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## INFORMATION RELEASE

**Subject: “Every 15 Minutes” Mock Car Crash    Date: May 19, 2010**

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**Case or Incident # NA**

### Summary:

On Thursday, May 20, 2010 at about 9:30am , the Juneau School District will be hosting the “Every 15 Minutes” program in conjunction with the Juneau Police Department, Capital City Fire Rescue, other government agencies and multiple private business supporters. This will occur at the Juneau-Douglas High School.

This is a program focusing on juniors and seniors challenging them to think about drinking, driving, personal safety, the responsibility of making mature decisions, and the impact their decisions have on family, friends and many others. It was developed in the 1990’s by the Chico Police Department. In the 1990’s a person was killed every 15 minutes in an alcohol related collision. This is approximately every 30 minutes now. This is a national program and has been performed at multiple schools in the Anchorage area.

The program begins with a student being pulled from class every 15 minutes by a Grim Reaper beginning at 9:30 am. A mock car crash will occur at 1:15 pm involving emergency vehicles with a mock funeral at 2:15 pm. Due to the sensitive nature of this program school personnel and counselors will be available to students if necessary.

Juniors and seniors from Juneau-Douglas High School, Thunder Mountain High School and Yaakoosge Daakahidi High School will be in attendance.

**Any charges reported in this press release are merely accusations and the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.**

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