

Save A Life Tour stops in Franklin County

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"I'm shaking."

"It actually seems like you're there."

"If I do that in real life I think I'll die."

When students walk away with reactions like these, it could mean one more life saved.

Brian Beldyga, Edutainment Senior Manager, said, "Be there for your friends, always take those keys, no matter how many lines they feed you, be bigger than them."

Don't drink and drive. It's a lesson students at a Franklin County school heard before, but never like this.

"DUI Level Increasing"

Students at a Franklin County school took a crash course in drunk driving. When the National Save A Life Tour stopped by, kids stepped behind the wheel of a state-of-the-art drunk driving simulator.

Students got a sobering look at what it was like in a drunk driving simulated car when the National Save A Life Tour made a visit to the Salmon River Central School District.

Beldyga said, "We give them the information that they hear about but they get to physically experience it today with this specific program."

It took the school more than \$5,000 and months on a waiting list to get the tour to come, but **teachers say it is the most powerful drunk driving education they've ever seen.**

Connie Gerow, Health Teacher and Health Club Advisor, said, "There are students against destructive decisions type programs, mock car crash, grim reaper day, but we thought this would be something that would make a real big impact."

And the message drove home to students one by one... that it's easy to lose when you're not in control.

"It's the wheel, not me!"

By the end of the day, it was Game Over for everyone behind the wheel. But this isn't a game.