

KIDK TV - Idaho Falls, Pocatello, Blackfoot - Idaho Meth not even once!

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You've heard it...

"I'm not going to be like that guy. Look, I'm only going to smoke Meth once!"

and you've seen it... Meth Not Even Once!

In a forum to educate hundreds of teens and their parents, guest speakers from the front lines hope to help stop a growing problem.

"My part is to give them specifics about Meth. What is it? What does it do to you? What does it feel like? How is it made?" says Brian Underwood, warden at Pocatello

Methamphetamine. The powder like substance made with nail polish remover, pool chemicals, and road flares. Something you think you would never touch. Right here, these are the effects. "Will kill you seven fold. It will kill you socially, mentally, physically, spiritually, emotionally, financially, completely," says Tesja Erickson.

Tesja Erickson, a doctor's daughter. Hillcrest graduate. An all-American girl and a recovering Meth addict. Clean now for three years her mission now...

"I want to educate the community of the destruction of Methamphetamines," she says.

And it's because of the Idaho Meth project and community awareness that our kids will get the education they need.

"I think hearing from somebody who has dealt with this personally in their life, will definitely hit home with kids I think," says Spencer Brasher, junior at Idaho Falls High.

"I think that one of the problems is that we don't foresee the consequences of our actions and so this is just opening our eyes to the truth of the matter," says Alexa Knutson, junior at Idaho Falls.

"It's making the impact that it needs too. It needs to be done and it's getting the message across in a productive way," says Ericka Gianotto, junior at Idaho Falls High.

Tesja hopes to make the coined phrase "Not Even Once" a part of daily social activity.