



KFADD Newsletter

Kiwans Family Against Drunk Driving

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News from around the Barbourpole



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MADD Encouraged by Slight Decrease in Alcohol-Related Traffic Fatalities

MADD is cautiously optimistic about the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) report showing a 2.1 percent decrease in alcohol-related traffic fatalities from 2003 to 2004. While NHTSA's preliminary FARS data represents a step in the right direction, we caution the country, lawmakers and law enforcement not to become complacent about the serious problem of impaired driving in this country.

News from Columbia County, Oregon...

In the Youth Activities Sector, Columbia County has been working with various high schools to revise their athletic policies regarding alcohol and other drugs. Approximately 80% of the students participate in extra curricular activities, including sports, ensuring a broad reach. They are happy to report that within two weeks of the announced zero tolerance policy: one school had several athletes self-report.

The athletes paid a high price by not being able to participate in 40% of the scheduled games. These student athletes are also being referred to the Minor in Possession classes that Columbia County helps to administer. If they do not attend with a parent, they are not allowed to play at all.

In addition, presentations are being prepared for athletic department coaches, administrators and all athletes in the near future. Other presentations are also in the works geared toward parents and the community at large.

Keep up the good work Columbia County!

(Lynn Chiotti, MADD President of Columbia County and KFADD Representative)

We need your help! Your state might not have a primary seat belt law that would help increase seat belt usage and save lives on our roadways. Please e-mail your legislators to tell them you would like a primary seat belt law in your state.

(MADD Newsletter of 12/22/05)

2006 Legislative Sessions Ready To Start

Most states will be wrestling with drunk driving, underage drinking, and victims' issues during legislative sessions in 2006 and those sessions are right around the corner. You can get updates on what is going on at the state and federal levels by signing up for MADD's policy alerts; we'll let you know when new issues come up and when legislators need to hear your voice.

<http://support.madd.org/site/R?i=5qZBxgpuq5DLyUtkhiEsWs>

MY MOTHER

Nobel Prize-winning physicist, Martin Perl, was asked what he attributed his success to.

"My Mother", he answered. "Everyday when I came home from school, she asked me: 'So, Marty, did you ask any good questions today?'"

The answer came in a series of character traits: "He who walks upright and works righteousness and speaks the truth in his heart".

It's one thing to know the truth, it's another to obey it.

Let me ask you the same question: "Have you asked any good questions today?"

Have you asked your legislators to strengthen DUII laws? Have you asked your local Judges: "Are they applying the law the way it needs to be applied?" Have you asked a MADD Chapter: "How can I help?"

How about School Drug programs? How about Community Drug and Alcohol programs?

Deaths because of DUII is down very, very slightly; but why is it happening at all? We all know "NOT TO DRINK AND DRIVE." Do we obey it? Do we help our loved ones and friends to obey it? Do we vocally encourage others to obey it?

"It's one thing to know—it's another to obey."

OBEY THE LAW—DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE
HELP SAVE A LIFE BY DOING WHAT IS RIGHT

(Roger Barbour, KFADD Chair)

**The Responsible Driver Program
FIND OUT
HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS AND
ACTIVITY TO DATE**

Presented by
**SUPERINTENDENT OF
MOTOR VEHICLES**
Mark Medgyesi

MARCH 22nd 2006

6:30 pm

National Nikkei

Museum & Heritage Centre

6688 Southoaks Crescent, Burnaby, BC, V5E 4M7

The Responsible Driver Program is a rehabilitation program for drinking drivers that offers education, counseling, and in-depth addiction treatment where necessary. Every Canadian province and many jurisdictions throughout the world have similar programs and they have been shown to reduce the risk of repeat alcohol-related accidents and convictions. BC is partnering with Stroh Health Care to deliver the program province wide.

Statistics

Number of car trips taken every year by BC drivers whose blood alcohol concentration level is above criminal code legal limit is 2.5 million

Source: BC Ministry of Public Safety

And Solicitor General—Discussion Paper June 2003



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TO ALL KFADD COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ALL MADD CHAPTERS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

(Please advise any upcoming events you have scheduled for the next couple of months, and I will list them here in the next newsletter).

NEWS ITEMS:

(I need your help to put out an informative and interesting news letter. Please send me stories or news flashes that can be reproduced in the news letter. Your help will be greatly appreciated.)

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Thank you,
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KFADD PNW Division