



WESTERVILLE DIVISION OF POLICE

Press Release

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Subject:	Westerville South High School to Host Mock Car Crash Tuesday, April 12, 12 noon – 2 p.m.		
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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 other local businesses, will take an extra step to remind students of the grave consequences for driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. The department will stage a simulated fatal car crash depicting teenagers who are driving under the influence.

The mock car crash will take place at Westerville South High School on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 from 12 noon to 2 p.m. Westerville South High School is located at 303 South Otterbein Avenue. In case of rain, the event will be rescheduled for April 14, 2011 at the same time of day.

Through the use of theatrical make-up, props and actual crashed vehicles, the impact of this program is profound. Every agency that would be called upon to respond to this type of incident will react as they would in a real event. Police will perform the accident investigation, sobriety tests and arrests. The fire department will extricate the victims, and stabilize or transport them to the hospital. Funeral home attendants will carry and load the deceased into a black hearse. MedFlight will also be on-site to fly the seriously injured 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.

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