

Franklin Teenangel Chapter

Update

- Our chapter has taken a special interest in “Textbullying” a new term we have made our own and approved by Parry Aftab to be used with Wiresafety’s cyberbullying information. With all the texting done by kids today our chapter would like to address the issue of sending “bad” text messages.
- We have created an online survey that will be used to gather information on textbullying. This survey will be posted on the Wiresafety.org and Stopcyberbullying.org websites. We would like to begin collecting data by working with each of our Franklin middle schools to have all students complete the survey. In early March we will be evaluating the survey results and develop a plan to see what we can do about textbullying, how we can prevent it, address it, and deal with the victims and textbullies.
- We have created a Textbullying pledge call “Text, THINK, Send”. This pledge has been adopted by WiredSafety.org and we have been giving the approval to advertise the pledge by creating posters and posting on websites. To start we will be reaching out to Middle Schools in Franklin. We have been given the charge by Parry to reach out to schools Massachusetts to encourage students to take the pledge. In addition, with the help of Parry we are hopeful that we will have the opportunity to work with Verizon & AT& T to have these companies include our pledge when selling cell phones with texting to kids.
- Currently the Teenangels are completing training on the Social Networking Module. We would like to create a project that would involve students in Franklin once this module is completed.

Going Forward 2010

- Continue with our training and earn “wings” in spring.
- Plan presentations to town officials, parents, and students. We will reach out to work with the Franklin Police to develop a plan to work as a team to educate students and parents on textbullying & cyberbullying.
- Sponsor for our Chapter
- Teenangels Summit February 2010
- High School Chapter Fall 2010 (currently six 8th graders in chapter)
- Additional Middle School Teenangels Chapter Fall 2010