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PRESS RELEASE

This year special assemblies were held at Boyden-Hull JR/SR High School and Western Christian High School prior to their Proms. The Sheriff's Office School Resource Officer (SRO), Deputy Waylon Pollema and Scott Hansmann, a senior at Boyden-Hull High School, spoke at both assemblies. The topic was the dangers of operating a motor vehicle with excessive speed.

In 2012 Hansmann was issued a citation for a speed violation. He went on to say that on the day of his citation in 2012 he was traveling in excess of 100 mph. After receiving his speeding citation his license was suspended and he had to pay for high-risk insurance. Hansmann said if he wouldn't have been stopped by an officer he would've later crossed a gravel intersection, which was very rough. Hansmann said he knows now that the outcome of traversing that intersection could have been much worse than the citation and consequences he received.

Deputy Pollema gave students some national and Iowa statistics as it pertains to excessive speed. He also told a tragic story that happened here in Iowa where two teenage lives were lost as a result of excessive speed.

Deputy Pollema said, "It was a great experience to work on this with Hansmann. This is one of the most rewarding things I have done as an SRO; to work with a student like Hansmann, who realizes that his story may make a difference in someone else's decision to speed is rewarding." Pollema also said, "Scott's story was well received by the students and we've already received a lot of positive feedback from both schools."

The lessons Hansmann learned from this experience led him to prepare a presentation for his speech class. Hansmann was nominated as an outstanding performer at the State speech competition in Sioux City, IA. That gave him the opportunity to take his speech to the All State speech competition in Cedar Falls, IA. where 400 students were selected out of 10,000 participants to go to All State.

