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BURNSVILLE “COPS AND A CAUSE” MUSIC FESTIVAL SET FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 1 AND SATURDAY, JUNE 2

Eighteen acts and over 1,000 youth expected for major event at THE GARAGE

What do you get when eighteen popular acts join forces for a benefit music festival the weekend before the summer vacation begins? The answer is another venue to promote Burnsville as a city that chooses productive activities like music over harmful ones such as the use of alcohol and illegal drugs.

The “Cops and a Cause” Festival is set for **Friday, June 1 and Saturday, June 2 from 5:45 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. at THE GARAGE**, located at 75 Civic Center Parkway, in the city’s former maintenance center near Burnsville City Hall.

Over 1,000 people ages 14-19 are expected to attend the two day festival. Eighteen bands and entertainment acts including national touring bands such as Gloria, Escape From Earth, Thru the Static, Niobium, Everest, The Men Who Control the Weather, Jamestown Story, City of Sound, Now and Forever, This is Morning, Chimera Twilight, Movin Like the Mountains, L. Preston West, Ronny Cary, Jay McKinney, Joyce Ernst, Show Stoppaz Dance Team, and The Dragon’s Fire Brigade.

Along with the music, “Cops and a Cause” will feature free food, T-shirt giveaways and an inflatable jumper. Those in attendance will be invited to go to the “Detox Room”, an area rich with information regarding the harmful effects of underage alcohol consumption and drinking and driving. Representatives from local agencies and Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) will be available to talk with youth. Two MADD drunk driver crash cars will also be on display. This event will sell out – tickets available at the door only.

THE GARAGE Advisory Board directed that the \$8 admission fee for the event and proceeds from raffle items that include an electric guitar donated by Music Go Round to be autographed by the participating bands and an iPod donated by Target will be donated to the Alliance Academy in Burnsville which is part of the Sobriety High program that serves area youth who wish to remain clean and sober.

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The “Cops and a Cause” event – which is a follow up to last year’s “Music Over Meth” festival -- is collaborative effort between THE GARAGE and partnering organizations such as the Burnsville Police Department, the City of Burnsville. Financial sponsorship or in-kind support is provided by the Burnsville Rotary Club, Burnsville Breakfast Rotary Club, Anchor Bank, Target, Music Go Round, Business Card Services and the Heart of the City Cub Foods.

More information on the event and THE GARAGE is available on the internet at www.thegarage.net.

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