

## **Local Students Help Make Anti-Meth Film**

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I knew nothing about Methamphetamine before seeing “Crossing The Line,” now I know enough to realize that this drug I only read about in the paper is probably the scariest and most deadly thing our children can be exposed to. I knew that there was a drug commonly called Meth that could be brewed from common household items. I knew that meth labs sometimes blew up. I knew that that homes where meth was made were hazardous sites. But I never knew what went into this drug or what it would do to someone who takes it.

...The film begins with the lead character being released from a six-month treatment center. As he waits for his friends to pick him up, he thinks back on the choices he made and what he has since learned about those choices. If I were to sum up this movie with one word, that word would be informative. The film does not use cheap tricks like showing gruesome images of people who have been long-term abusers of meth. Rather it appeals to the intelligence of young people by telling them the facts. It shows the dangerous poisons that are mixed together to make the drug. Poisons most young people would never think of ingesting because they know how deadly they can be. It tells about the toxic hazards of Meth labs and disposal sites. It also tells about the effects of taking the drug, such as health risks, the increased risk of suicide, the low success rate of permanently kicking the habit.

“Crossing The Line” doesn’t try to scare people; it tries to educate them. Films that try to scare out children can backfire by giving them something to ridicule. Hard facts are much more difficult to make fun of, and that makes them much scarier and far more lasting. This is an excellent film to show teens who might be exposed to this hazard....