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**Health Department Conducts Mock Crash Event
 At Clay High School**

The Toledo-Lucas County Health Department, along with several partnering agencies, are coordinating a mock crash event at Clay High School on April 17. The event will serve as a hard-hitting reminder to students and parents of the dangers and consequences of unsafe driving behaviors-such as drinking and driving, driving while distracted, driving at unsafe speeds, and not buckling up.

WHO: Toledo-Lucas County Health Department
 Oregon Fire and EMS
 Oregon Police
 Rau’s Towing
 UTMC Trauma Team

WHAT: The mock crash uses real crashed vehicles set up on school grounds and students participate to act out roles as crash victims. Students will watch the demonstration of a simulated 911 call, emergency response efforts including the ProMedica air ambulance, a mock memorial, and a mock trial.

WHEN: Wednesday, April 17, 2024
 Mock Crash: 8:30 to 9:10 a.m.
 Mock Trial: 9:15 to 9:40 a.m.
If necessary, rain date: Friday, April 19, 2024

WHERE: Clay High School
 5665 Seaman Rd.
 Oregon, OH 43616

TLCHD is urging parents to talk to their teen about the dangers and serious consequences of underage drinking, speeding, distracted driving, and not wearing a seat belt. It is important that parents set a good example for their children by driving safely, never texting while driving, and insist everyone is always buckled up. TLCHD is committed to promoting increased awareness and education surrounding the dangers of driving under the influence.

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