



NEWS RELEASE

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Event Info: April 17th, 2013 @ 9:00 am
Sherwood High School, Outdoor Field Area
16956 SW Meinecke Road, Sherwood, 97140
Media interested in covering this event are encouraged to contact Lysa Vattimo at 503-259-1203 and should plan on arriving at least 10 minutes in advance.

MULTIPLE AGENCIES TO HOST IMPAIRED DRIVING DEMONSTRATION

S.K.I.D. - Stop Kids Impaired Driving - Live Demonstration

It's a sobering sight...two cars smashed into each other, several people badly injured, a bleeding teenager sprawled on the hood of a car, a crying parent, firefighters and law enforcement are at the scene. It looks frighteningly real, but it's only a demonstration designed to show high school students what can happen if they drive while distracted or impaired.

On April 17th at 9:00 am, hundreds of students will gather in the stands at Sherwood High School to watch the scenario unfold...A teenage driver with a car full of friends has been drinking and runs a red light, t-boning another vehicle. As TVF&R crews from the Sherwood fire station arrive at the scene, they triage the situation and confirm that one of the passengers who wasn't wearing a seat belt was ejected through the windshield. As firefighters work to treat multiple patients, LifeFlight is dispatched to the scene to transport a critically injured patient, and law enforcement arrives and begins its investigation...ultimately arresting the teenage driver for DUI Manslaughter.



This powerful re-enactment deeply affects all who watch. Therefore, as part of the program, counselors will be on-hand to help students process what they've just seen and teachers will go through a Q&A with the students when they return to their classrooms.

To view TVF&R's S.K.I.D. video, [click here](#).

S.K.I.D. is a partnership between Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue, Washington County Sheriff, local law enforcement agencies, Metro West Ambulance, LifeFlight, local school districts, and the medical examiners' office. The program is presented just prior to homecoming and/or prom at high schools throughout TVF&R's service area. Since its inception in 1998, over 90,000 high school students have attended a S.K.I.D. event. Organizers hope that by showing those thousands of students the consequences of drunk or distracted driving, kids will make better decisions.