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## **For Immediate Release**

### **Bath Township Fire Department 2018 Mock Crash**

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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, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018, at 2:15 P.M. at Bath High School. The program, which began in 1995, will be the eleventh to be presented to all Bath High School juniors and seniors.

Additional agencies participating include: St. Rita's Medical Center, Lima Memorial Health System, Ohio State Highway Patrol, Allen County Regional Planning Commission, Allen County Sheriff's Office, Chamberlain-Huckeriede Funeral Home, Kenny's Auto Wrecking, Lima-Allen County Safe Community Coalition, and Life Flight.

The goal of this program is to educate students and the community about the horrible consequences of "Distracted 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 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, "Our club has focused on youth driving safety this year through a social media campaign using the hashtag #ArriveAlive. Our members care about their fellow students and want all of them to drive safe every day."

*Note: Bible Road, in the area of the Bath Local Schools campus will be closed for about 20 minutes to through traffic. In the event of rain, an assembly will be held in the high school auditorium.*

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