

"I speak so as to save a life, so someone else doesn't have to go through what I went through. I would not relive the nightmare if I did not think it would help someone."

When a drunk driver hit the vehicle her daughter and friends were in, the young woman was thrown through the back window. She remained comatose for 11 years, 2 months, 25 days.

Deceased 10/14/2001



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About 3 in every 5 Americans will be affected by an alcohol related crash at some time in their lifetime.

You or a loved one could become a future victim.

"I believe OWI offenders can come to understand they are not the victims. Offenders may feel they are being victimized because they need to go to court, and are fined and jail.

I believe offenders benefit from hearing the stories of true victims. I trust that my speaking will help intoxicated drivers realize the seriousness of their offense.:

At age 21 was hit in vehicle by a drunk driver. Lengthy hospitalization and rehabilitation...after 8 1/2 years was able to return to work. Ongoing medical problems in the past 30 years... Life sentence of disability

The Victim Impact Panel of Outagamie County

Began in 1996 as a program initiative of
Fox Valley Unites

The program is continued through the joint efforts of:



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**Outagamie County
Criminal Justice Treatment Services**

320 S. Walnut Street
Appleton, WI 54911
Phone: 920.832.5160

Victim Impact Panel

Of

Drunk Driving Offenders



FEE: \$15.00

Next Impact Panel Meeting will be held on:

Date: _____

LOCATION:

**Outagamie County Government Center
320 S. Walnut Street, Appleton, WI
2nd Floor, Meeting Room 2A**

- ◆ Program begins promptly at 7:00 p.m.
Doors lock at 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ Please plan to arrive early to register
- ◆ Late arrivals will not be permitted
- ◆ Photo ID required
No ID, No Admission
- ◆ Non-Admission is Non-attendance
- ◆ Program lasts approximately 1 hour

**For more information please
call 920.832.5160**

Drunk Driving Offenders...

This court has ordered you to attend an Impact Panel.

This is a condition of your court order. Your presence is required by the State of Wisconsin, Statute 346.65 (2g) (b) and (2i), as a part of your conviction as a drunk driving offender.

Failure to attend may result in the finding of contempt from the Court.

Location: 320 S. Walnut Street, Appleton, WI
(2nd Floor, Meeting Room 2A)

“Scripture and song states, the rocks would cry out if you keep silent (Luke 19) and this is what I feel would happen if I did not tell of the hideous crash of a drunk driver hitting and killing both my parents.”

Mother and father killed when struck from behind while riding their bicycles...both thrown 100 feet from point of impact and killed instantly.

The Problem...

and the Approach...

Even with tougher laws and attitude changes in recent years, alcohol and other drug impaired drivers continue to kill and injure.

Education and stiffer penalties may alter drinking patterns for some people. For others, the reality of drunk driving has not “hit home”. These people may benefit from a personal approach. A message delivered in person—from the hearts and voices of those who have lived through the trauma of impaired driving.



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These panels of people share their stories of pain and loss with drunk driving offenders and individuals who appear in need of understanding the results of impaired driving.

The goal of the Impact Panel is not to blame or judge, but rather to reach the audience on an emotional level; a level that citations, fines and incarceration may not touch. The purpose of the Impact Panels is to reduce the rate of repeat drinking/impairment and driving of those who attend this program.

“Drunken Driving is Russian Roulette on the highways, with predictably tragic results.”

**Honorable John Des Jardins
Outagamie County Judge**

Listening to the personal accounts of people who have lived to tell about the grief and despair that occurs “after the crash” can help all drivers understand the dangers and consequences of drunk driving. At the same time, panel participants often view their participation as a healing experience.



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“Speaking at panels provides me a forum to warn people about the repercussions of drinking & driving. I try and give someone a story; a name & a face, so if they’re in a situation to prevent themselves or someone else from getting behind the wheel drunk, they have a tool.”

Drunk driver struck and dragged him 6 blocks underneath the vehicle. Family was contacted to make final arrangement due to the severity of the injuries. Lengthy rehabilitation...and still in progress.

Outagamie County—40% of the traffic fatalities (deaths) the past years are committed by those under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.

Wisconsin—One person is killed or injured in an alcohol related crash approximately every 88 minutes.