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## **El Camino College to Sponsor 11<sup>th</sup> Annual South Bay DUI Awareness Fair**

El Camino College will sponsor its 11<sup>th</sup> Annual South Bay DUI Awareness Fair, featuring displays, workshops, and interactive demonstrations which show the dangers of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. The event will run from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. April 4 on the college Library Lawn, 16007 Crenshaw Boulevard, near Torrance.

Scheduled just in time for Spring Break, the DUI Awareness Fair is designed to increase community awareness about the dangerous consequences that can come from driving under the influence, or getting into a car that is operated by someone under the influence.

"The health and safety of our students is always a top priority at El Camino College," said President Thomas M. Fallo. "Our thanks go to the law enforcement community which works together to offer this valuable service to our students."

At one demonstration, students can participate in a driving exercise where they drive golf carts through a controlled course while wearing special "DUI goggles" that simulate intoxication so students can experience how being under the influence can affect reflexes.

A "crash car" that was involved in an alcohol-related accident will also be parked on campus, delivering a strong visual impact to students as they observe the direct result of driving under the influence.

The El Camino College Police Department in conjunction with the South Bay DUI Taskforce will sponsor this event. Members of 12 South Bay police agencies will be on hand to talk to students and provide valuable information about the dangers and consequences of driving under the influence. Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) will also participate and present their perspective on the subject.

Other displays on the Library Lawn and throughout the campus will serve as informative, direct warnings about driving under the influence.

The work of El Camino College Police Department officers has been honored by awards from MADD; one ECC officer was recognized by the State of California for his outstanding performance in DUI arrests four years in a row.

For more information, call the El Camino College Police Department at 310-660-3100.

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