

## End of the School Year Safety Message from New Castle First Responders

The end of the school year is an exciting time, with high school students celebrating by attending proms, graduation parties and events to kick off the beginning of summer vacation. The New Castle Police, Chappaqua Volunteer Ambulance Corps, Chappaqua and Millwood Fire Departments want to help you keep your kids safe, and remind you that now is a great opportunity for families to have important conversations around safe celebrating and safe teen driving.

Review and discuss with your child your family's rules about underage drinking and other drug use, car use and any restrictions associated with your child's driver's license. Consider your family's curfew and be aware that inexperienced junior drivers are often asked to be designated drivers for seniors celebrating the graduation season.

Because New Castle first responders take our children's safety seriously, both the police and ambulance corps increase staffing during the graduation season.

Talk to your child about how he or she should behave if they encounter the police. Please communicate that it is especially unsafe to attempt to evade the police by trying to run or drive away from them, which can end in physical injury. Also encourage your child to call 911 if a friend is in danger from drugs, alcohol, or anything else; it is important to remember that safety should always come first.

Congratulations to our graduates and their families, on behalf of our organizations we wish you all happy and safe celebrations and great future success,

Lieutenant James Carroll, New Castle Police Department  
Captain Kate Clough, Chappaqua Volunteer Ambulance Corps  
First Assistant Chief Russell Maitland, Chappaqua Fire Department  
Chief Jan Schwark, Millwood Fire Company No. 1