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## PRESS RELEASE

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### OPERATION PROM NIGHT

*Due to last weeks inclement weather Operation Prom Night was postponed  
It is now scheduled for April 29, 2010*

Klamath County Fire District No. 1, Klamath County DUII Task Force, Klamath County District Attorney's office, local Law Enforcement (including the Oregon State Police) and multiple other agencies will be presenting a program called "**Operation Prom Night**". The presentation will take place at exactly **10:45 am on April 29, 2010 at the Henley High School football field.**

The purpose of the program is to save lives through the education of high school students on the consequences of driving while impaired, while intoxicated, or riding with someone that is. Talking or texting on a cell phone while driving can have the same disastrous effect. The program is meant to be a dramatic, realistic visual and emotional experience.

The scenario will be of an accident involving a car with four teenagers versus a car containing a well respected high school teacher. Public Safety officials will respond to extricate the passengers from the vehicles. The "at fault" driver will be given a sobriety test, arrested and transported to jail by law enforcement. Critically injured patients will be treated by paramedics and transported to the hospital by air ambulance. The deceased victims will be declared "dead on scene" and put into body bags prior to removal from the scene.

Seating in the grandstand will be reserved for 800 – 1000 students. The public is invited to attend as well.

The news media is encouraged to attend and needs to assemble promptly at 10:15 at the west end of the football field beneath the scoreboard to meet with Senior Deputy Fire Marshal, Scott Rice, Public Information Officer, for a pre-incident briefing. Members of the media that do not attend the briefing will not be afforded the same level of access as those that attend the briefing.

Dedicated public safety volunteers have collectively worked more than 300 hours to prepare the presentation and believe that lives will be saved by their efforts and YOUR participation.