Sidney Police Department
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To: All Sidney High School Students
From: Chief William Balling
Subject: OVI
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Drunk driving causes approximately one – third of all traffic fatalities in the United States. On average someone in the United is killed by a drunk driver every 40 minutes. Roughly three in every 10 Americans will be involved in an alcohol – related collision at some point in their life. Approximately 75% of fatal crashes occurring between midnight and 3 am involve alcohol. These are staggering facts on the harm that driving under the influence of alcohol can cause. The Sidney Police Department would like to team up with the High School seniors in preventing more of our youth from becoming one of these statistics.

We will be offering three 500 dollar scholarships to the students of the City of Sidney. A 500 dollar scholarship will be awarded to a student of Lehman High School, Sidney Christian School, and Sidney High school based on an essay that they write. We will also be issuing an additional 500 dollar scholarship to the overall best essay from all of the schools. All essays are to be submitted to the senior's high school guidance counselor by May 5th, 2014. The awards will be presented on May 14th, 2014 at 4pm. The guidelines of the award are attached.

We believe by working together we can make a difference.

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Sidney OVI Scholarship

Eligibility: High School Senior from Sidney Christian, Lehman, Sidney High School that will be attending college or a trade school after High School.

Essay: The essay will be a 600 word essay on the prevention, enforcement and personal experience of alcohol and its abuse/use.

Judging: Each school will appoint a school representative to assist a Sidney Police Captain with the judging of the essays. If there is a tie both essays will be presented to the Sidney Police Chief for final judging.

Award: The winner from each school shall be awarded five hundred dollars. All of the award winning essays will then be reviewed by the Sidney Police Chief, William Balling and the County Superintendent of Schools, Heather Neer. The overall winner will receive an additional five hundred dollars.

For questions or additional guidance, please contact Chief William Balling at the Sidney Police Department, wballing@sidneyoh.com or 937-498-8123.

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