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Ben Taub Doctors Stress Safety for Upcoming Holiday

TxDOT, law enforcement agencies join in urging public safety during Memorial Day weekend

Physicians and nurses from Ben Taub General Hospital, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and law enforcement agencies from Houston and Harris County are joining forces on May 25 to urge the public to stay safe during the Memorial Day weekend.

The multi-agency group will gather at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 25, outside of the Emergency Center at Ben Taub Hospital to make important public safety announcements including TxDOT's Click It or Ticket seatbelt safety campaign, "dos and don'ts" about using the emergency center, heat safety recommendations and law enforcement's crackdown on drunk drivers.

Nationally recognized crash-test dummies Vince and Larry, best known for their public service ads touting "You can learn a lot from a dummy," and TxDOT's crash rollover convincer will be on site.

WHAT: Collaborative Public Safety Press Conference

WHEN: 2 p.m., Thursday, May 25

WHERE: Outside the ambulance dock at Emergency Center at Ben Taub Hospital, 1504 Taub Loop (MacGregor Drive and Lamar Fleming Drive in the Texas Medical Center)

Q&A, interviews in English and Spanish, and photo/video opportunities will be provided.

"Making sure everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday is what we all want," said Dr. Brad Scott, medical director of Trauma Services at Ben Taub Hospital. "If our messages: 'Click It or Ticket,' 'Don't Drink and Drive,' and the 'dos and don'ts' of proper emergency center use for true emergencies, can save one life, then our collaborative effort will have been worthwhile."

Ben Taub Hospital is part of the Harris County Hospital District, the public healthcare system serving the nation's third most populous county. The hospital district comprises three hospitals, 12 community health centers, 13 satellite homeless shelter clinics, seven school-based clinics and four mobile health units.

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