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DPP press release

Partnerships Support Roads Safety Show

The Omagh District Policing Partnership and the Omagh Community Safety Partnership have endorsed and supported the staging of the Road Safe Roadshow at the Leisure Complex in Omagh on Friday 8th October. Chairman of the Community Safety Partnership, and member of the Omagh DPP, Cllr O'Doherty explained why getting the message home to young people about road safety was so important.

“The Community Safety Partnership, which has members representing Roads Service, Western Education & Library Board, the District Council, the PSNI, Omagh DPP, the Community and Voluntary Sectors has recognised that the issue of Roads safety, particularly amongst young drivers, is one of the main safety concerns in this District” Cllr O'Doherty said. “During DPP meetings in Public, the subject has been raised time and time again and in a household survey conducted on behalf of the DPP in the District last year, over 45% of those surveyed said that Road Safety was one of their main concerns”. Councillor O'Doherty added.

“We were pleased to help fund the staging of the Roadsafe Roadshow, entitled ‘It Could Be You’ in Omagh. Although the show is hard hitting, the consequences of not getting the message across to young people are much more serious. The Community Safety Partnership and District Policing Partnership hope that the event will educate young drivers, make them aware of the potential impact that a crash will have on themselves and their loved ones, and ultimately have a positive impact on their future driving behaviour.” he concluded.

The Roadsafe Roadshow performance, hosted by Roads Policing will be performed to an invited audience including all 16 – 18 year old students in the District on Friday. Schools, and parents of young people attending, are advised that the Show contains scenes that some may find upsetting. It may not therefore, be suitable for those who have been effected by road trauma or indeed any other types of traumatic event.

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