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## Safe Driving Campaign Comes to Piper High School



*Photo courtesy of the Sheriff's Foundation of Broward County*

**(SUNRISE, FL)**- On Monday, May 2, 2016, Sunrise Fire-Rescue welcomed the Meagan Napier Foundation at Piper High School, in support of the Broward Sheriff's Office Department of Fire Rescue's *Just Drive* safe driving campaign.

Approximately 350 Piper seniors gathered in the school auditorium to hear the heart-rending personal stories of the Meagan Napier Foundation's presenters: Renee Napier, whose daughter Meagan and her friend Lisa Dickson were killed in 2002 in a car accident, and Eric Smallridge, the drunk driver responsible. Together, Napier and Smallridge tell their shared

story of tragedy, forgiveness, and redemption – in the hope that its impact will help other drivers make better decisions, saving lives.

“The Just Drive presentation as part of the Prom Promise at Piper is exactly what young drivers needed to better understand the message of not driving under the influence. No one can say it better than a mother who lost a child at the hands of a drunk driver,” said Piper High School principal, Angel Gomez. “But when you add the fact that the driver is actually there side-by-side with that mother, they were able to offer a perspective from both ends of the issue. It was a lose-lose situation where the only winners are those listening, who can benefit from the message.”

The presentation, which has already been provided to over 100,000 people, will be seen by another 3,000 Broward students this month - just as they are preparing for their senior proms. Funding for the presentation, as part of the *Just Drive* campaign, was provided by the Sheriff's Foundation of Broward County and through donations from Macy's.

“We're eager to embrace all efforts to prevent traffic accidents,” said Sunrise Fire Chief Thomas DiBernardo. “Making drivers aware of the potential impact of their decisions goes a long way in influencing what they do behind the wheel.”

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