

Mock Crash Planner

Difficulty Level:

Hard

Implementation Timeframe:

Year Round

What is a Mock Crash?

A “Mock Crash” activity is a reenactment of a fatal crash involving students from your school, and real professionals who face these situations daily (police, firefighters, paramedics, coroners, etc.).



Please note: The program requires a great deal of planning with your school and community professionals!

What is the background of this project?

In brief, you will reenact a Prom date gone terribly wrong... The boy picks up the girl from home, takes her to the prom, and decides to drink. On the way home he loses control of the car and has a crash involving another vehicle. A group of other prom goers pass the crash and hysterically call the police. Once the police arrive, with lights flashing and sirens screaming, they must use a jaws-of-life to release victims from the second car. The boy driving is given a DUI test on the spot, and is arrested for DUI and taken away in handcuffs. His date is dead. The other victims are rushed to the hospital once released from their car. The police must inform the parents of the girl that their daughter is dead, and a hearse drives her off the field.

Some county Sheriff or Police Departments are already set up to present the Mock Crash or DUI. Call them to see if your county is one of them. If not, then you will need to meet with the police enforcement officer in charge of your area’s alcohol prevention awareness program to help plan the event. Be sure to involve as many community people as you can think of to participate in the event. For example: a local florist, funeral parlor, EMT, firefighter, and police. Do not limit yourself to this group – be creative and come up with your own group.

The following is an overview of what you will need to do:

Three Months Prior – meet with your Principal to get approval for the event and to select a date; contact your local law enforcement agency and find out from them if they are available on that date; form a committee to plan and implement the event; come up with an action plan.

Two Months Prior – contact all other outside people who will be involved in the event: firefighters, EMT, funeral parlor, etc. Provide them with your action plan and secure their involvement in the event.

One Month Prior – contact your local media and invite them to the event; begin marketing the event to your school.

One Week Prior – have a dress rehearsal with as many people involved as possible. You will probably only be able to do a “talk-through” with the outside groups involved, but you should

have at least one rehearsal with the students and other school personnel who will either be acting or participating in the event.

Day of the Event –

- Make sure that the wrecked vehicles and Drama Students (made up with “moulage”) are in place on football field, covered by tarps.
- Bring all students out to the field and get them settled in their seats.
- Have the Principal make the Opening Statements
- Welcome and Introduction of Officials
- Introduction of Program Coordinator (Fire Chief, e.g.)
- Scenario begins with tape of Prom Queen and Prom King talking, sound of the crash, call to 911. (See attached script.)

Tarps are removed, and action begins:

All the participants have been “moulaged” to look like they have injuries of various severity. Actors in the cars start to move, the DUI Driver (PROM KING), bleeding from minor wounds, stumbles out of the car, beer in hand. Several empty beer cans fall out as the door opens. The PROM QUEEN lies motionless on the hood of the car. PROM KING tries to shake her “awake.”

Girls in other car start to scream, try to “wake” the other driver and his passenger. They try to pull the passenger from the back seat. The driver is trapped.

Sounds of rescue vehicle sirens are heard in the distance, approaching the school. (Police, Fire Department, Ambulance)

Rescue units respond:

Police arrive on scene, evaluate the situation and take care of screaming victims.

Units responding arrive on scene. Additional units called for by paramedic on scene:

Notify for trauma helicopter.

Second set of sirens is heard from the additional rescue units and helicopter.

Rescue work begins:

Fire department begins extrication of trapped victims, using “Jaws of Life” if available.

Prom Queen on hood of car is pronounced dead.

All other victims are triaged.

- 1) Prom King (DUI) is okay and walking around scene.
- 2) Driver of other vehicle is trapped and critical.
- 3) Back seat passenger critical, goes to full code upon removal from vehicle.
- 4) Both girls hysterical and verbally confront DUI as DOA Prom Queen is covered with sheet.

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Prom King (DUI) is taken into custody; highway patrol arrives and begins investigation.

Sheriff's Department BAT Mobile arrives on scene with back-up deputy.

Extrication continues throughout this time. Actors play their parts: Girls screaming and crying; trapped driver moaning, screaming out in pain; passenger being coded, loaded into ambulance.

Start of field sobriety test behind BAT Mobile near stands.

Air ambulance (helicopter) arrives; driver loaded onto helicopter; helicopter takes off.

DOA (Prom Queen) on hood of car is placed on back board and still covered, except for arm and hand, and gently placed on ground in front of wreck scene.

Mother of DOA arrives on scene, looking for her daughter. FHP informs her of death and requests her to identify the body. She does, screams, and passes out in the arms of the paramedic.

After field sobriety test on DUI (in front of stands), Prom King is arrested and hand-cuffed, placed in vehicle to be taken to jail.

Fire Chief and FHP officer go to podium. Chief informs the Officer that the other youth taken to the hospital was Dead On Arrival.

Vehicle with DUI leaves stadium (will return).

Fire Chief finishes program thanks all agencies involved.

Students and guests are invited onto the field to ask questions of rescue personnel and "victims," and to inspect equipment.

Mock Crash Planner Script

(Script can be modified to reflect Graduation Night, holiday celebrations, etc.)

Tape of Prom Queen and Prom King plays over stadium PA System:

QUEEN: King, don't you think you should slow down? We're almost home.

KING: We aren't going that fast; besides, I'm a good driver, so quit worrying!

QUEEN: Do you really want to be drinking that beer in the car? I mean, you've had so many already at the Prom tonight.

KING: Look, I'm just fine. I know what my limit is! I'm almost a high-school graduate, you know. Anyway, if you're so worried, why don't you have your seat belt on?

QUEEN: I just thought maybe you should let me drive the rest of the way to my house at least.

KING: No way. I'll get us both home OK. And I asked you, why aren't you wearing your seat belt if you're so worried, huh?

QUEEN: Oh, come on. We're almost home and those things are so confining. They feel like they're choking me, they mess up my dress, and they don't work, anyway.

(PAUSE FOR 10 SECONDS)

QUEEN: Look out—the light's red! SCREAM!!!

(C R A S H)

[tarps are removed from the vehicles at this time, smoke will be coming from area of impact.]

(R I N G)

911: 911. What is your emergency?

CALLER: There's been a wreck! It looks real bad. It's at the Corner of Madison and Cecelia, right by Gulf High School (substitute the location and name of your school). Please hurry, it's really bad. I think one of them is dead.

Reporting Criteria - Please visit this link to report back on your outreach efforts:

<https://flteensafedriver.org/project-reporting/>

1. Did you implement this project?
2. How many people attended your mock crash?
3. Tell us some of the people in your community you engaged on this project. I.e: Law enforcement, Emergency Management Services (EMS), Trauma professionals, etc.

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