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Glendale Police Hold Annual “Mock Crash” Demonstration

GLENDALE, AZ. – On Thursday, April 10th, 2014 beginning at 9:25 AM Glendale Police and Fire Departments will give Mountain Ridge High School students a firsthand look of the dangers of driving while under the influence through a “mock collision”. The goal is to encourage students to use their best judgment while driving during the prom weekend and beyond. Students will gather in the football field bleachers while firefighters and police officers work the 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 be killed 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. This week’s presentations are held prior to the school’s prom. Additionally, Glendale Police officers will use this opportunity to address the main causes of death and injuries to teens in motor vehicle collisions; alcohol, speed, seatbelts and distracted driving.

According to the Arizona Department of Transportation and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 825 people were killed in traffic crashes in Arizona during 2012. Of those, 227 crashes (28%) were alcohol related. In 2013 there were 22 people killed in traffic collisions in the City of

Glendale. Of those fatalities, 28% were alcohol related, 19% were drug related and 19% were speed related.

The exercise will be held at Mountain Ridge High School, 22800 N. 67th Avenue in Glendale. The media will be provided with opportunities to obtain excellent footage of the demonstration and conduct interviews with participants. We suggest you arrive between 30 minutes and one hour early to set up. The exercise will begin promptly at 9:25 AM. Please be advised this demonstration will not be open to the public; it is intended for students only.

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**Spanish translation available*

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is to protect the lives and property of the people we serve.”*

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