

Linwood Ambulance Service with assistance from Lincoln Fire and Police, Woodstock Police, DHART, and Fournier Funeral Home staged a mock car crash at the school.

The crash demonstrates a consequence of driving under the influence of alcohol. These poor choices made daily do have devastating results for many. This exercise reveals the harsh reality. It has been said, for every day a horrific event doesn't happen, we are one day closer to it happening. Our goal is to "plant the seed" before they are in a situation where they need to make a decision that can be life changing.

Just before 10:00am on Tuesday, May 5, 2009 there was a two car motor vehicle crash on Lin-Wood Drive in Lincoln. The police investigation revealed one vehicle crashed head-on into oncoming traffic. Vehicle number one was occupied by five minors. The driver was uninjured and failed a field sobriety test. That subject was subsequently arrested for driving under the influence and will be charged with vehicular homicide. One minor occupant in her vehicle was pronounced dead at the scene and removed by Fournier's Funeral Home. Another occupant was critically injured and flown by DHART helicopter. Two other patients had minor to moderate injuries. The second vehicle was rolled over and occupied solely by the driver who was transported with serious injuries. Linwood Ambulance Service transported the latter three patients. Names of the victims are not being released until next of kin are notified.

During the crash events, grades 9-12 watched how public safety officials would respond. Chief Moorhead of Woodstock Police Department narrated. Lincoln Police Department investigated the accident scene and provided crowd control. Dulcena Walker was on scene and devastated by the fatality. Following the crash the students went to the gymnasium for a heartbreaking presentation from MADD. Linwood Ambulance Service, dressed in black, gave condolences for their loss and a key chain to each student as they exited. Every vehicle in the parking lot was also donned with a red ribbon from MADD. The "tie one on for safety" campaign is for awareness about impaired driving and their effort to eliminate it. Channel 3 will be showing footage in the future. Pictures are available at www.linwoodambulance.com

We very much appreciate all of the effort, time, and apparatus donated by many. Thank you to all of the following:

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- Lincoln Fire Department
- Lincoln Police Department
- Linwood Ambulance Service
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- Lin-Wood Video Productions (Channel 3)
- MADD of New Hampshire
- Mr. Nelson and staff of Lin-Wood Public School
- Woodstock Police Department

Thank you again for your assistance!

Be safe! Plan ahead!!

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