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ThinkFast Interactive Teen Driving Safety Event Hosted for Local Schools

Montpelier, Ohio - Williams County Safe Communities at the Williams County Health Department addressed teen driver safety awareness with ThinkFast Interactive programming during Prom Season for our local high school students. ThinkFast Interactive is an experiential team building, and awareness program that appeals to all ages with its professionally designed production set, sound system, music videos, and informative and engaging awareness trivia. With a gameshow atmosphere, ThinkFast Interactive provided a unique and engaging experience to help participants effectively improve highway safety knowledge, attitudes, social norms, perceptions of behavior control, and overall passenger and driving behavior intentions.

Williams County Safe Communities had scheduled two program sessions to reach as many of the junior and senior students as possible with this traffic safety awareness education. The Williams County Safe Communities grant sourced through Ohio Department of Public Safety and the Ohio Traffic Safety Office provided \$2,000 for one of the sessions. The additional session was made possible through a grant from the North Western Electric Trust in the amount of \$2,000.

Montpelier Exempted Village Schools hosted "ThinkFast Interactive" at their Superior Athletic Complex gymnasium with the other high schools busing their students to this venue. Students from six of our local high schools attended one of the two scheduled programs with 650 attending. This traffic safety awareness programming was supported by Ohio State Highway Patrol with Trooper Jim Edwards attending the event as a member of the Williams County Safe Communities Coalition. The Williams County Safe Communities Coalition is appreciative of the additional funding provided by the Operation Round Up Grant and for the cooperation of all our local schools to help keep our students safe on our roadways.

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Session 1 with students from Bryan High School and Stryker High School.



Session 2 with students from Edon High School, Montpelier High School, Edgerton High School and Hilltop High School. Pictured left to right: Landon Nofziger, Mandy Taylor, Carter Herman, DJ Hunter from ThinkFast Interactive, Faith Miller and Alan Weiner, MC from ThinkFast Interactive.



Williams County Health Department receiving funds from North Western Electric Cooperative Operation Round Up Grant. Pictured left to right: Peg Buda, Williams County Safe Communities Coordinator, Barb Harrington, North Western Electric Trust Board Member. The Williams County Safe Communities Coalition is appreciative of the additional funding provided by the Operation Round Up Grant and for the cooperation of all our local schools to help keep our students safe on our roadways.

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