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Emergency Services and students from Peterborough Regional College will stage a crash reconstruction on Wednesday 7 February at 10 am. This annual event shows both the personal and legal consequences of a crash and urges young people to take responsibility when driving or as a passenger in a vehicle.

After the crash reconstruction, officers from the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Road Safety Partnership will be encouraging students to sign up to Drive IQ. Aimed at new/pre drivers, Driver IQ is a new virtual online driving experience covering various issues which aims to improve skills such as anticipating danger, hazard detection, risk management and eye scanning.

Councillor Irene Walsh, Cabinet Member for Communities said. "The morning's activities are aimed at illustrating the terrible dangers and consequences that can occur when driving irresponsibly. One of the key priorities for the Road Safety Partnership is to reduce the number of young people who are killed or seriously injured on our roads.

"Young drivers have the tendency to drive too quickly and to over-estimate their driving ability. They are also vulnerable to peer pressure. Research suggests that young drivers, in particular young male drivers, are at a much higher risk of crashing. They are therefore more at risk of losing their lives or being seriously injured on the road, often killing or injuring their young passengers or other road users."

Various initiatives are developed and delivered to reduce the number of casualties in this age group and influence driving attitude and behaviour. Activities include Drive IQ a free bespoke online learning package, young driver education days, a modified crashed car and workshops designed to offer young drivers facts and information.