediate action to reduce the risk to those traveling this dangerous highway. We ask PENNDOT to reduce the speed limit to 35 MPH on Route 115 from the traffic light at East Mountain Boulevard to the intersection with the Pennsylvania Turnpike. PENNDOT should also evaluate whether this same speed limit should apply to all of Route 115 through Luzerne County. Once long term solutions are developed, the appropriate speed limit for this highway can be revisited.

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