

# 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 North Syracuse School District in conjunction with the Onondaga County Sheriff's Office and the Town of Cicero Police Department hosted a mock DWI crash this morning.

The mock crash, which took place on the Cicero North Syracuse high school grounds at 8:30 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 parking lot 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. A Sheriff's Chaplin could be seen embracing the victim's parent as the Onondaga County Medical Examiner's Office and staff from the Farone Funeral Home removed the victim from the scene. The scene would end with an arraignment conducted by Town of Cicero Judge, Douglas DeMarche.

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 law enforcement 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 and the Cicero Police Department, law enforcement officials teamed up with several members from Cicero Fire Department, North Syracuse Fire Department, NAVAC Ambulance, Onondaga County District Attorney's Office, Onondaga County Medical Examiner's Office and the Farone Funeral Home.

The vehicles used in the enactment were donated by MC's Towing in Syracuse.

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