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TCSO And AFF Announces “Make A Movie, Make A Difference”

PSA Winners

On Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2010, from 7:00-9:00pm, Travis County Sheriff Greg Hamilton, along with Austin Film Festival Executive Director Barbara Morgan, will announce the winners of the 4th Annual Awareness Public Service Announcement Contest that encourages teens to submit a PSA to raise awareness of Teen Dating Violence and Substance Abuse. The awards dinner, which will be held on at the Travis County Sheriff’s Office Ruiz Building, 5555 Airport Blvd., is in partnership with SafePlace, in recognizing their Teen Dating Violence Awareness & Prevention Poster Contest. State Representative Dawnna Dukes, along with other community advocates will be in attendance.

Winning Film, Austin High School, Teen Dating Violence
Sean Haugh and Lee Mendez

Second Place, Westlake High School, Teen Dating Violence
Mary Bass

Winning Film, St. Stephen’s Episcopal High School, Substance Abuse
Allison White

Second Place, Westlake High School, Substance Abuse
Spencer Flynn and Dylan Hill

“We could not be more thrilled about the talents of these high school students and the successes that lie ahead of them,” said Sheriff Greg Hamilton. “It is imperative that through our Awareness Campaign, we continue to further emphasize the importance of healthy relationships and healthy choices to every teenager.”

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