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Local Officials and Bosqueville I.S.D. to carry out “first of its kind” drowning prevention program.

Tuesday, May 22, 2012 a ground-breaking program developed by Waco Lake U.S. Army Corps of Engineer Personnel will be conducted at Waco Lake Airport Beach Park in Waco, TX. The event, which is scheduled to start at 9:00am, was developed to warn of the life altering affect a drowning can have on our community.

Numerous emergency responders will assist in this “live” demonstration showing the reality and tragedies of a local middle school student’s death by drowning. Forever 15 is based on the same concept as Shattered Dreams. However the Forever 15 program is designed to educate and bring to the forefront the importance of water safety.

During the staged tragedy, students will view a videotape showing the drowning of a classmate. They will hear the 911 call and then witness the emergency response via air, water and land. The tragic aftermath of such an incident will include a search and consequent body recovery, Justice of the Peace death ruling and a memorial service held for the drowning victim.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers along with Bosqueville I.S.D., Waco Police, Waco Fire, Woodway Public Safety, Texas Game Warden, E.T.M.C., Air Evac, Emergency Management, Lake Shore Funeral Home and others invite you to witness this event and share with us the important message of Water Safety.

Media personnel are asked to arrive at Airport Beach Park, no later than 8:45am. There will be a designated media area assigned for your use. It is designed to give you ample space and overall coverage of the drowning scene. You will be directed to the media area on arrival and asked to respect that boundary until the Bosqueville students depart once the scenario is complete. At that point media will be given access to the role players and other officials for any media inquiries.

**** Non-role playing students will not be available for interviews during the entire program. ****

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