

## Orientation for SRO's

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## Massachusetts newspaper article:

Within the first six months after getting a license, nearly 50% of teen drivers were involved in an accident.

## Hypothesis:

Kids have accidents because

they don't know Why

crashes happen.

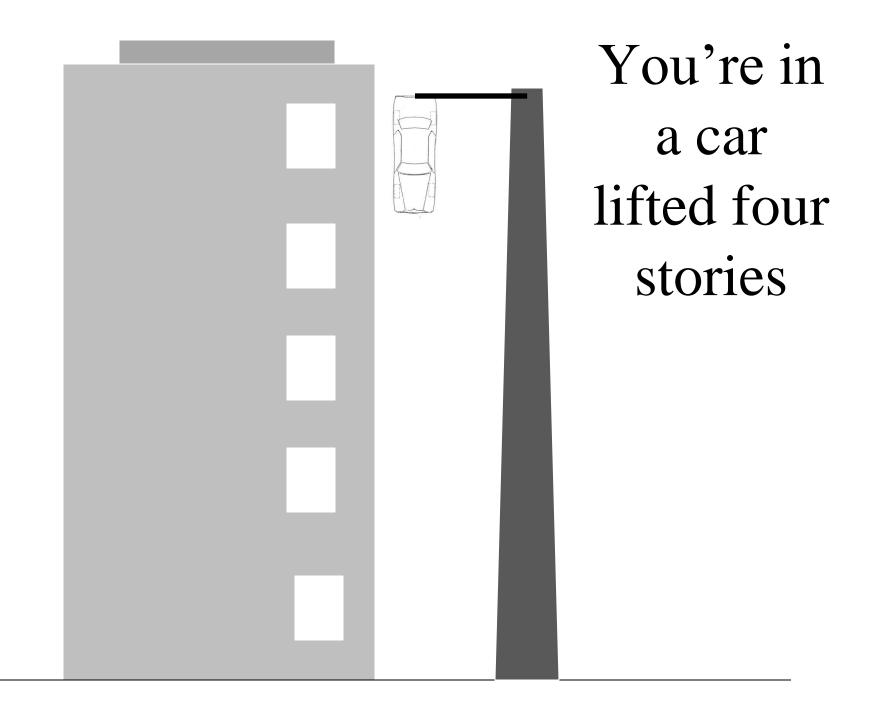
## Survey question:

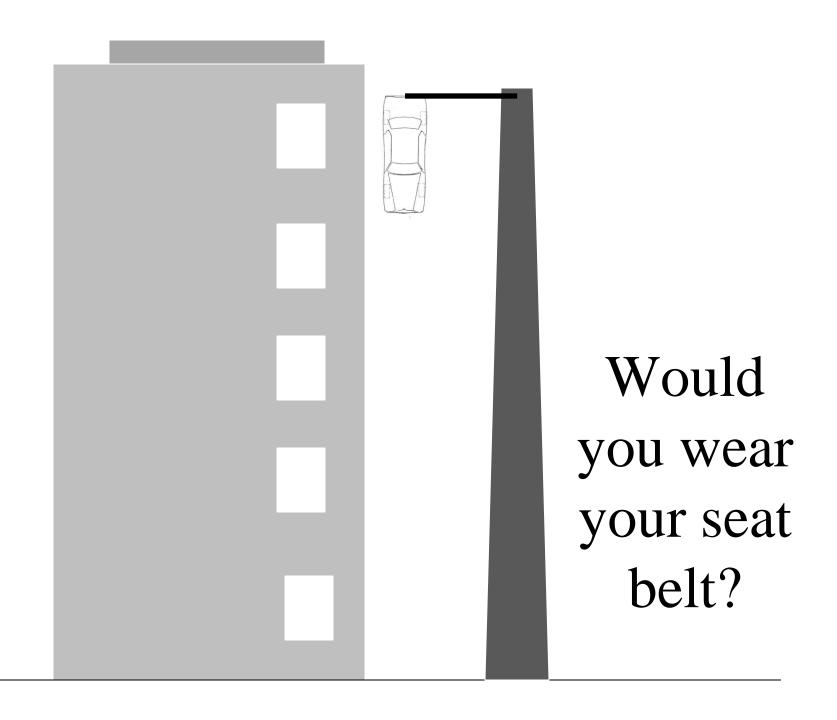
You really can't get hurt badly if your car is only going 35 mph?

