

# TEACHING THE TRUTH ABOUT FATAL VISION

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## Working Together for Nebraska

Saving lives and educating youth about the body's inability to function normally while intoxicated remains a goal of the Nebraska Sheriff's Association. Again this year, the Association is taking the popular "Fatal Vision" goggles program into their communities making it available for use by law enforcement agencies throughout the Cornhusker State.

Impairment is a word young people often hear from caring and concerned adults. But without direct experience with impairment, it is often little more than just that - - a word! Young people are told using alcohol or other chemicals can impair their coordination, judgment and driving skills. The means to convey what this actually means has been elusive. Until now, that is.



The purpose of the Fatal Vision program is to give young people the experience of being impaired without their having to consume alcohol or any other illegal substance.

## FATAL VISION GOGGLES: Information Requires Education

The Fatal Vision experience begins with discussion of impairment and the potential consequences of driving under the influence of alcohol or other illegal substances. Wearing the Fatal Vision goggles then accurately simulates intoxication of at least .08 - - the blood alcohol level at which most states, including Nebraska, consider an individual legally drunk. Individuals wearing the goggles will find they are unable to walk a straight line, touch their noses, catch a ball or stand on one leg.

Overall, the experience can be memorable. Said a high school sophomore recently, "I can't even tell where the line is. If I can't drink and walk, I know I can't drink and drive."



## The Public Benefits

Schools and citizens are invited to arrange to have the Fatal Vision program presented locally. It can be an adjunct to DARE or GREAT classes or can be presented at community events or anywhere youth can participate. An hour-long training program is required in order to present Fatal Vision.

To schedule a presentation in your community, contact the Nebraska Sheriffs' Association, in Lincoln at (402) 434-3785.



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and pledge not to  
drink and drive.*

