

Press Release

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MOCK CRASH SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY MAY 3RD

On May 3rd the Onalaska Fire Department will hold its annual "Mock Crash". Using wrecked vehicles the Fire Department aided by Onalaska Police will demonstrate in vivid detail what can happen as a result of poor decisions involving alcohol.

"As first responders we want the students to see what we see," said Onalaska Fire Chief Don Dominick, "these types of calls are our worst nightmare. Most of us are parents and seeing young lives ended so senselessly takes something out of you. If this program makes just one young person think twice before getting behind the wheel impaired I consider it more than worth the effort."

The Fire Department stages a wrecked vehicle on the grounds of the High School and using students as actors, play out a scenario of an after prom crash. The "Mock Crash" involves one of the students being taken away in an ambulance, one dead at the scene and culminates in the driver being arrested. The Mock Crash is held before Prom and Graduation season in hopes that the students will take the message to heart.

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"We want the students to appreciate that their actions and decisions can have very real consequences," said Onalaska Police Officer Matt Jahr, "as the School Resource Officer I know most of these kids. The last thing I want to have to do is knock on someone's door on prom night and tell them their child isn't coming home."

The Mock Crash is scheduled for 9:45 a.m. on May 3rd at Onalaska High School.