AGREE 76%

DISAGREE 18%

NO OPINION 6%







An impact at 35 mph is like being dropped from a four-story building.

# What can we do to help new drivers be safe?

What can we do to make science and math interesting?



## Science and Math resources for grades 8 -12

## **CRASH!** addresses two problems:

- Automobile crashes are the leading cause of death for teenagers (70 % + )
- Many kids are turned off to science and math by the time the are high school seniors



is **not** a structured program (like D.A.R.E.)

does <u>not</u> require a specific amount of time

is a collection of teaching resources...



## that make it easier (and fun) to learn

physics

health studies

science

biology

math

driver's ed



## WHAT DO TEACHERS SAY

"Through these interesting, hands-on activities, students learn science principles without even realizing it!"

Arthur Gage, physics teacher web site video

"CRASH! shows kids how science and math relate to real life, and they get excited about learning."

(Maryanne Butler, web site video)

"Three kids got to sit in the police car and the officer did an emergency stop with the tires screeching. They were going crazy in the back seat. They couldn't wait to take the measurements."

Officer Robert Wilde North Providence, R.I. PD

Each Teacher's
Manual has a
table of contents.

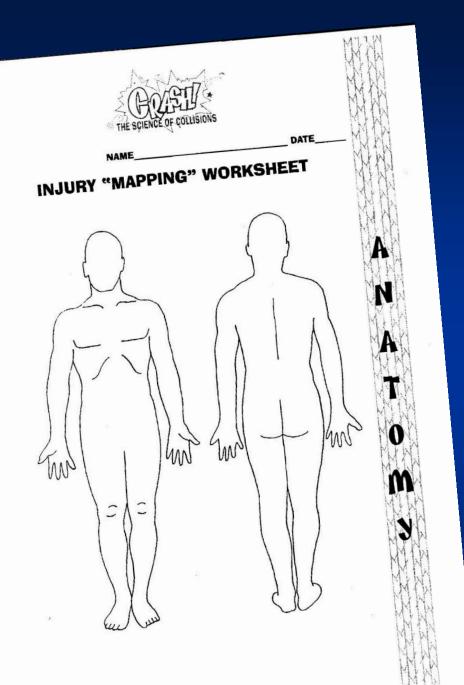
Science, p.4

- REACTION TIME PROPERTIES OF MATERIAL **VEWTON'S LAWS** 

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## Samples of the CRASH! activities



## biology activity:

Using an autopsy report to determine who was driving

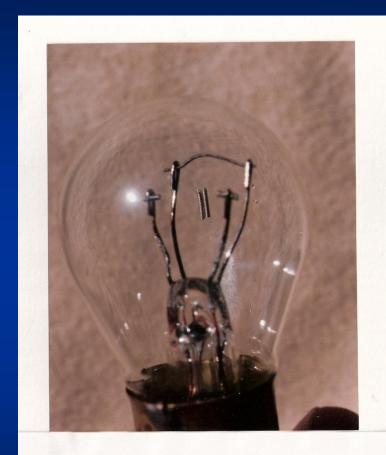
Biology, p. 5 autopsy report p. 7



## science activity:

## Examining lamps for ON/OFF at impact

Science, p.5 forensic photo's



#### Evidence #7218A5

Case: State v. William Dufree Location: Broadway/49th Date: 8/2/99 Time: 1945

Secured by: Tpr. Barnes



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## biology and math activity:

