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THE SEDGWICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE WILL HOST ITS 5TH ANNUAL CODE BLACK UNDERAGE DRINKING AND DRIVING PROGRAM FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS. THE EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE MONDAY, MARCH 12TH, FROM 1:00 P.M. TO 2:15 P.M., AT WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY'S HUGHES METROPOLITAN COMPLEX AT 5015 E. 29TH ST. NORTH, WICHITA, KANSAS.

THE CODE BLACK PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO EDUCATE HIGH STUDENTS REGARDING THE CONSEQUENCES OF DRINKING AND DRIVING. THIS YEAR, APPROXIMATELY 1700 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FROM SEVENTEEN SCHOOLS IN THE WICHITA/SEDGWICK COUNTY AREA WILL ATTEND. THE GUEST SPEAKER, JARED ESTES, WILL SPEAK TO STUDENTS ABOUT HOW HIS LIFE WAS IMPACTED BY A DRUNK DRIVER. ON MARCH 6, 2005 MR. ESTES AND HIS WIFE WERE WESTBOUND ON KELLOGG WHEN THEY WERE STRUCK FROM BEHIND BY A VEHICLE GOING OVER 100 MILES PER HOUR. THE IMPACT OF THE CRASH CAUSED THEIR CAR TO EXPLODE INTO FLAMES. MRS. ESTES WAS KILLED AND MR. ESTES IS SCARRED FOR LIFE. ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY AARON BREITENBACH WILL SPEAK ABOUT THE CRIMINAL PROSECUTION OF THE DRUNK DRIVER AND THE CONSEQUENCES FOR DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE.

THE NEWS MEDIA IS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

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