

## WESTERVILLE DIVISION OF POLICE

Press Release

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| Subject:             | Westerville Police to Simulate Mock Car Crash for High<br>School Student Safety Awareness |           |     |
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| Releasing Officer:   | Cpl. Justin Alloway #502  |           |     |
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With many high school proms occurring in coming months, the Westerville Division of Police, in partnership with the Westerville Division of Fire, Westerville City Schools and local businesses, will take an extra step to remind students of the grave consequences for driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. A simulated fatal car crash will take place at Westerville North High School (950 County Line Rd) on Friday, April 13 beginning at 12 p.m.

Through the use of theatrical make-up, props and real vehicles, the impact of this program is profound. Each agency will respond to this emergency in real-time and treat victims as they would in a true emergency. Police will perform the accident investigation, sobriety tests and arrests. The fire department will extricate victims, and stabilize or transport them to the hospital. Funeral home attendants will carry and load deceased individuals into a hearse. MedFlight will also be on-site to transport critically injured victims via helicopter to a trauma center.

The Westerville Division of Police and Westerville City Schools would like to thank the following community partners that make this realistic drama possible: Westerville Division of Fire, Shamrock Towing, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Moreland Funeral Home, MedFlight, and Otterbein University Theatrical Department.

For more information, please contact Cpl. Justin Alloway at (614) 901-6484.