



BPD delivers anti-DUI message to Hyland students

On March 30, the Baytown Police DUI Program was presented to the students at the Peter E. Hyland Center for the first time.

According to the Baytown Police Department, the vast majority of all traffic deaths involve alcohol and/or other drugs. The Baytown Police Department believes that one of the key factors in combating this crisis is education.

The Baytown Police Department has invested in a valuable educational aide called SIDNE, which stands for Simulated Impaired Driving Experience. There are only 7 of these in the State and the Baytown Police Department is the only law enforcement entity to own 2 of them.

SIDNE is a battery-powered modified go-kart that simulates the effects of impairment from alcohol and other drugs on a motorist's driving skills.

The objective of the SIDNE is to deter driving under the influence through public education. The goal is to decrease impaired driver related crashes, injuries and death. It serves the purpose of providing a safe, yet realistic, experience of the delayed reaction that comes from impaired driving.



See more photos [here](#).

The awareness message delivered by SIDNE is clear. Participants experience with a sober brain how it feels when reaction time is slowed and they are unable to make a turn or stop, even when they have time and space. This demonstration helps the SIDNE driver to experience first-hand the potentially deadly consequences of delayed reaction on their driving skills.

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