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'Save-A-Life' program visits SUBASE community

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A life can be saved with one sentence, one decision, or just one action. Military, civilian, and dependents of the Naval Submarine Base New London community had the opportunity to learn ways to save a life with something as simple as a right decision.

SUBASE sponsored the "Save-A-Life" Tour, Feb. 27, at Morton Hall, Bldg 169. Admission to the high-tech, interactive, drunk-driving simulator was free.

"Save-A-Life" Tour allows a participant to experience first hand how alcohol impairs driving while the participants remains sober and stationary. The simulator includes a driver's seat and three screens that provide a 180-degree field of visions and images in rear-view mirrors. It gradually changes response times, minimizing the dulling effects of alcohol.

As in real life, the vast majority of impaired drivers who take on the simulator have accidents caused by narrowing of focus and concentration to what is directly in front of them, and ignoring dangers around them.

The stop at SUBASE is part of a 120-day tour to commands across the country. The focus of each stop includes alcohol awareness, drunk driving and safe driving, and myths and truths about alcohol and drugs. "Save-A-Life" Tour helps foster changes in attitude and behavior through awareness, while deglamorizing alcohol use in the areas of DUI/DWI, underage drinking, and alcohol-related fatalities.