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Press Release

The North Forest Independent School District Police Department will begin hosting a **Drug Impairment Training for Educational Professionals (DITEP)**. The goal of the DITEP Course is to enable the secondary educational professional to recognize the signs and symptoms of drug and/or alcohol impairment, in order to:

- Prevent an impaired student from driving away from campus and/or
- To serve as a treatment intervention tool to reduce future instances of DWI.

It is hoped this training will ultimately reduce the number of underage alcohol and/or drug related traffic fatalities. The information and procedures presented in this course are for administrative purposes only. They are designed to aid in the assessment and documentation of drug and/or alcohol impairment in students. The subject matter presented will touch upon some, but not all of, the factors a Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) considers when examining a drug-impaired individual. This training is not designed as an enforcement tool and will not qualify the participant as a Drug Recognition Expert (DRE).

COURSE OBJECTIVES (8-hour course – one day):

- Describe the involvement of drugs in schools and society.
- Outline the important elements of the Texas Education Code, Texas Penal Code, and an effective school policy as they relate to drug and/or alcohol use and possession.
- List the seven drug categories and recognize the outward signs and symptoms of impairment associated with each.
- Identify the key factors that should be considered when discussing substance abuse with a parent!
- Properly document your observations.

A tentative date for the DITEP will be held on September 14, 2010 from 8:00 am -4:00 pm. This training is open for police officers and education professionals. All sworn police officers can receive TCLEOSE hours for the training hours attend.

If you are interested in enrolling or would like further information, please contact Police Officer J. Ballard via email at jocelyn.ballard@nfisd.org or call 713-633-2033.

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Holland Jones
Chief of Police

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