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Press Release



DA Morrissey awards 15 "Operation Graduation" grants

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Norfolk District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey has awarded \$3,750 in "Operation Graduation" grants for 2012, helping to fund food, entertainment and supplies for the substance-free post-graduation events organized across Norfolk County to keep the class of 2012 safe on graduation day.

"Graduation night shouldn't be a night for parents to stay up worrying, and it should never end in a tragedy," District Attorney Morrissey said. "Providing new graduates with a safe place to meet their classmates gives them the choice to be in a safe environment rather than on the roads or in situations where alcohol is present or where the excitement of the day is channeling into high risk behavior."

Morrissey praised the more than half of Norfolk County communities that were participating. "We recognize that this this is a modest contribution to a much larger effort, and these towns deserve great credit for the work they have put into these events and activities, Morrissey said. "I am pleased to offer my partnership wherever this office can help. And I would ask parents to consider encouraging their graduates to take part in these safe events. "

All of the money used in these grants was drawn from assets seized from drug dealers prosecuted by the Norfolk District Attorney's Office – not tax dollars.

Operation Graduation - 2012

- 1. Bellingham \$250
2. Braintree \$250
3. Canton \$250
4. Dedham \$250
5. Foxborough \$250
6. Franklin \$250
7. King Philip \$250
8. Medfield \$250
9. Millis \$250
10. Milton \$250
11. Needham \$250
12. Sharon \$250
13. Stoughton \$250
14. Wellesley \$250
15. Westwood \$250

Total Amount of 2012 Graduation Grants Awarded: \$3,750