

## OFFICIAL MEDIA RELEASE KENT COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT



Date: April 21, 2015 Complaint Number: NA

Type of Incident: Educational Exercise Supervisor Approval: Lt David Kok

Narrative:

On April 22, 2015 at 12:30 PM, the Plainfield Fire Department and Kent County Sheriff's Department, along with the Kent County Prosecutors office, Alpine Fire Department, Life EMS, and Mercy Health St Mary's will be conducting an accident awareness program at Comstock Park High School. The demonstration will be for the Junior and Senior Classes.

The demonstration will involve 5 to 6 students being put in a simulated car accident. All agencies involved will respond to the simulated car accident from staging points around the school. The car accident will be a live demonstration complete with an extrication, simulated funeral/memorial for one of the student participants, and a court sentencing for the student that caused the accident.

The demonstration was developed in an attempt to promote good decision making while driving. Demonstrations like this are a priceless tool in public education. High School age kids may know about fire safety but fail to realize that the number one cause of death for teens is motor vehicle accidents.

News agencies are welcome to observe the demonstration for a news story. Contact the Plainfield Fire Department at (616) 361-2895 to gather additional information regarding the day's events.

Please note that this is a demonstration and not an actual accident.