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**Westview Students to Witness ‘Deadly’ Crash; Community Invited to View Realistic Video**

Crushed vehicles, a crying mother, maimed bodies, the arrest of a fellow student, and "deceased" friend - these are the images that Westview High School students will see Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 9:00 am during S.K.I.D. (Stop Kids Intoxicated Drinking). S.K.I.D.—sponsored by Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue and the Washington County Sheriff’s Office—graphically simulates the consequences of a motor vehicle collision involving students who choose to drink and drive. Students, playing the part of victims, will have fake injuries and be placed in wrecked vehicles under a tarp on the back track/football field. As the 9-1-1 tape begins, the tarp is thrown back to reveal the wreckage and bodies while TVF&R Firefighter EMT/Paramedics and law enforcement officers respond to the incident. Firefighters will use extrication tools to remove students from the wrecked cars and begin medical treatment; police officers will put the driver through a sobriety test; students will be loaded into ambulances; and a medical examiner will place the ‘deceased’ student in a body bag for transport to a funeral home. Media interested in covering the event should plan to arrive by 8:45 am.

Thanks to a generous donation from Futrell Autowerks in Beaverton (OR), a realistic portrayal of a SKID event is available for viewing 24/7 on Comcast Video on Demand through July 2010. The video was produced by TVF&R and provides an excellent opportunity for parents to discuss safe driving practices with their teen drivers. The video can also be found on TVF&R’s YouTube site.

TVF&R Public Information Officer Karen Eubanks states, "The SKID program is designed to grab students’ attention. It’s a harsh and sobering message that drinking and driving can be deadly." The program was developed by the Washington County Sheriff’s Office after they viewed a similar program in California. Other partner agencies include Metro West Ambulance, Washington County 9-1-1, Hillsboro Towing, Life Flight, and Futrell Autowerks in Beaverton.

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