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## **Youth Films Highlight Substance Abuse In The Southeast Community** *Summer film projects premiere Thursday evening at the Academy Theater*

(Portland) A red carpet premiere night will have Portland youth, parents, and community members viewing the final projects twelve local high school students spent their summers creating.

The event is the final piece to the Students Creating Entertainment for Neighborhood Empowerment (SCENE) Summer Film Project. The project developed from a partnership between High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA), Portland Youth Media and Oregon Partnership with the mission to develop a substance use prevention education message via video technology that was researched, created, written and filmed by youth and tailored for a youth audience.

Students from David Douglas, Jefferson, Marshall, Sherwood and Wilson High Schools met weekly to learn valuable film skills while building positive relationships with Portland law enforcement and analyzing issues within their community. The Premiere will debut three short films created entirely by the students as well as a documentary that was a collaborated effort between the students, professional film makers and the Portland Police Bureau. The student-created videos will be used as prevention tools for schools, the Police Bureau, and communities to help youth discuss substance abuse issues facing their communities.

“This is an exciting project that trains teens to use basic video production techniques while providing engaging, hands-on learning and the opportunity for teens to have an effect on their community” said Donna Libemday, Oregon Partnership Education Director. “It’s aimed at teen participants and viewers to correct their perceptions of the risks associated with alcohol and drug use

**WHO:** Youth film makers, Sgt. John Scrugg PPB East Pct, Donna Libemday  
**WHAT:** Premiere of four short films on substance abuse in the SE community  
**WHERE:** Academy Theater 7818 S.E. Stark Portland  
**WHEN:** 6:30-8:30 pm, Thursday, September 9, 2010

**About Oregon Partnership:** Founded in 1993, Oregon Partnership is a 501-3c non-profit organization whose mission is to end substance abuse and suicide. OP is the state’s leading non-profit organization that promotes healthy communities through drug and alcohol awareness, prevention programs, and 24-hour crisis lines for treatment referral, crisis counseling, and suicide intervention. **To learn more, visit [www.orphnership.org](http://www.orphnership.org)**