

Crystal Meth Video (approx 26mins in length)

Produced by the Criminal Law Section of the Minnesota State Bar Association

Volunteer attorneys needed to show video to and lead discussions with community youth.

Is Meth really such a problem?

People of all ages, income levels, race, and gender are affected by Meth use in Minnesota. The video explains the powerful draw Meth exerts on users. Briefly sketching the toxic chemical ingredients used in Meth manufacture, the video shows that each Meth use poses a possibility of death or injury because it is a “dirty” drug. The viewers learn there is no “safe amount” of Meth.

Will viewers turn off the message?

The video was professionally produced. In making this video, we spoke with former users and with lawyers, judges and law enforcement personnel involved with their cases who tell the truth without lecturing. Viewers hear the users’ stories of how they each got started with Meth and the extreme measures they used to get the drug. The video provides riveting first hand information about the physical and mental results of Meth addiction.

Why did the MSBA Criminal Law Section make this video?

The video discusses the economic need to support a Meth habit by stealing, and trading sex in order to get the drug. Law enforcement personnel interviewed stress that possession of ANY amount of Meth is a felony. Young viewers will learn how even a juvenile conviction for Meth possession can follow the user for the rest of his or her life.

This video is a MUST SEE for students of all ages, especially those entering junior high and high school. It is critical that Minnesota youth be informed of the dangers of Meth use before it is too late!

Attorneys/Fellow Members of the MSBA Criminal Law Section:

This is your call to action and your opportunity to share your legal expertise with your community. Volunteers are needed to contact their local high school or other youth group, introduce the video to the students, and then to answer questions about the legal system that the students may have at the end of the video.

Your participation in showing the MSBA Criminal law Section Meth video will benefit the administration of justice and enhance the reputation of Minnesota attorneys, including your own. Minnesota lawyers involved in the criminal justice system can serve the community simply by informing our youth about this deadly drug.

I want to get involved. What should I do next?

- You will determine your time commitment with your local school or group; dependant on your availability and the school’s needs.
- Please email Richard Ohlenberg, Criminal Law Section Vice-Chair, at richardo@ottenlaw.com or call 952-736-3300. You will receive a copy of the Meth video, a guide to leading community education programs, and a set of “talking points” to use when showing the video. Once you have the video, please contact the principal or counselor of your local middle or high school, introduce yourself as a Minnesota State Bar Association Criminal Law Section attorney member and offer to show and discuss the video. You may direct them to this website for further information about the video.

Richard Ohlenberg, Vice Chair, Criminal Law Section

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