

# Onondaga County Sheriff's Office News

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## Cicero-North Syracuse High School and Emergency Responders Participate in Mock DWI Crash

**Town of Cicero, New York-** The Onondaga County Sheriff's Office reports that the Cicero-North Syracuse School District in conjunction with Onondaga County Sheriff's Office hosted a mock DWI crash this morning.

The mock crash, which took place on school grounds at 8:00 a.m., drew a crowd of 650 seniors who looked on as the opening scene presented them with the aftermath of a two vehicle collision. One person lay motionless from their passenger seat as sirens wailed in the distance as emergency responders rushed to the scene where a disoriented drunk driver attempted to make sense of what had just taken place. Cries for help could be heard coming from the backseat of another car as injured passengers waited for emergency crews to rescue them. The Sheriff's AIR 1 helicopter could be heard overhead as the students watched one of their classmates being rushed to an open field to be medevac'd to the hospital.

To emphasize the severity of the scene, Assistant District Attorney Chris Bednarski spoke on the legal and civil ramifications of the driver's actions, while sheriff's deputies administered field sobriety tests to the driver, before being placed in handcuffs.

Although the enactment was portrayed by student actors, the raw and emotional message was real for the senior class that watched in horror as several classmates shared a life lesson that police officials and school administrators' hope will stay with them forever.

Drinking and driving continues to be a deadly combination and prevention is a top priority for the Sheriff's Office and first responders. The goal of this program is to educate students on their decision-making when it comes to drinking alcohol.

In addition to the Sheriff's Office, deputies teamed up with several members from Cicero Police Department, Cicero Fire Department, NAVAC, Onondaga County District Attorney's Office, Onondaga County Medical Examiner's Office and the Farone Funeral Home.

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