## Using the BACSim

reaction time simulator software

## **BACSim**

Enter personal information (weight, sex)
Select a drinking scenario

\*\*BACSim calculates resulting BAC\*\*

Student performs the on-screen PRT test

\*\*actual PRT shows on screen\*\*

\*\*alcohol-impaired PRT shows on screen\*\*

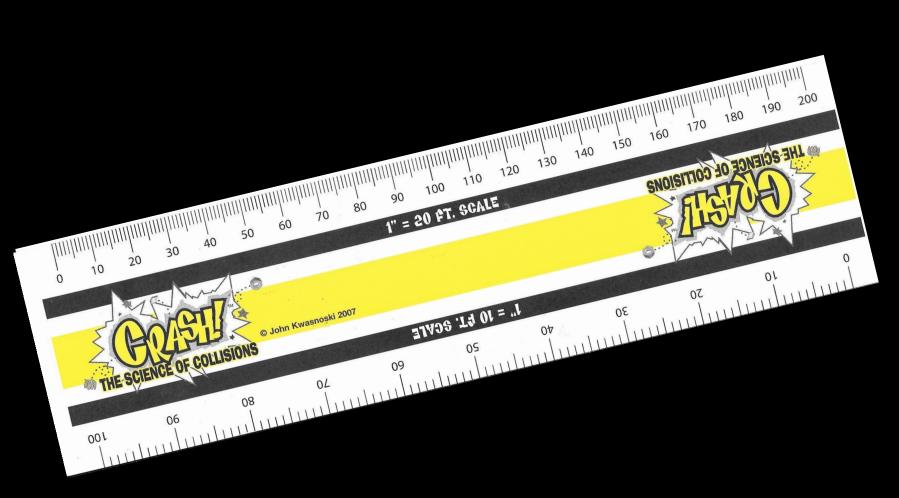
## • BACSim for PC.exe

## science activity:

Perception-reaction Time

Science, p. 24







NAME	DATE
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use a scale of 1" = 20 ft to draw the "reaction zone" in fout of each vehicle. The speed of the vehicle is 30 mph.

reaction zone = 1.47 (S) (t) S = speed t = perception eaction time

NITIME









## outside demo

• CA v Daniels at 2.49.avi

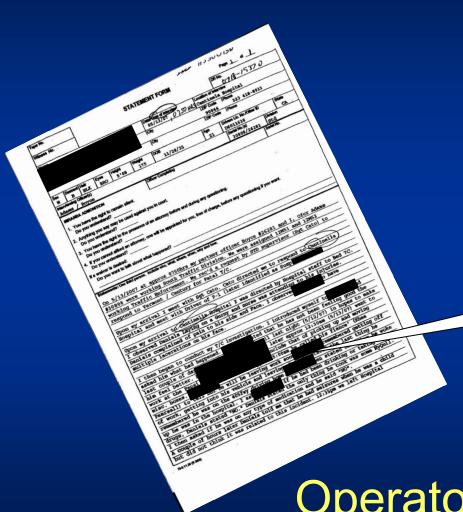
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biology activity:

The cough medicine defense

Biology, p. 46

Driver claims alcohol in Sudafed cough syrup caused a high BAC



"The only thing he took was some Sudafed."

