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BROOKS UNVEILS NEW “MONROE COUNTY GUIDE TO PROM SAFETY”

Brochures funded by County’s Stop DWI Program

Monroe County Executive Maggie Brooks today unveiled the new “Monroe County Guide to Prom Safety” at Gates Chili High School. Brooks was joined by County Sheriff Patrick O’Flynn, Public Safety Director Steve Bowman, Stop DWI Coordinator Peggy Duffy, Monroe County Legislator Steve Tucciarello and Gates Chili H.S. Principal Tim Clasgens.

*“One of my Administration’s top priorities has been to provide our children with a safe and secure environment to grow into our next generation of leaders,” said **Brooks**. “Monroe County has developed this brochure to provide students with information so that they can make the right choices – the smart choices – about alcohol and drugs.”*

The “Monroe County Guide to Prom Safety” was created as a tool to help open dialogue between students and parents. It offers parents safety tips, information regarding teen drinking and a sample “prom pledge” that parents and their child can sign together.

The brochure has been made available to high schools and libraries across Monroe County. Parents and students will also be able to download the prom safety brochure from the County’s website at <http://www.monroecounty.gov>.

Monroe County Executive Brooks first unveiled the “Monroe County Guide to Prom Safety” in 2007. The County’s Stop DWI Program has the highest DWI conviction rate among New York State’s large counties. In 2008, there were nine alcohol-related fatal crashes in Monroe County; down from 20 in 2007.

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