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'Save a Life Tour' to stop at Mellen

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MELLEN, Wis. -- The students of Mellen High School will experience the devastating effects of drinking and driving during the National Make a Difference "Save a Life Tour" Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the school gymnasium.

The tour uses a new drunk-driving simulator for high tech alcohol awareness education. The simulator fully immerses participants in a totally unscripted environment with a 180 degree field of vision, and features over 87 miles of roadway, intelligent, random traffic, and fully controllable environmental variables for time of day and weather conditions.

Participants begin the experience "sober," and the simulator changes throughout the experience to represent the different levels of impairment. Ongoing multi-media presentations and an actual casket display bring home the permanent and life-changing impact of drinking and driving.

The event was made possible as the result of generous community support.

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