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**Santa Fe County, St. Vincent Hospital  
And Santa Fe High School  
Team Up For  
“Substance Abuse Awareness Day”**

On Friday March 11, 2005, the Santa Fe “CHOICES” task force represented by the Santa Fe County DWI Program, Santa Fe County Fire Department and St. Vincent Hospital along with state, county and local agencies will present a multifaceted and comprehensive underage drinking prevention program to all the 9<sup>th</sup> graders at Santa Fe High School.

**Program Description:**

There will be four stations with activities and information aimed to raise the awareness and possibly change attitudes and behaviors as they relate to the dangers of underage drinking and DWI.

**Station 1** will be an array of emergency vehicles including the Care Flight 5 and Lifeguard medical helicopters along with emergency staff explaining what goes on in a DWI or related crash incident.

**Station 2** Law Enforcement will be giving “drunk impairment goggles” demonstrations while explaining the laws and penalties of Underage drinking and DWI in NM.

**Station 3** there will be a wheelchair obstacle course designed to show teens how difficult every day life chores can be if injured in a DWI crash and have to be in a wheelchair.

**Station 4** will be a presentation and a video of the dangers of underage drinking.

The 90-minute program will be presented to all 9<sup>th</sup> graders and will start with the first period at approximately 8:10 AM and will be repeated through all four class periods ending at 3:00 PM. All the activities will be at the main gym and adjacent football field. For more information contact Frank Magourilos at 362-3470

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