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**GLENDALE FIRE AND POLICE PUT ON
“OPERATION PROM GRAD”
AT GLENDALE HIGH SCHOOL**

WHO: Glendale Fire and Police Department, Glendale High School, Southwest Ambulance

WHAT: “Operation Prom Grad” mock fatal car collision

WHEN: March 27th, 8:15 AM- 9:15 AM.

WHERE: Glendale High School, 6216 W. Glendale Ave., Glendale.

WHY: Persons aged 15-19 accounted for over 10% of all people killed in motor vehicle collisions in Arizona during 2007. Glendale High School Prom is May 2nd.

VISUALS: firefighters and police officers, fire trucks, Halo-151 helicopter, police units, student/actors with attire and make up to simulate victims, hundreds of students will be in attendance.

GLENDALE, AZ. – In Arizona 952 car collisions resulted in a fatal injury in 2007. Persons aged 15-19 accounted for over 10% of all people killed in motor vehicle collisions in Arizona during 2007. In 2008 there were 13 fatal traffic collisions in Glendale. Of those fatalities, 23% were alcohol related, 30% were drug related and 30% were speed related.

Glendale Fire and Police Departments will give Glendale high school students a firsthand look of the dangers of driving while under the influence. The goal is to encourage students to use their best judgment while driving. Students will gather in the football field bleachers while firefighters and police officers work a “mock-collision” with damaged vehicles and several patients. In this scenario, Glendale Firefighters will treat patients (student actors) while the Glendale Police Officers investigate the collision.

At least one patient will have died in this mock exercise and at least one other will be flown by helicopter to simulate transport to a local hospital. The police department will make an arrest of the intoxicated student which will change his/her life forever.

Glendale Fire and Police will give a step-by-step description of the action using loud speakers to keep the crowd informed. Glendale High School’s Prom will take place on May 2nd.

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