



As a Law Enforcement Liaison for the New York State Sheriffs' Association assigned to New York State's Highway Safety Office I am excited about our recent purchase and deployment of Prof. Kwasnoski's CRASH! kits. I have seen Prof. Kwasnoski speak at a highway safety conference and I have reviewed the CRASH! program and the result was clear...he is an expert in this field and the CRASH! program will save lives!

What is most impressive is that the CRASH! program delivers teen driver safety messages to a class of drivers most likely to be involved in crashes in a way that ties into classroom instruction that they are already receiving. The CRASH! activities have been effective in other states, and I expect the same results in areas where our kits are utilized; and the cost is a minimal one-time investment.

I am so confident in the value of the CRASH! program that I have already brought Prof. Kwasnoski to NY to deliver CRASH! kit training to SROs and to professionally record him delivering that same training program so I have a video to share with SROs as they learn about the activities and engage teachers.

Many of the CRASH! program activities focus on impaired and distracted driving, and these are major contributing factors in younger driver crashes. The CRASH! program activities allow students to not only learn required course objectives but provide a lasting message of smart and defensive driving that students take with them. Learning what caused, or can cause, crashes is the best way to learn how to NOT be involved in a crash.

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