

Mock Fatal DUI Crash Friday Outside Fountain-Fort Carson High School Designed to Educate Teens About Driving Safety Issues

A mock fatal DUI crash scenario was Friday outside Fountain-Fort Carson High School.

The mock crash situation was a two-vehicle accident. It was the culminating activity for a week of activities designed to teach FFCHS health students about safe driving and dangers of risky behaviors while behind the wheel. The demonstration made the students feel the impact of drunken driving and the resources needed to handle the situation, according to Christy McGee, APR, Public Information Officer for Fountain-Fort Carson School District 8.

McGee said the goal was to educate the teenage students about the tragedy of traffic crashes and to reinforce the importance of seat belts, paying attention behind the wheel, and to show the consequences of drinking and driving. Throughout the week, students have attended activities around the topic of safe driving and the consequences of unsafe behaviors while operating a vehicle.

Participating entities include Fountain Police Department officers and School Resource Officers, Fountain Fire Department, El Paso County Coroner's Office, Fort Carson Army Substance Abuse Center, and Memorial Star, according to McGee.

Actors playing drivers and passengers were soldiers which was coordinated through the Fort Carson Army Substance Abuse program and Evans Hospital on Fort Carson which also provided the blood and props used to make the scenario and injuries look more lifelike, McGee said.



Fountain Police Department officers responding to the mock crash after the 911 call had been played over the speakers. It was a real 911 call that had been recorded.

Fountain Police officers are assessing the actor who played the drunk driver. He was later escorted to a police car.

A wide shot of the scenario with students looking on in the background.

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Fountain Fire Department personnel assess the driver of the blue car before transporting her by helicopter, as seen in bottom right photo. The helicopter was provided by Memorial Star.



The helicopter with one victim departs the scene from the north lawn of the high school campus.



El Paso County Deputy Coroner Matt Reid addresses the students about the pronouncement of death for the one actor and how his next steps would be to contact the victim's family to inform them. He also talked to the students about the tests and examinations that are performed to determine cause of death before releasing a body to the funeral home.

