

Lane County Sheriff's Office will host *Every 15 Minutes* program at Lowell High School October 22nd and 23rd.

Every 15 Minutes is a two-day underage impaired driving prevention program centered around the statistic that someone in the United States is killed as the result of an alcohol related crash every 15 minutes. While this exact numerical statistic has fluctuated year-to-year, impairment-related collisions remain the leading cause of death among teenage youth.

This week on October 22nd and October 23rd, the Lane County Sheriff's Office, in conjunction with the Lowell Rural Fire Protection District and the Lowell School District, is taking a proactive step in educating local high school students about making mature decisions when intoxicating substances and driving distractors are involved.

The program challenges teens to think before using any impairing substances and operating any type of motor vehicle or riding in one with an impaired operator. It also focuses on the impact those decisions have on family, friends, and the people you leave behind when someone is killed because of an impaired driving crash.

Tuesday October 22nd: Mock car crash at the Lowell City Hall (70 N. Pioneer St., Lowell). This staged car crash will involve student occupants with a DUI driver, someone who is killed, and several injured subjects. Law enforcement, fire, and paramedics will respond and work this crash as they would any real crash. The crash will begin promptly at 2 p.m. and end between 2:45 and 3:00 p.m.

The mock crash scene is open to the public. Please do not interfere with first responders or participants.

Wednesday October 23rd: There will be a community assembly located in the gymnasium at Lowell High School. A representative from the Sheriff's Office will be narrating the assembly which will include speakers who have lost loved ones to impaired driving

crashes. Involved students and parents will also speak about their experience with this program. The assembly will begin at 10:00 a.m. and conclude at approximately 11:30 a.m. This assembly is open to the public. Please check in at the high school office upon arrival.

Further questions regarding the event can be directed to Sgt. Tim Wallace at 541-520-2646. If you have questions for the school, you can contact Lowell Jr/Sr High School at 541-937-2124.