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Mesa County, CO— March 5th is the next scheduled Mesa County Sheriff's Office and Crime Stoppers of Mesa County free class for parents and teens. This monthly series of free classes have been offered since August 2012 and continues to be successful.

Mesa County Safe Kids community class will be held Tuesday, March 5th, 2013, at 7:30 pm at Canyon View Vineyard Church Chapel (not the main building but south side of campus, 736 24.5 Road, Grand Junction). The class topic is ***Marijuana's Affect on the Teen Brain***. Parents and students/teens are strongly encouraged to attend together. This class is by far our most requested class!

We will discuss the developing nature of the adolescent brain and how THC (the active ingredient in marijuana) affects that development. Our goal in this class is to dispel the considerable misinformation about marijuana and teach our teens the truth about what they may do to their brains if they choose to smoke pot (or take THC in other forms). This class is heavily research-based and separates truth from rhetoric. This is a powerful class for parents seeking ways to discuss drug use, and particularly marijuana use, with their teens in an educated manner.

The class includes videos of teens abusing drugs and may not be appropriate for young children. This class seeks to educate teens and parents on the dangers of a drug that is drug of choice in schools, college campuses, and night clubs.

This month's class is limited to 250 participants due to limited seating. Please RSVP to the class through the **Mesa County Safe Kids** website at www.mesacountysafekids.org. You will receive an email with your confirmed seat reservation. We expect this class to fill very fast, so RSVP quickly!

MEDIA: Media is encouraged to attend and cover this class as it is a free resource to our community. For any media inquiries, please contact Heather Benjamin at (970) 986-0950. Or, to get interviews with Deputy Williams before the class begins, arrive 30-15 minutes before class.

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