

DUI Simulator Comes To Fayette County

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HICO-- A DUI simulator traveling all over the state made its stop in Fayette County.

The West Virginia Alcohol Beverage Control Administration brings its DUI simulator to every high school in West Virginia.

Thursday it stopped at Midland Trail High School to show students what driving under the influence is really like.

Students received an in-class lesson first before getting to try the simulator.

The simulator starts off with the driver being sober and gradually raises the blood alcohol content of the driver.

The goal of the process is to show students the dangers of driving drunk before they get behind the wheel.

"It's something that, especially working with young people today, they are engaged with it, it's hands-on, it's something they can see, touch, feel," WVABCA Public Health Educator Dan Pickens said. "It has tactical abilities to it that setting down with a textbook or video really just doesn't have."

"I've definitely learned that it slows your reaction time down being drunk so when you do drink a lot it is really bad when you're driving because if somebody is coming toward you and you go to swerve, it's going to take you farther than what you need to be," Midland Trail sophomore Noah Jenkins said.

The simulator has already been to every high school in southern West Virginia.