



Whittier Union HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Whittier Union's Santa Fe High School to Stage 'Every 15 Minutes' Program

WHAT: Santa Fe High School students will witness the dangerous consequences of driving while under the influence during a staging of the "Every 15 Minutes" program, a two-day presentation that features a simulated car crash scene, staged rescue efforts and dramatized student deaths. The event will conclude with a mock funeral to highlight the lasting impacts of impaired driving.

WHEN: 11 a.m., Thursday, April 4
11 a.m., Friday, April 5

WHERE: Santa Fe High School
10400 Orr and Day Road, Santa Fe Springs

DETAILS: The "Every 15 Minutes" program will be hosted in partnership with the City of Santa Fe Springs Department of Police Services, Whittier Police Department, California Highway Patrol, and Santa Fe Springs Department of Fire-Rescue. On the first day, a simulated live-action car crash will be staged and involves students who are categorized as "critically and fatally wounded," as well as an "injured" student who is arrested for drunk driving.

Throughout the first day, individual students will be pulled from class to provide a visual representation of the statistic that every 15 minutes someone dies in the U.S. from an alcohol-related traffic collision. The program will conclude with a mock funeral and school assembly in the Mike Mendez Gymnasium, featuring a video of the previous day's event and excerpts from students who were "fatally wounded." "Every 15 Minutes" is a national campaign that focuses on challenging high school juniors and seniors to think about impaired driving and its irreversible consequences.

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Coverage of this event is welcome and greatly appreciated.

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