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CRASH VICTIMS HONORED BY SECRETARY OF STATE JESSE WHITE AND THE ALLIANCE AGAINST INTOXICATED MOTORISTS

Schaumburg, IL– As we celebrate the holiday season, the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists (AAIM) will be taking part in the Candlelight Ceremony for the victims of impaired and distracted driving crashes, sponsored by Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White, co-hosted by AAIM.

This compassionate event will take place at 4:00 pm, on Wednesday, December 4, 2019, at Our Lady of Hope Church, 9711 W. Devon Avenue in Rosemont, IL 60018 in the Schwab Center. Attending the program and giving remarks, Secretary White, Mayor of Rosemont Bradley A. Stephens, Rosemont Superintendent of Public Safety Donald E. Stephens III, and personal stories will be shared by two victims whose lives were forever altered by impaired and distracted driving.

Impaired Driving – Heather Lopez will recount the horrific crash that severely injured her husband, Illinois State Trooper Manny Lopez, in September 2006.

Distracted Driving - Connie Onley will share how one moment of distraction by a sixteen-year-old boy led to a personal tragedy that took the life of John Carl Hauptman on Father's Day, June 17, 2018.

We all make decisions; sometimes the consequences of those decisions can be so final. We hope that sharing these stories make you think twice about driving impaired or using an electronic device while driving.