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Mustang Safety Day Includes Mock Car Crash, Promotes Making Safe Choices

Manitou Springs, CO - Manitou Springs High School students will be observing what could happen if you choose to drive while under the influence. Mustang Safety Day is on Friday, April 14 – ahead of Prom. This training will include a mock car crash and several community partners. It's designed to raise awareness and provide resources to help students make safe choices.

There will be two separate events for Mustang Safety Day.

Event 1: Mock Car Crash

What: Student actors will be role players involved in the accident. One student will be simulated to go into a helicopter for Flight For Life. Another student will have simulated visible injuries. The third student will simulate being the driver who may be under the influence.

Who: Students and staff, Manitou Springs Fire Department, Manitou Springs Police Department, Manitou Springs Crisis Response Team, Manitou Springs Ambulance

Where: Manitou Springs High School parking lot

When: Friday, April 14

Time: 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Event 2: Safety Fair

What: Community partners will have displays, pamphlets, Q&A , etc. to provide resources and information to students.

Who: Students, Community Partners:

- MSPD, MSFD
- CSPD and EPSO DUI unit
- Metro Vice and Narcotics
- DHS (DHS will distribute information regarding Safe Passage)
- Tessa
- MSHS SWAT (Students Working Against Tobacco) and El Paso County Health Department

Where: Manitou Springs High School small gym

When: Friday, April 14

Time: 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

ABOUT MANITOU SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT 14

Established in 1872, Manitou Springs School District 14 (MSSD14) serves approximately 1,350 students from Preschool to 12th Grade who reside in the communities of Manitou Springs, Cascade, Green Mountain Falls, Chipita Park, Crystal Park, and Cedar Heights. The district also serves about 48 percent "choice" students who come from other locations in El Paso and Teller Counties.

MSSD14 offers a "small town" educational environment driven by the core values of relationships, deep learning and opportunity. The district and its staff are dedicated to providing a safe and caring learning environment, encouraging all students to reach their potential and preparing responsible citizens.

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