

## **OFFICIAL NEWS RELEASE**

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## "V.I.P. for A V.I.P." Program

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[Wentworth, N.C.]— Rockingham County First Responders and the Rockingham County School System are committed to providing the best possible service to the citizens of our community. One of the most important issues for High School students is motor vehicle safety. Because of this, we are teaming together to offer information to teen drivers and their families to help prevent future tragedies.

On Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> 2017, the Rockingham County Sheriff's Office will join with other local First Responders and the Rockingham County School System to present Rockingham County High School students with the "Vehicle Injury Prevention for a Very Important Person (V.I.P. for a V.I.P.)"

This presentation will be held at Rockingham County High School located at 180 High School Rd. Reidsville, N.C. starting at 9:45 a.m. At 2 p.m. in the afternoon, students will assemble outside for a demonstration of a fatal car crash. This reenactment is meant to bring the sights and sounds of a fatal vehicle accident to the doorstep of high school students in a dramatic way in hopes of embedding the consequences of these often senseless events into the minds of teenage drivers.

It is our combined hope that, at the end of the day, students will have a realistic picture of what can happen as a result of one moment of inattention. It's not just driving while impaired; it's also sending that quick text message, partying in the car, aggressive driving, and other distractions that set in motion a horrifying, irreversible chain of events.

Media outlets interested in covering this event are welcome! Questions about the event can be directed to the RCHS School Resource Officer, Deputy Shane Bullins at 336-634-3220