Operator's BAC was 0.242

## defendant male weighed 160 lbs

## Sudafed facts:



2.4% ETOH

1 bottle = 4.0 oz

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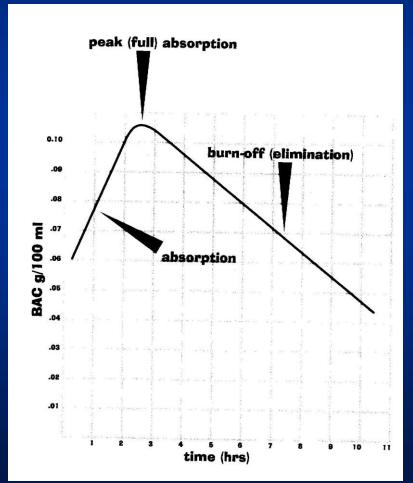
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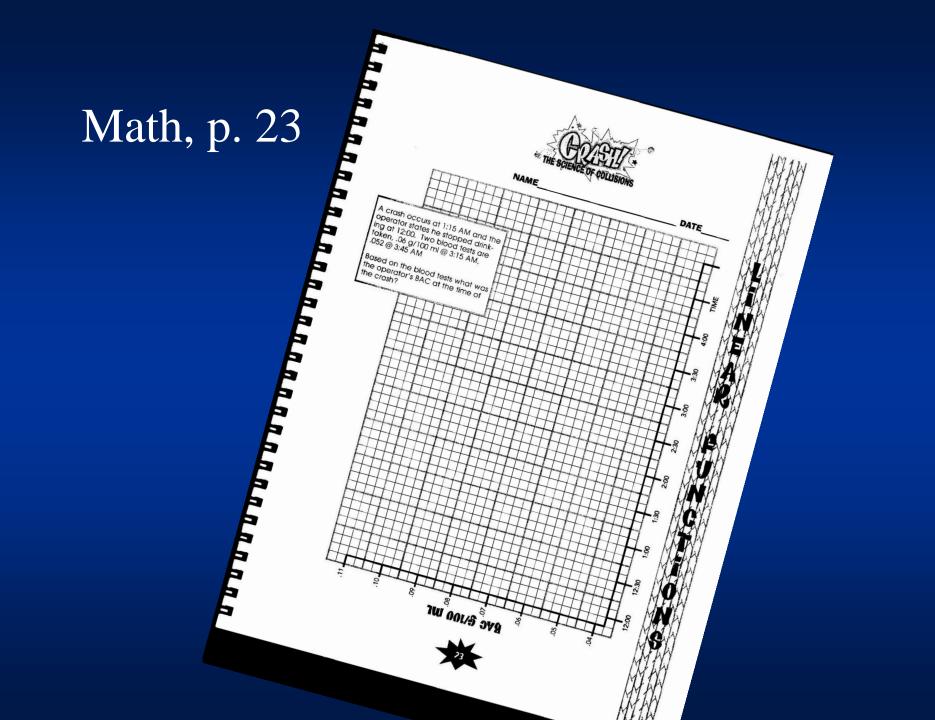
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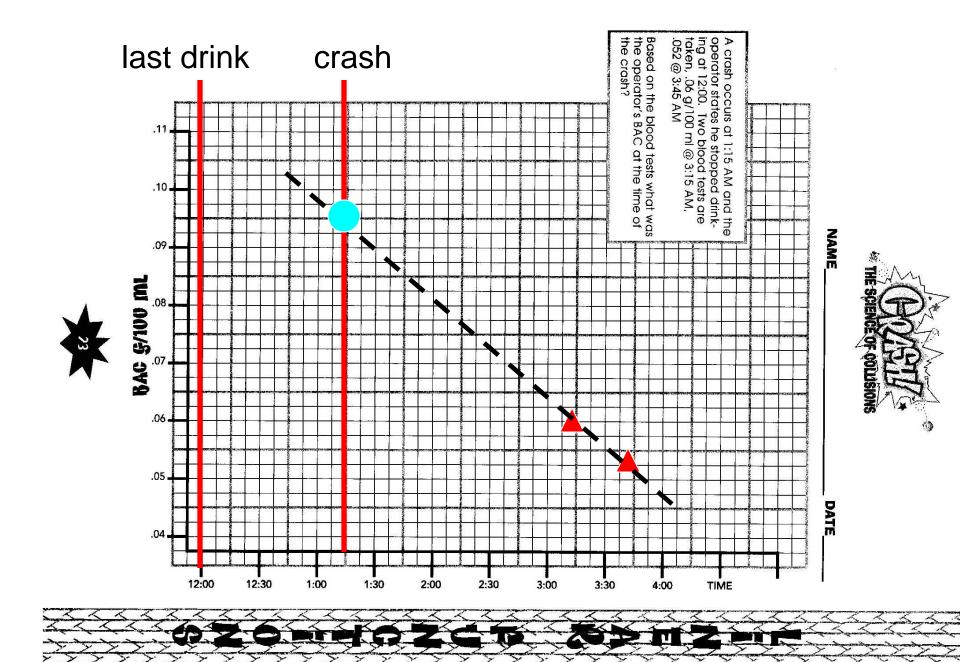
$$0.242 = ounces (2.4)$$
 $160 (13.1)$ 
 $ounces = 211 oz$ 
 $211 \div 4 oz/bottle = 52 bottles$ 

