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Summit Police Department OM3D program at Summit High School

SUMMIT, NJ, March 16, 2023 – The Summit Police Department and Summit High School are hosting a One Moment 3 Decisions (OM3D) program on Tuesday, March 21, at Summit High School. The goal of the program for high school juniors and seniors is to educate young adults on the effects of distracted driving and driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs.

Student volunteers will serve as actors in a presentation that includes a staged accident scene in the high school parking lot and involve an emergency response from Summit Police Department, Summit Fire Department, Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad, and Atlantic Health paramedics. Actors also participate in scenes that show authorities notifying a victim's parents, and the arrest and criminal trial of the student driver responsible for the accident.

The series of scenes are filmed and edited in a documentary style and will be shown as a short film to the junior and senior classes and faculty members in an assembly held the following day.

OM3D was first held in 2016 and was expected to be held every two years, enabling each Summit High School class to experience it once, during their junior or senior year. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the program was last held in April of 2018.

"We are very pleased to be bringing this program back this year," explains Summit Police Chief Steven Zagorski. "Though it can be difficult to witness, we feel that students at this age benefit from the experience. OM3D was designed as an immersive, hands-on program because as with many other life lessons and subjects, there's only so much you can learn in a classroom; experience is the best teacher."

The video from the 2018 event can be viewed [here](#); please note, some viewers may find the scenes and images in the video to be distressing and difficult to watch. It is a re-enactment; no actors or participants were harmed in the making of the video.

Because the event takes place in the high school parking lot, there will be an increase in student parking on streets in the surrounding neighborhoods from Monday, March 20, through Wednesday, March 22. Parking Services will not be ticketing on nearby streets to allow for student parking.

For more information on the Summit Police Department, go to cityofsummit.org/police.

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