

Franklin County Public Schools and Franklin County Emergency Service Agencies

NEWS RELEASE

For immediate release:

Franklin County EMS and other local emergency service agencies will present a “VIP for a VIP Program” at Franklinton High School, 910 Cedar Creek Rd., Franklinton, NC 27525 on April 5, 2017.

Over 40% of teen deaths occur in motor vehicle accidents. Most of these are the result of a poor driving decision and are preventable. On Wednesday, April 05, 2017. Franklinton Fire Department, Franklin County Emergency Services, Franklinton Police Department, Franklin County Sheriff's Office, NC Highway Patrol, NC Wildlife and other sponsors will present an informative, moving program for young adult drivers and their families in an effort to prevent future tragedies.

The VIP for a VIP program (Vehicle Injury Prevention for a Very Important Person) consists of testimony from area emergency services, video and powerpoint presentations in the school gym at 9:30 am followed by an outside re-enactment of a fatal teen accident at 1:30 pm in the parking lot. Students and parents are encouraged to complete and return the “VIP Contract for Life” which asks the student to adhere to safe driving, a zero tolerance for drugs and alcohol, and calling the parent before driving impaired. The parent is asked to respond respectfully to assure the student gets home safely.

This program is dedicated to the students that have lost their lives in motor vehicle accidents while attending Franklinton High School. We sincerely believe that the strong message of the VIP for a VIP program will embed the consequences of bad driving habits into the minds of these teenage drivers and reduce these senseless accidents in our community.

For more information on the VIP for a VIP program, contact Teresa Madden at 919-291-5876.