

DUI awareness event at Eaglecrest High School

Arapahoe County, CO – Cunningham Fire Rescue provided a demonstration of the consequences of using alcohol and driving for the students of Eaglecrest High School today. The DUI awareness event involved a staged motor vehicle accident in which students were involved. Drinking alcohol prior to getting behind the wheel and drinking was a contributing factor leading up to the mock accident. The goal of the demonstration was to raise the student body's awareness about the consequences of drinking and driving prior to the upcoming high school proms. Five Cherry Creek School District proms are occurring on the same night this year including Cherry Creek, Eaglecrest, Grandview, Overland, and Smoky Hill high schools.

Firefighters from Cunningham Fire Rescue and Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office deputies simulated a response to the mock accident to show students what happens after an accident occurs and occupants of vehicles are trapped, injured, including a fatality. The cause of the mock accident was a student that driving under the influence. Assistance in making the demonstration successful was provided by Air Life, Action Care Ambulance, Arapahoe County Coroners Office, Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office, Cherry Creek School District, Colorado State Patrol, Eaglecrest High School, and Parker Fire District and Swedish Medical Center.

Cunningham Fire Rescue is a Fire Protection District serving approximately 67,000 citizens by providing fire and Emergency Medical Services to urban portions of central Unincorporated Arapahoe County which includes portions of the City of Centennial. Cunningham Fire provides these services from three fire stations, with 73 uniformed firefighters and an administrative staff of six. For more information on the District please visit our web-site at www.cfpd.org.