

SHS Participates in "Drunk Busters"

Today, October 22, sophomores at Summit High School were the first students to take part in the inaugural "Drunk Busters" Program coordinated by Summit's Juvenile Officer, Detective Matthew Buntin.

Four health classes, consisting of approximately 120 sophomores in total, had the opportunity to drive a pedal car through a cone course on the outdoor turf, while wearing goggles that impair vision. The program shows students, through manipulating their vision, how dangerous it is to drive while under the influence of drugs and alcohol. The goggles come in two variations, one manufacturing the idea of drunk driving in the day and one at night. Students each had an opportunity to pedal the car through the obstacles while Officer Buntin and DARE Officer Charlie Daly aided from the sidelines.

All SHS sophomores will take part in this program, which was purchased jointly by the Board of Education and the Summit Police Department. The program will also be given to SHS juniors and seniors this spring prior to proms. "We wanted to bring something to the schools that was really a benefit to the students," Buntin said. "We want students to understand the real dangers of drunk driving that we talk about in the classroom. This program brings it to life."



The Police Department and Summit High School students participate in the "Drunk Busters" Program on Monday, October 22. **From L to R:** Officer Daly, Nicole Robins, Detective Buntin, Samantha Maney, Athletic Director Mike Sandor, Sara-Beth Arnold Nicole Bazalar, Chief Weck, Dylan Diaz, Bureau Commander Andrew Bartolotti, and David Ragan.



Nicole Bazalar takes her turn behind the wheel, wearing the "Drunk Busters" goggles.



Officer Daly helps Dylan Diaz prepare for the course.

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