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**PREVENTION NETWORK'S SQUAD TEAM
WINS STATE-WIDE AWARD**

Syracuse, NY—Prevention Network announced today that a team of area high-school students won a state-wide award from the New York State Association of Traffic Safety Boards (NYSATSB). The five teens, who are members of Prevention Network's *SQUAD—Students Questioning Underage Drinking*—won the Impaired Driving category "Save Your Friend's Life Over the Airwaves." The students are: Robert Amidon and Doug Indrick of Lafayette, Becca Derusha of Marcellus, Lilly Dickerson of Tully, and Kristina Miranovic of Syracuse. Over 170 high-school students from around the state submitted PSA's that addressed traffic safety issues including: speeding, safety belt use, impaired driving, drowsy driving, and driving distractions.

The students wrote and recorded their 30-second PSA with the assistance of Galaxy Communications, which donated studio time for the production of the announcement. The PSA was distributed and aired on major local radio stations and traffic safety programs over several months during the spring of 2006.

The students will receive a monetary award from an official of the Traffic Safety Advisory Board at a press briefing to be held at Prevention Network, 1150 West Genesee Street, Syracuse, on Wednesday, September 20th at 10:00 a.m.

The SQUAD is a youth advocacy group of central New York high school students formed by Prevention Network as part of its underage drinking initiative. The group's members work with the local media to raise awareness of the pressures on teens to drink alcohol and offer healthy alternatives to drinking.

Prevention Network is a not-for-profit agency that educates, trains, and provides prevention services pertaining to substance use, abuse, and addictions to the Central New York community. For over 50 years, the agency has assisted individuals, families, schools and businesses through helpful information and training, anonymous referrals, and support services to assure positive outcomes.