



BEST PRACTICES

- *Mock Car Crash by The Town of Milton*
- *Daily Diaries by Milton Teenagers*

Every other year since my son's death, the Town of Milton (Massachusetts) orchestrates the most effective way to help teenagers "get it" by staging a Mock Car Crash. Using real ambulances, a hearse, police and a screaming mother, the accident takes place at the field next to Milton High School. Staged for all high school grades, the school decides from year to year which grades will witness the accident. In deep humility, I have addressed the student body before the accident begins.

The accident does involve a student fatality, and is dramatized as graphically as possible, so that the students will get the full impact of what really happens when an accident of this magnitude takes place.

The accident is planned each year by dedicated medical professionals of Milton Hospital in conjunction with

the high school personnel. To maximize the event, the town also videotapes the incident by the local cable access station.

To learn more about how your community can stage a Mock Car Crash, please call the office of Milton High School at (617) 696-4478.

Getting the Pulse of Student Concerns...

Enclosed in this packet are vivid accounts by Milton area young people who talk candidly about what it's like to be a teenager in today's world. Entitled, "**Daily Diaries by Anonymous**" this accounting of how young people really feel may help guide your Student Safety Month activities by getting your young people involved in telling their real feelings about life in today's fast paced world.