

"BRIDGE TO BRIDGE" February 17, 2018



On November 19, 2015, Clancy O'Connor and his family's life changed forever. It took 107 feet and 45 seconds. A woman, high on meth, alcohol, trazodone and another depressant decided to change into Clancy's driving lane where he was driving his motorcycle. The crash pinned Clancy between the curb and her car. After speeding up and then slamming on her brakes, Clancy was ejected sending him off his bike. As a result, Clancy sustained 10 broken ribs, a punctured lung, ruptured spleen, broken pelvis, compound fractures of all the bones in his right leg. The bones tore the arteries behind his knee which in the end caused him to have his right leg amputated at the knee and worst of all, permanently lost his eye sight due to the extreme loss of blood.

Anyone who knew Clancy before this, knows his life was about his family and his job. This has left his family and he forever changed. He will never see his new grandson or see the 'apple of his eye' granddaughter walk down the aisle at her wedding. He'll never go to another NASCAR race or go fishing, or take his grandchildren camping in the RV. Let alone, ever be able to do the day in and day out things we do all the time, like bathing, walking or just watching a football game.



Clancy is a 22 year veteran of the US Navy. His job was one of the most dangerous there is, shooting off and retrieving aircraft on an aircraft carrier. And to think after doing this job for so many years, his life was changed forever by someone who decided to use drugs, drink and then get behind the wheel of a car.

So I plead with you to think twice before you get behind the wheel after you've been drinking or doing drugs. You may be ruining your life, and someone else's life, and it's not worth it.

Pierce and Kitsap County "Target Zero" Traffic Safety Task Forces have a goal of ZERO traffic deaths and serious injuries on our highways, roadways and streets. Through an agreement between the Washington Traffic Safety Commission and local law enforcement agencies, tonight's "Bridge to Bridge" emphasis patrol will be saturating the area looking for impaired drivers. Please do your part, never drink and drive, buckle up, slow down, and pay attention to your driving.



It's up to all of us to be responsible drivers, passengers, bikers and pedestrians. It's about your family, friends and colleagues. How many are you okay with being killed or seriously injured in a crash? The answer is obvious: ZERO.

So our goal, for every citizen in Washington State, is Zero.

"One life lost is one too many."



On behalf of the Kitsap County Sheriff's Office, the Gig Harbor Police Department, and all the other agencies participating tonight, we give our heartfelt thanks to Clancy and Mary O'Connor.