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TCSO And AFF Announces “Make a Movie, Make a Difference” PSA Winners

Travis County Sheriff Greg Hamilton, along with Austin Film Festival Executive Director Barbara Morgan, will announce the winners of the 5th Annual Awareness Public Service Announcement Contest that encourages teens to submit a PSA to raise awareness of Teen Dating Violence and Substance Abuse. An awards reception will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2011, from 7:00-9:00pm, at Space 12, 3121 E. 12th St., Austin, Texas.

Winning Film, Austin High School, Teen Dating Violence
Stacy Ballard, Christina Baselice and Grace Potter

Second Place, Pflugerville High School, Teen Dating Violence
Evelyn Odreman

Winning Film, Manor High School, Substance Abuse
William Gutierrez, Logan Rambo and Quintin Walker

Second Place, Westlake High School, Substance Abuse
Charlie Schwan and Stephen Squires

“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.”

We would like to thank Emily Burdett from Westlake High School, Cody Pruitt from Manor High School, David Robb from Pflugerville High School and Gil Garcia from Austin High School for their assistance to the students who participated.

Community partners include AboveTheInfluence.com, Austin Film Festival, Austin SafePlace, Phoenix House of Austin, and the Teen Dating Abuse Helpline.

Our reception sponsors are HEB, Central Market, Costco, Bartlett’s Restaurant and Sweet Leaf Tea and Space 12.
Prize packages provided by: Austin Film Festival, Best Buy, Kruger’s Jewelers-Barton Creek, Main Event Entertainment, Round Rock Premium Outlets, Sam’s Club and Whataburger.

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