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Informative Speech Outline

I. Introduction

- A. Attention getter: video trailer of superhero documentary.
- B. Ethos: Wow right? I try to help others when I can.
- C. Kairos: How many of you have ever helped someone in need? How many of you have ever decided to create an alias for yourself? How many of you have ever decided to take up crime fighting in a costume?
- D. Thesis: Today I would like to introduce you to the Real Life Superhero movement.
- E. Preview: I will tell you about the community of real life superheroes, including registration, purpose, and costume.

II. Body

- A. **1st main point: First, I'd like to tell you about the real life superhero registration requirements:**
 - a. **There are quite a few real life superhero registries, the two that I found to be most informative are:**
 - 1.) worldsuperheroregistry.com
 - 2.) reallifesuperheroes.org
 - b. **There are certain criteria that must be met, verified and maintained for both registries:**
 - 1.) Superhero name and costume.
 - 2.) Proven and verifiable record of heroic deeds.

3.) Personal motivation = no money.

Transition: Now that I've discussed the registration guidelines, I would now like to tell you about their purpose. But first I'll let the real life superheroes speak for themselves (Clip)

B. The ultimate goal in being a real life superhero is to make the world a better place. As they stated in the video ways in which they attempt to make a difference include:

1. Providing necessities to the homeless.
2. Charity, outreach and volunteer work.
3. Looking for missing persons and pets.
4. Providing resource info to those in crises.
5. Stopping a crime or acts of violence commonly referred to as crime fighting.
6. And of course, there's patrolling the streets during all hours of the night.

Transition: Now that I've explained their purpose, let's talk about the costume!

C. You may be thinking what they do is great, but why wear a costume? There are actually several reasons:

1. You get to dress-up and decorate all of that needed, boring safety gear.
2. It keeps your true identity secret from criminal retaliation.
3. It helps identify you to both civilians and authorities.
4. And finally, it serves as a means to inspire.

a) I think Knight Vigil says it best in a statement on

reallifsuperheroes.com. He says, "good work goes on all the time and

we don't seem to notice. But when we put on our costumes, people do".

- b) The real life superheroes want to remind us that we can all be heroes; it's just a matter of getting out there and helping, with or without a costume.

III. Conclusion:

A. Today I've given you a glimpse into the real life superhero movement; I've shared their registration requirements, their purpose, and the reasons for the costumes. Hopefully you'll now notice more of those small heroic acts that take place every day by non-costumed individuals, and hopefully you will see more opportunities to be a hero yourself. The real life superhero numbers within the United States are estimated to be around 250 and growing (Taboo), therefore, you never know when you might come across a masked individual performing a good deed, so keep those spidey senses sharp.

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