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Attorney Andrea Young Attends Scene of the Crash Workshop



the scene and how they stabilize and prepare them for transport to the nearest medical facility.

The attorneys were instructed in the terms and jargon used by emergency personnel. They learned that an injured person must receive definitive

The Ohio Association for Justice hosted a workshop for attorneys regarding what happens at the scene of a crash. Boyk Law's Andrea Young joined other attorneys from the state's most prominent Personal Injury firms at the day-long presentation, designed to demonstrate what happens at the scene of a severe motor vehicle accident. Ms. Young was the only attorney from NW Ohio to attend the event.

The workshop, held at the Wayne County Regional Training Facility near Wooster, Ohio, portrayed what happens at an accident scene after the 911 call is received. Attendees listened to examples of 911 calls. They learned how first responders assess the traumatic injuries sustained by the victims on

treatment within the first 60 minutes from the time of injury or appearance of symptoms. This is referred to as the "Golden Hour" and dramatically increases the likelihood of survival and enhances their chances of recovery.

Ms. Young discovered that some communities are equipping EMS and Fire vehicles with dashcam video systems. While the primary responsibility of first responders is to save lives, not to preserve evidence, these new dashcam videos may provide another record of the accident scene and could be a crucial piece of evidence in future accident cases.

Attendees were given demonstration rides in the back of an ambulance and could see



firsthand the difficulty of providing critical care in a moving vehicle. Attorney Andrea Young also received instruction on using extraction tools like the "Jaws of Life" to remove injured people from a damaged vehicle without compromising its structural integrity. The "hands-on" demonstration reinforced how first responders can utilize the equipment to save lives.

"The Experience highlighted the terror our clients can experience when involved in a serious accident." Said Andrea Young. "The workshop helped me to understand what they've gone through and how to better represent that traumatic experience in court."



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New Law Allows 18-Year-Olds to Drive Commercial Trucks

In the 2021 Infrastructure Bill, Congress added a requirement for the Department of Transportation to implement an apprenticeship program, which allows 18 to 20-year-old truck drivers to deliver goods outside their home states. The Safe Driver Apprenticeship Program (SDAP) requires younger drivers to be accompanied by an experienced CDL (Commercial Driver's License) driver while they cross state lines during their 120-hour and 280-hour probationary periods. Trucks used in the program must have an electronic braking crash-mitigation system and a forward-facing video camera, and their speeds must be limited to 65 mph.

They intended to increase the number of truck drivers to alleviate supply chain bottlenecks. Although many support this move by government officials, safety advocates have questioned the risks involved with teenagers driving commercial vehicles across state lines. Safety advocates have cited data from the C.D.C. showing that teenage

drivers, ages 16 to 19, are three times more likely than drivers 20 and older to be involved in a fatal crash. They say it is unwise to let teenage drivers be responsible for rigs that can weigh 80,000 pounds and cause catastrophic damage when they hit lighter vehicles.

As the D.O.T. allows younger commercial truck drivers, remember these steps to avoid a collision with a commercial truck:

- **Be aware of blind spots beside a commercial truck where the driver has zero visibility.**
- **Avoid changing lanes right in front of a truck.**
- **Do not drive on the right side of a truck when it is making a right turn.**
- **Merging improperly can cause a semi-truck to brake quickly or switch lanes.**
- **Ignoring a truck's attempts to change lanes by not slowing down or speeding up.**

Although most commercial truck drivers are highly trained, there are cases of reckless drivers. Call 911 to contact your local or state police agencies to protect others on the road if you see a semi-truck driving recklessly or violating local driving laws.

Other ways to report the driver include calling the phone number on the vehicle's "How's my Driving?" sticker, which usually links to the driver's company. File a complaint with Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA). Once you submit a complaint, it becomes part of the trucking company's permanent record in the National Consumer Complaint Database. Report safety issues to the Ohio or Michigan Department of Transportation (D.O.T.). State and local agencies have regulations and rules they will impose on commercial trucks.

Boyk Law Hosts TBA Committee Members

Boyk Law hosted representatives of the Toledo Bar Association's Committees at an after-work event in our Holland office. Dozens of the area's finest attorneys enjoyed an opportunity for mixing and networking on September 29th. "As co-chair of the Young Lawyers Committee, other members and I wanted to host an event that would bring together all the members of the various TBA committees," says Andrea Young. "The Toledo Bar is known for being friendly and collegial with one another, and frequently you will hear this referred to as 'The Toledo Way.' It's nice to access other professionals with vast experience and knowledge. It's important that the younger attorneys feel welcomed and know that they have the support of the local legal community."



The evening featured live music from Hepcat Revival and was one of the first opportunities since the pandemic to welcome guests into our Holland office for a social event.

Boyk Law Office Staff Build Beds for Kids Battling Cancer



Boyk Law Office staff volunteered to build beds for the Toledo chapter of Special Spaces, a non-profit group that provides "Dream Bedrooms" for kids with cancer. Special Spaces creates dream bedroom makeovers for dependent children ages 2-19 with cancer who are within one year of treatment. They only do bedrooms, where children

sleep, but also rest, play, and spend time away from the challenges of their illness.

Charles Boyk Law Office volunteers have been building multiple bunk beds, drawers, and dressers. The Furniture Assembly is part of a "Dream Bedroom" that Boyk Law is sponsoring. The Bunk Beds will be displayed in our Holland office until they are delivered to the Dream Bedroom. Boyk Law staff will also assist with painting, cleaning, and moving the furniture for the "Big Reveal" in November. Stay tuned for more details next month.

If you'd like more information regarding Special Spaces Toledo, visit their website at specialspaces.org.