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### “Every 15 Minutes” Program to Show Students the Dangers of Alcohol

On Thursday, May 21, 2009, students at the Northwest Career & Technical Academy will witness first-hand the dangers that come with drinking and driving.

As part of the Every 15 Minutes program, an accident reconstruction scene will be set up at NWCTA at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 21. The school is located at 8200 Tropical Parkway.

Two mangled vehicles will be towed to the scene and four students will be positioned inside as part of the accident reconstruction. Fire department, medical personnel, and police personnel will help to “rescue” the participants using the jaws-of-life. A flight for life helicopter will also land at the scene and transport one of the “victims” to the hospital. Students will witness the reconstruction from the sidewalk.

Every 15 Minutes is a two-day program involving high school juniors and seniors that encourages them to think about personal safety when alcohol is involved. It also encourages them to make mature decisions and recognize that their actions affect others. The program is based on the 1980's statistics that every 15 minutes someone is killed in an alcohol-related accident.

“Our hope is that we can help these teenagers become more aware of the results of their actions with drinking and driving and the many lives it affects,” says program coordinator Officer Kelly Raybuck. “What they witness and learn here could possibly save their life and those of others.”

The following day, Friday, May 22, 2009, an assembly will be held at 8:30 a.m. at the school to support the message to teenagers that drinking and driving costs lives.

Every 15 Minutes visits several CCSD high schools in Las Vegas, Henderson and Boulder City each year. For more information contact Officer Kelly Raybuck at 828-0220.

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