### math activity:

Alcohol and driver performance, BAC at time of crash Math, p. 20



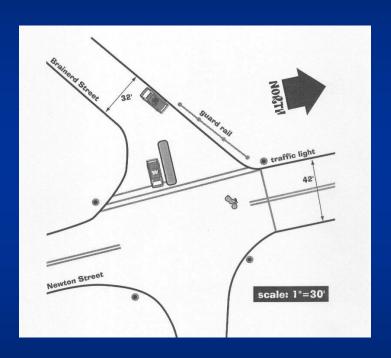




### physics activity:

Newton's Laws in Court

Physics, p. 63

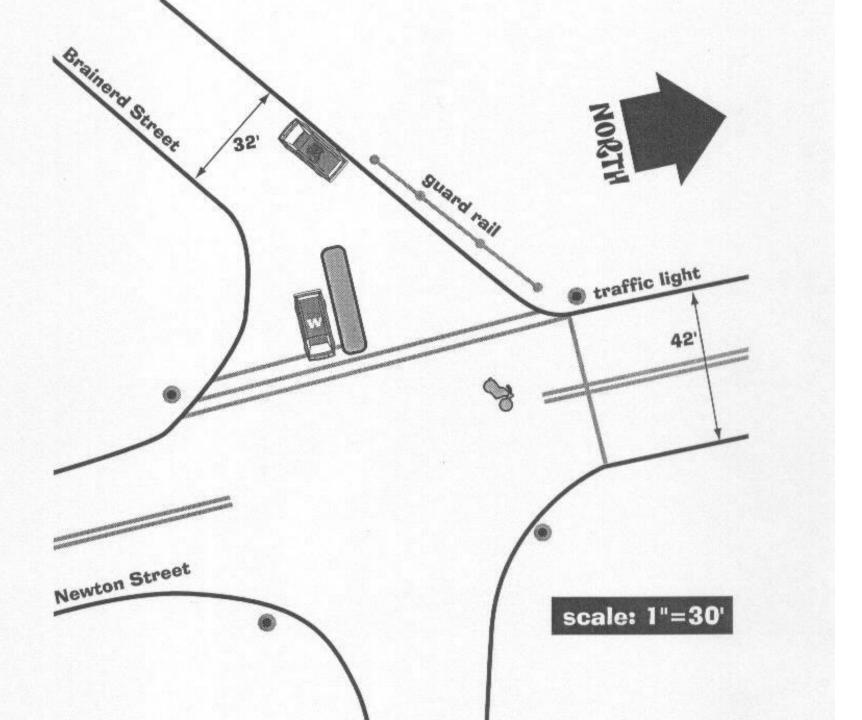


Who was at fault?

### Newton's 1st Law:

An object at rest tends to stay at rest, and an object in motion tends to maintain its motion.

- NIGHT
- LIGHT RAIN
- NB PICK-UP TRUCK MAKES LEFT TURN ON GREEN LIGHT
- MOTORCYCLE COLLIDES WITH TRUCK
- MOTORCYCLE FALLS ON LEFT SIDE WITHIN INTERSECTION
- TRUCK PULLS OVER AND STOPS
- EYE WITNESSES IN VEHICLE AT TRAFFIC ISLAND
- MC OPERATOR PAID BAR TAB NINE MINUTES PRIOR TO CRASH



### Assignment:

Investigate to determine who caused the crash.

Evidence?

Photographs?

Operator questions?

Witness questions?

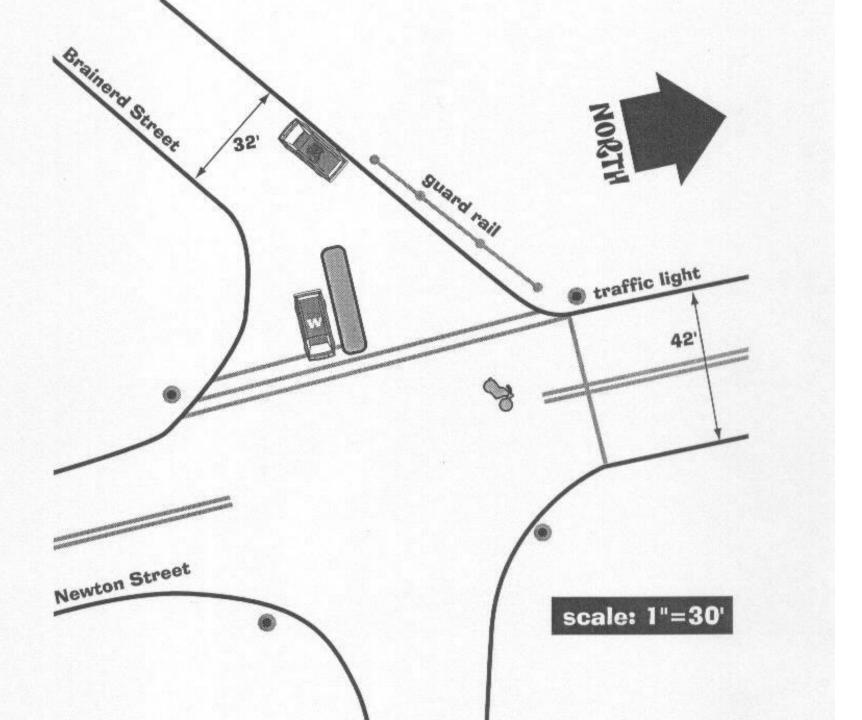
### Police report:

"Vehicle #1 was making a left turn from Newton onto Brainerd, Vehicle #2 was going straight when they came in contact with each other."

"Citation to operator of MV#1for improper left turn."









