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Orange County Office on Youth and Orange County Public Schools Bringing the Arrive Alive Tour to OCHS

Orange County, VA – The Orange County Office on Youth and the Orange County High School Driver's Education Department will host the Arrive Alive Tour from Unite on Thursday, May 16, 2013 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

This program uses a high-tech simulator, impact video, and a number of other resources to educate students about the dangers of distracted driving. This includes drinking and driving as well as texting and driving. According to www.distraction.gov, texting is by far the most alarming distraction while driving; creating an environment that is 23 times worse than if the driver was not distracted.

The simulator allows the students to experience the potential consequences of distracted driving but in a controlled environment. Students will also be given the chance during the day to participate in a pre and post-event questionnaire to assess their experience. In addition, the students will be given a token for their participation with the Picture Pledge Program. Each student will be given a key chain with the "SAFE" (Sober and Free of Electronics) pledge on one side as a reminder of the consequences of distracted driving.

This event will take place rain or shine at Orange County High School. Weather permitting, it will be held in the front of the high school. In the event of rain, the simulator will be moved to the Hornet Sports Center. For additional information or assistance, please contact the Office on Youth at (540) 672-5484.

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