



# MEDINA COUNTY COMMON PLEAS COURT

## Probate and Juvenile Divisions

93 Public Square, Room 104, Medina, Ohio 44256

KEVIN W. DUNN  
Judge

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## Cloverleaf High School Juniors and Seniors Witness Simulated OVI Crash

*Just in time for prom season, juniors and seniors at Cloverleaf High School were able to observe the dangers of drinking and driving with a simulated car crash and learn the effects on all parties involved following a tragic accident.*



*Emergency response workers use the Jaws of Life to remove jammed doors during the Cloverleaf High School mock crash.*

MEDINA – Cloverleaf High School juniors and seniors witnessed emergency response to a mock car crash April 30, 2018 to learn what happens to a driver, victims, and their families following a tragic accident. The presentation, held once every two years on the front lawn of Cloverleaf High School, involved local fire and police departments, emergency response workers, Juvenile Court, Waite & Sons Funeral Home and the county coroner's office.

In this mock scenario, six seniors on their way to prom are involved in an accident when student driver, Riley, 18, chooses to drink and drive. Members of the Cloverleaf Drama Club participated in the mock crash.

Two students played the role of fatal victims, with three others sustaining serious injuries. Judge Kevin W. Dunn met with the student actors Sunday night at the Westfield Fire Station to thank them for participating in such an important safety message for their friends and fellow students.

Junior and senior class students gathered around the crash site Monday to hear narration and watch as emergency response workers used the Jaws of Life to remove the roofs off of the cars to retrieve the actors screaming for help. On the other side of the crash site, the driver received a field sobriety test from an Ohio State Highway Patrol Trooper.

After all of the actors were removed from the vehicles, students made their way to the school's track for the next segment of the presentation. Groups traveled around the field to learn what

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*Magistrate Lewis speaks to Cloverleaf High School juniors and seniors about the dangers and legal consequences of drinking and driving.*

happens after an impaired driving crash. They heard from medical personnel who treat the injured, from law enforcement who have firsthand experience in similar situations, and from funeral directors on the process of planning the service.

Chief Magistrate Susana Lewis also took a spot on the track to speak with the students about the charges and consequences Riley will face in court. In this mock case, Riley received two counts of Aggravated Vehicular Homicide, a felony of the second degree, and three counts of Aggravated Vehicular Assault, a felony of the third degree. Because Riley is 18 years old, consequences will be different for him as an adult. Magistrate Lewis explained that Riley will lose his license for life and will serve mandatory prison time.

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“Drinking and driving is not worth your freedom and the lives of others,” Magistrate Lewis told the students. “If this were a real situation, Riley would have to deal with his own legal and monetary consequences, but he would also have a lifetime of consequences he caused to others involved on his shoulders.”

Ohio State Highway Patrol Trooper Camper also spoke to the students about his experience with impaired and distracted driving firsthand. He said that while he was there to talk to them about the dangers of drinking and driving, he noted that there are other distractions while driving that can also lead to tragedy.

“Put your phones away while you’re driving and pay attention to your surroundings,” he told the students. “That text or phone call can wait. I’d rather meet you all here to talk about these dangers and consequences than have to meet you on the road in a situation when it’s too late.”

Magistrate Lewis added to Trooper Camper’s sentiments.

“I can’t tell you how many times I see youth come into my courtroom who have made a mistake and wish they could have a do-over,” she said. “You can’t turn back time to fix this situation. That is why we are here today. So you can witness this awful tragedy for yourselves and the lasting effects it will have on your future and realize that it’s not worth it. It’s not worth it for you to drink, and it’s not worth it to look the other way when you know someone else is drinking and could cause harm. See something, say something.”

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