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Students Witness the Dangers of Alcohol First-Hand Western High School participates in the “Every 15 Minutes” Program

On Thursday, October 11th students at Western High School 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 on Bonanza (in front of the school) at 10:10 a.m. “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, making mature decisions and recognizing that their actions affect others. It is based on the 1980's statistics that every 15 minutes someone is killed in an alcohol-related accident.

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.

“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 effects”, 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, October 12th, an assembly will be held at 8:20 a.m. in Western High School's gym 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.

The public is invited to attend the DUI crash scene on Thursday and the assembly on Friday.

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