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ALCOHOL AWARENESS RALLY
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EVENT: EMPLOYEE RALLY. 3 -5 minutes opening remarks

- We're here today to celebrate "Alcohol Awareness Month." Not really to celebrate but to increase the awareness of the dangers of "demon rum."
- As DOT employees we have a special obligation to draw attention to the problems associated with alcohol abuse -- from ill health to deaths resulting from drunk driving. We've all heard the statistics before -- someone is killed by a drunk driver every 24 minutes. Now is the time to do something about it.
- We need to reach out to those who want help -- and I strongly recommend that those in need seek out assistance through the Employee Assistance Program. Don't be embarrassed -- do it for your family's sake if not your own.
- We also need to keep the bottle out of the hands of minors -- your children. Given that Prom Night will soon be upon us, you parents out there need to sit down with your kids and have a serious talk on the dangers of drinking before it's too late. Kids learn by example.

- Given that FAA employees who occupy important safety positions will soon have to undergo testing for blood-alcohol levels -- refraining from drink in the work place is more necessary than ever. It may cost you your job -- it's that simple.
- For the entire month, you'll hear from us more than you ever wanted on the potential harmful effects of alcohol. Through we may overdo it a bit -- please listen. You need to know the facts. That's why we have the exhibits and displays here today -- it's for all of our benefit.
- In closing, perhaps we should remember Mark Twain's statement -- "Water taken in moderation cannot hurt anybody."

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