

AWARENESS: Event highlights DUI dangers



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Pamela Kedev is loaded into the back of a hearse after the mock DUI crash on campus on May 23. The event highlighted the tragedy of DUI fatalities with hopes of curtailing drunk driving. This annual gathering was facilitated by the Associated Student Government.

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Lt. Jeff Deetz, a 20-year veteran of Clackamas Fire District, also shared his opinion on the benefit of the demonstration. It included three fire trucks, an ambulance and a coroner. Deetz explained the large scale of the event was designed to show the reality of the consequences of drunk driving.

Two Clackamas students were involved in the gruesome display of a real life scenario. Pamela Kedev and Kaylea

Henderson played the victims in the DUI crash demonstration. Henderson, acted as the driver of the mangled Honda and was extracted from the vehicle and placed on a back board. After having her neck braced, Henderson was loaded in to a waiting ambulance.

"This happens every day," said Henderson.

Kedev was the unfortunate passenger who did not make it.

Deceased victims of DUI accidents are often left where they lay until the investigation

of the scene is complete. This process can take up to eight hours. As Kedev was zipped into the coroner's body bag, a hush fell over the crowd. Kedev was then loaded in to a hearse as a hushed audience watched.

"The aftermath is not fun," said Kedev.

The radio was tuned to Wild 107.5 and played between presentations by different speakers.

Joan Miller, a victim and survivor of a DUI related crash, shared her story. She told of being left with permanent ocular

damage. Ron Hanson spoke of how his DUI offence was the cause of the death of a mother and her two young children. These hard facts were delivered to students and staff with candor and a definite intent to make an impression. It was a clear example of what could and what does happen when a driver chooses to drink and drive.

The Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) website states the average drunk driver has operated a vehicle under the influence of alcohol 80 times

before his or her first arrest. MADD also states that about one third of all drivers arrested for driving drunk are repeat offenders.

With such a graphic display, it was obvious the wish of McAdoo might have a good chance of coming true. The gravity of the demonstration was reflected in the faces of the audience as they enjoyed a free lunch and were treated to an almost R-rated scene of carnage to serve as a lasting reminder.



DJ JERM from The Mix 107.5 spins his records for the gathered crowd. Event goers also enjoyed free anti-drunk driving t-shirts and a free barbeque.



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