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## **Enjoy Prom and Stay Safe**

Kettering- The Kettering Police Department always hopes to prevent drinking and driving among ALL ages. Young people need to know that poor decision making and risk taking behavior can have long lasting consequences.

The number of officers patrolling the city will increase during the upcoming prom and school graduation events. Underage possession and consumption of alcohol within the city will be addressed.

Parents should also know that they can not give alcohol to their children's friends under 21 years of age- Even in your own home and even with their parent's permission. Nor can you knowingly allow anyone under 21 to remain in your home or on your property while they possess or consume alcoholic beverages.

Citizens in our community and members of the police department are naturally concerned for our youth and want to encourage them to pursue safe, healthy and legal entertainment during the upcoming prom and graduation activities.

On Thursday, April 30 at Kettering Fairmont High School, there will be a simulated crash scene depicting a DUI crash. It is the hope of the police department and school to show students the devastation and tragedy of a crash and how it can affect so many lives. The mock crash scene will portray emergency personnel arriving and their response. The event is scheduled to begin at 8:50 a.m. on the front grounds of the high school at 3301 Shroyer Rd.

The episode will be rescheduled if the weather does not cooperate. Media outlets are invited to attend the event. Officer Michael Burke will be *unavailable* for a sound bite the day of the event.

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