

**The DWI Victim Impact
Panel meets at
Genesee Community College
One College Road
Room T119
Batavia, NY 14020**



Friday, October 15, 2010

*Genesee/Orleans
Council on Alcoholism
and Substance Abuse*



- Pre-registration is required. Registration form and \$60 fee must be received the Friday before the scheduled VIP.
- Doors open at 7 PM; the panel starts promptly at 7:30 PM.
- No one is allowed entrance after 7:30 PM.
- No-shows will be reported as such and all fees forfeited.
- Children are not permitted to attend.
- Proof of attendance will be provided upon completion of the program.

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***Dedicated
to the people killed
and injured
by the criminal act
of drinking and
driving.***



What is the DWI Victim Impact Panel?



The Victim Impact Panel (VIP) educates offenders and the general public on the consequences of drunk driving. The VIP meets the fourth Tuesday of every other month starting with January at Genesee Community College, One College Road, Room T119, Batavia. Panel members are volunteers who directly address the audience revealing how their lives have been forever changed by the actions of a drunk driver.

At each VIP, volunteer speakers talk to audience members about their experiences. They do not express opinions about the judicial system, blame or accuse audience members or share graphic or gruesome images or photographs from a crash.

VIP members honor the memory of their loved one by volunteering. They dedicate their time and energy to make a difference in our community by educating audience members about the very real consequences of what happens when people drink alcohol and get behind the wheel of a motor vehicle.

Who Attends

Anyone convicted of DWI offenses in Genesee, Orleans and Wyoming counties. Genesee Justice, Probation, Drug Court, or other Courts make the referral. Guests are welcome if space allows.

The expectation is that hearing Panel members speak will change behavior and reinforce the message that drunk or impaired driving is not only a serious crime, but one that has serious and far-reaching consequences.

To Make a Difference

Our roadways need to be safe for all our families. Despite years of tireless efforts of so many, impaired drivers still continue to kill someone every 30 minutes, nearly 50 people a day, and approximately 18,000 a year nationwide.

Members of the VIP believe that telling their true life experiences will change lifestyles and prevent others from suffering similar tragedies.



100% Preventable

DWI related deaths and injuries are 100% preventable. They are not accidents. They are crashes that can be prevented through wise choices. By designating a driver, calling a cab or a friend, or staying put, DWI related injuries and deaths can be prevented. Drunk driving causes death, injury, and destruction of families. It is a crime and needs to be treated as such.

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