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## **For Immediate Release**

### **Bath Township Fire Department 2022 Mock Crash**

April 29, 2022

The Bath Township Fire Department and Bath High School Interact Club will hold its bi-annual Mock Crash for prom and graduation awareness on Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 9:00 A.M. at Bath High School. The program, which began in 1995, has become a tradition for all BHS juniors and seniors.

Additional agencies participating include: Mercy Health St. Rita's Medical Center and Life Flight, Lima Memorial Health System, Ohio State Highway Patrol, Allen County Sheriff's Office, Chiles Laman Funeral Home, Cairo Auto Barn, and the Lima-Allen County Safe Community Coalition.

The goal of this program is to educate students and the community about the horrible consequences of distracted and impaired driving. Fire, EMS, and law enforcement officials will recreate an automobile accident, using students as victims with as much realism as possible.

The scenario will include a "DOA", an arrested "distracted and impaired driver", and two critically injured victims in need of medical care.

Chief Joe Kitchen stated, *"It is our hope that the students have a safe and memorable prom and graduation season, free of accidents, injuries, and tragedy related to making poor decisions."*

Bath High School Interact Advisor Missy Vandemark said, *"The students in our club care about their fellow classmates and want to highlight the potential serious consequences of both impaired and distracted driving. We believe that this mock crash is one of our most important activities."*

Note: Bible Road, in the area of the Bath Local Schools campus will be closed for about 20 minutes to through traffic.

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