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Local High School Students Engage in Civic Process to Pass City Litter Ordinance

SANTA FE, NM: Student Wellness Action Team (SWAT) high school members made a difference! SWAT students from Academy of Technology and Classics (ATC) and Santa Fe High School (SFHS) participated in the Santa Fe City Council legislative process to support adoption of the new litter ordinance. The ordinance halts the sales of single serve alcohol bottles of eight ounces or less within the City limits.

SFHS SWAT team members performed an environmental scan on Siringo Road from Yucca Road to Richards Avenue on March 17, 2015. The students walked the neighborhood, which includes four Santa Fe Public Schools: Santa Fe High School, Alameda Middle School, Nava Elementary and Kearney Elementary, and gathered refuse. In less than 90 minutes the students collected 12 two and half gallon bags full of single serve alcohol bottles from the streets and land in the area.

The students presented the bags of bottles at the April 8th, City Council meeting as a dramatic example of the amount of litter in the form of miniature bottles that accumulates around their school. Three students from SFHS and two from ACT commented in support of the ordinance brought forward by Councilor Lindell to ban sales single alcohol containers of eight ounces or less (minis).

Liz Saenz Lozoya stated “We are well aware that business depends on the sale of these miniatures. But the health of the public is more important than the small portion of revenue earned from these miniature liquor bottles.”

“The Santa Fe Prevention Alliance supports the participation of the SWAT youth in these activities. Members of the Prevention Alliance applaud these youth who participated, and feel strongly that their civic engagement on this issue had a powerful impact on this legislative process,” stated Shelley Mann-Lev, Prevention Alliance Director.

The Santa Fe Prevention Alliance is a coalition of 20+ local and state organizations whose shared vision is: Santa Fe County, where no one under 21 drinks alcohol, adults model low risk use of alcohol, no one drives while impaired and no one abuses drugs. The Prevention Alliance recently received national recognition as the 2015 recipient of the prestigious Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America Chairman’s Award for their exemplary leadership in the field of substance abuse prevention.
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