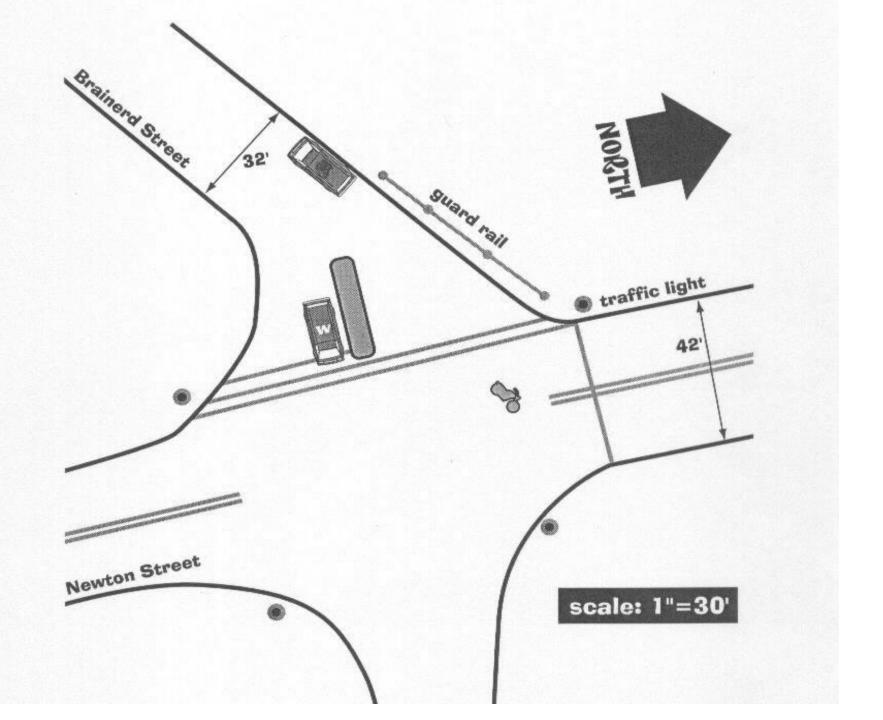


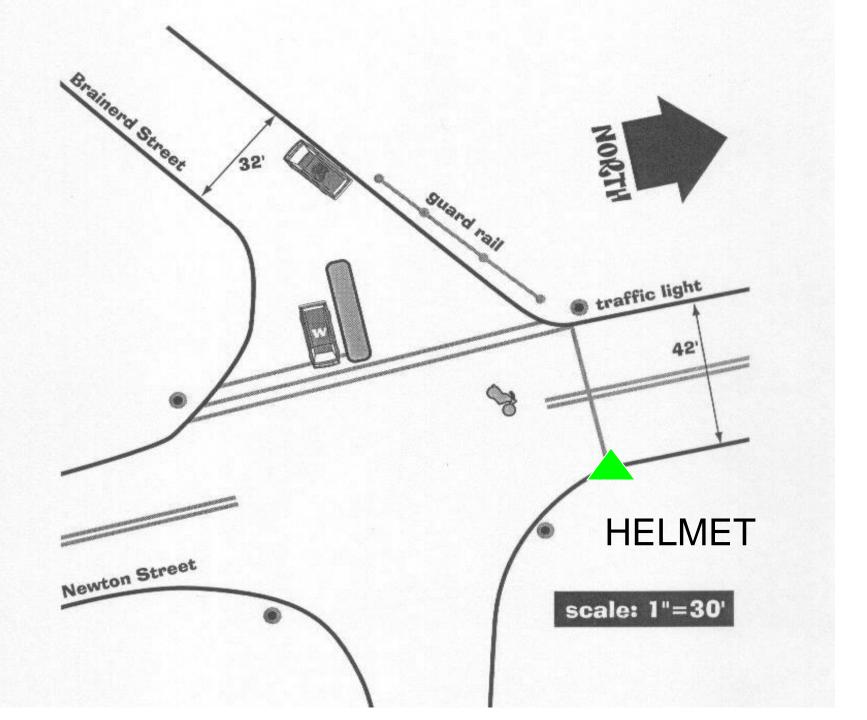


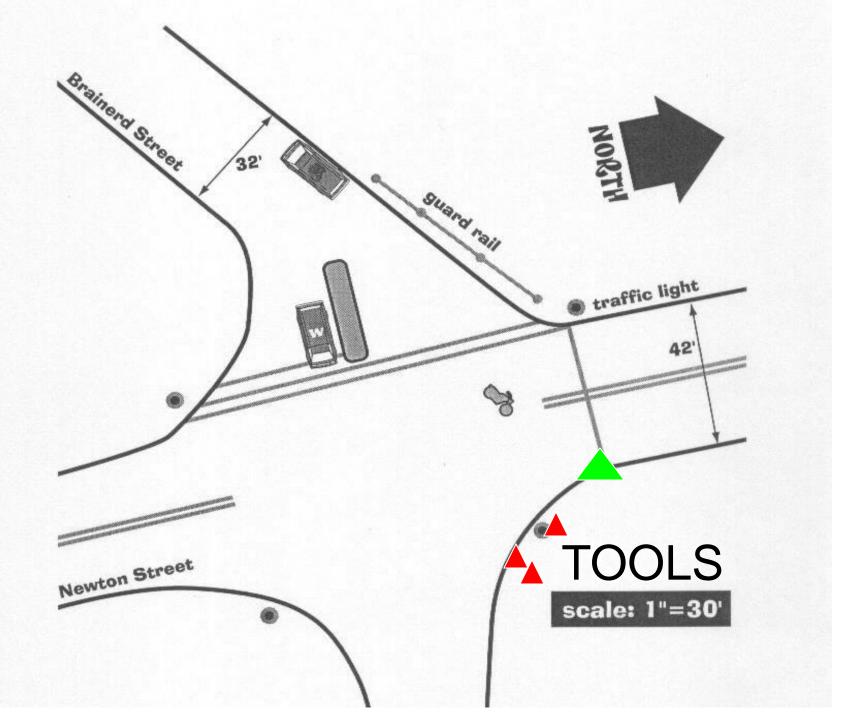
### ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION

