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## MOCK FATAL ACCIDENT

AUBURN, ME – Its prom season and police and educators want to remind young people about the dangers of drinking and driving.

The Auburn Police Department is dedicated to helping students at Edward Little High School enjoy a safe prom. "Make it home alive" is the message police want to spread.

In an effort to stop underage drinking and driving, especially during prom season, the Auburn PD and members of the Edward Little High School community will hold a 'mock fatal' crash scene at the high school on Wednesday, 05/18/18 at 9:00am. All of the 'actors' in the scene will be students from the school.

School Resource Officer Justin Richardson hopes that the reminder of lives lost will raise awareness and help push kids into making the right decisions - decisions that could save their lives - as they prepare for prom next weekend. "We want to open their eyes to the consequences – we need them to understand that drinking and driving just isn't worth it," says Richardson.

"This shows students that their community supports them being safe," says Police Chief Phil Crowell. "We try to make it as realistic as possible so that it will really impact the kids. It's shocking when you see the crashed vehicle; it certainly hits home for the students.

Deputy Chief Jason Moen states, "The Mock Fatal demonstration would not be possible without the invaluable assistance of our community partners which include; Auburn Fire Department, Auburn Public Services, L/A 911 Communications Center, Anytime Towing, Fortin Funeral Home, Lifeflight of Maine, Central Maine Medical Center, Drapeau's Costume Shop, Ann's Flower Shop, Fox Ridge Golf Course and Trade-mark R Productions."