



NEWS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Subject: ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY TO HOST 3 MOCK DUI CRASH EVENTS AT THREE LOCAL ORANGE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOLS

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Irvine, Ca.- The Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) will be one of several agencies participating in a Mock DUI Crash on three dates: March 25, April 21, and May 19. The specific times and locations are as follows:

- March 25: San Clemente High School, 700 Ave. Pico San Clemente, Ca. 92673, 10:00am
- April 21: Mission Viejo High School, 25025 Chrisanta Dr. Mission Viejo, Ca. 92691, 10:00am
- May 19: Santa Margarita Catholic High School, 22062 Antonio Pkwy. Rancho Santa Margarita, Ca. 92688, 10:30am

These events are sponsored by Friends Against Drinking and Driving (FADD) and is designed to teach students the dangers of drinking and driving. These events will follow a student throughout a drinking event, decision to drive, simulated car crash with real vehicles, onscene treatment of victims including two fatalities, arrest of the drunk driver, family notification of a death, and subsequent legal proceedings. It is a very powerful event for all parties involved including the students in the crowd. "This is a very important message that can save lives", says Steve Concialdi, "We hope that students will decide not to take a drink and definitely not drink and drive".

Other participating agencies include the Orange County Sheriff's Department, Orange County Coroner's Office, California Highway Patrol, Mission Hospital, Medix Ambulance, O'Connor Mortuary, Lesneski Mortuary, Trauma Intervention Program (TIP), San Clemente Towing and S & K Towing Company.

Captain McKeown or a PIO Designee will coordinate photo and interview opportunities during the events.

For further event information, please contact: Steve Concialdi or Greg McKeown (for contact information see above).

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