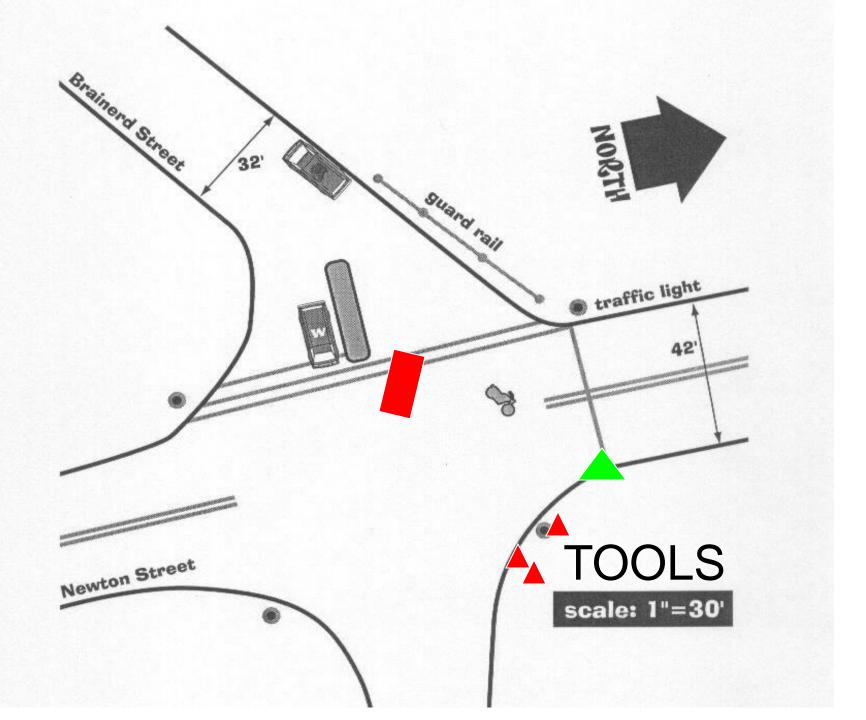
INFORMATION FROM THE BAR

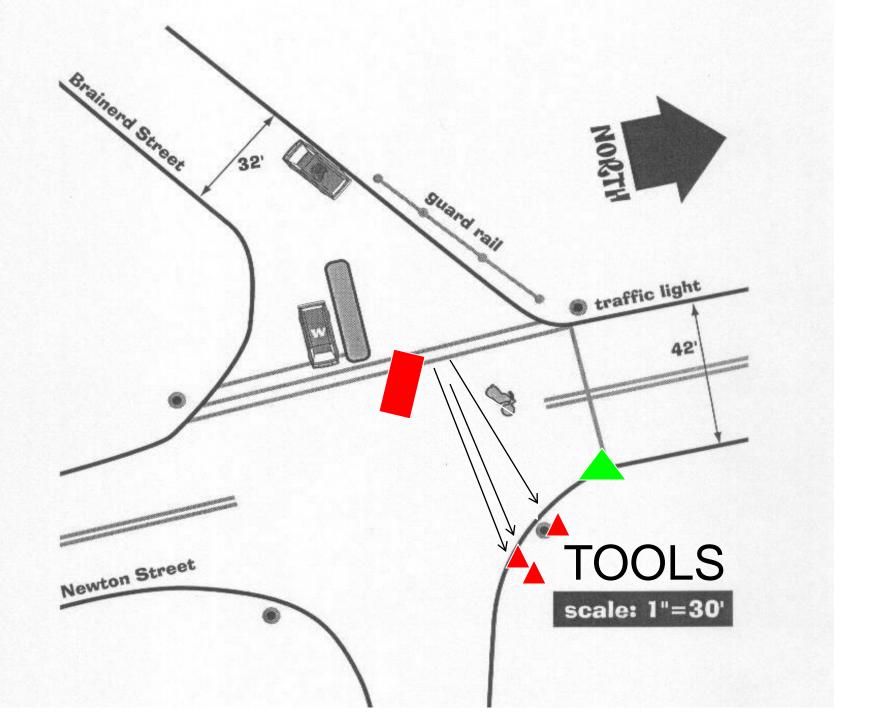
• INFORMATION FROM MEDICAL, AMBULANCE TEAM, EMS, ETC.













### **Take Home Activies**

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Sheriff's message

### Take-home activity:

### You Can't Afford a DWI

Students and parents are asked to tabulate the costs of a DWI



### YOU CAN'T AFFORD A DWI!

**CONCEPTS:** 

YOUR STATE'S DWI LAW CONSEQUENCES OF DWI

**MATERIALS:** 

LIBRARY INTERNET

#### BACKGROUND:

If you drink and drive you can be cited for DWI, fined after a court appearance, have your license suspended, be required to attend remedial DWI driving school, etc., etc. The fine may not seem like a large amount of money, but when you total all the costs that result from driving while impaired, if just doesn't pay.

#### STUDENT ACTIVITIES:

- Have students make a list of all the consequences of being stopped and convicted of DWI, and then consolidate all the lists. This usually makes for extended discussion and student input, and may require outside research of the costs of DWI school, court costs, lawyer's fees, etc.
- 2. Have each student apply the list to him/herself and make a list of the specific costs if he/she were convicted of DWI. Don't forget any lost wages for time spent in DWI school or time lost when the driving license is suspended.
- 3. Have students make a poster showing the cost of a DWI, or even better, submit an article to a local newspaper showing the cost. TV and radio stations might also be interested in your local research, as would S.A.D.D. or M.A.D.D. groups.

