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MULTIPLE AGENCIES TO HOST IMPAIRED DRIVING DEMONSTRATION

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

On May 15th, hundreds of students gathered in the stands at Tualatin High School to watch the following scenario unfold...two cars smashed into each other, several people are badly injured, a bleeding teenager is sprawled on the hood of a car. 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.

The "actors" in the demonstration are Tualatin High School student volunteers who are placed in "wrecked" cars on the school's football field and are wearing makeup that replicates injuries. When the student body enters the stadium, the wrecked vehicles are covered in tarps. A narrator explains that the scenario about to unfold is the result of alcohol use and distracted driving. The tarps are removed to reveal a tragic scene...two cars are wrecked, there are multiple injuries and one student is dead on the hood of one of the vehicles.

As "bystanders" call 9-1-1, the "deceased" student's parents happen to drive by and arrive to find their child dead after being thrown through the car's windshield. They weep openly. Seconds feel like minutes as sirens sound in the distance.

Within minutes, firefighters from Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue and Tualatin Police officers arrive and begin triaging patients and calling for more resources. One student is deceased and there are several patients with multiple injuries. LifeFlight is dispatched to the scene because one of the patients is critically injured. Firefighter-EMTs Paramedics work in teams to care for the most seriously injured patients while cutting one of the vehicles apart in order to safely remove the other victims.



LifeFlight arrives and carries away one of the patients as firefighters treat other injured occupants. Soon, a representative from the Medical Examiner's Office arrives to make arrangements for the deceased student.

During the demonstration, students are frequently reminded that these deadly consequences can result from driving while impaired or texting while driving.

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 Tualatin 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.