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# NEWS RELEASE

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## *APRIL: Methamphetamine/Alcohol and the Teen Brain*

Mesa County, CO— April 16th 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, April 16, 2013, at 7:00 pm at the Grand Junction City Hall Auditorium** ( 250 North 5th Street, Grand Junction). The class topic is ***Methamphetamine and Alcohol's Affect on the Teen Brain.*** We will review the developing nature of the adolescent brain and how meth and alcohol affects that development. Our goal in this class is to tackle the most prevalent psychoactive neurotoxins currently abused by our teens.

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 methamphetamines and alcohol, particularly on the developing brain. **This month's class is limited to 150 participants due to limited seating.** Please RSVP to the class through the **Mesa County Safe Kids website at www.safekidsamerica.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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