Sheriff's message



Cost of a DWI - Sample Retrieve car from police impound DWI fine Court cost Loss of wages - court appearance Enrollment in DWI school Loss of wages to attend driving school Towing charge Transportation to/from work during license Insurance surcharge (3 yrs) Attorney fee Bail expense suspension (6 months) Reinstatement of license

\$ 200.00 125.00 50.00 75.00 150.00 100.00 400.00 1000.00 200.00 1500.00 600.00 50.00

Total

\$ 4450.00

There are 12 alcohol-impaired driving activities...

STOP DWI funding can be used to purchase CRASH!

# 3 DVD's are included in the CRASH! Toolbox

and

3 CD's

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### the Resources CD

has all documents, forensic photos, videos, and computer softwares

### Remember my hypothesis:

Kids have accidents because they don't know why crashes happen.



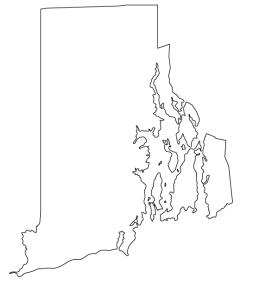
## tells them why!







# Funded by GOHS in NH and MetLife in RI



The next year teen deaths went

down by 25%

The message for teachers:

CRASH! motivates kids using real applications of math and science



- supports NY state learning guidelines and mandated testing
- is used within existing lessons (no new topics are introduced)
- no teacher training is needed

CRASH! overview video (2 min.)

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FAQ's

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Feedback about CRASH!

# When a young driver is killed, the whole community grieves...



Chief Reggie Redfern, 1999 President New England Assoc. of Chiefs of Police

### "Now we can do something

before it happens."

# Questions?