



Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office

The Risks of Teenage Driving: Providing a Solution to Minimize the Effects

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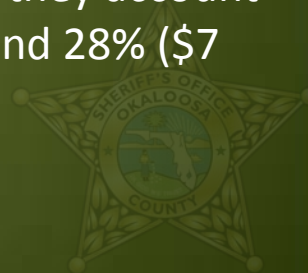
TEENAGE DRIVERS ARE AT RISK

According to the Center for Disease Control

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for U.S. teens, accounting for more than one in three deaths in this age group. In 2009, eight teens ages 16 to 19 died every day from motor vehicle injuries. Per mile driven, teen drivers ages 16 to 19 are four times more likely than older drivers to crash. Fortunately, teen motor vehicle crashes are preventable, and proven strategies can improve the safety of young drivers on the road.

In 2009, about 3,000 teens in the United States aged 15–19 were killed and more than 350,000 were treated in emergency departments for injuries suffered in motor-vehicle crashes.

Young people ages 15-24 represent only 14% of the U.S. population. However, they account for 30% (\$19 billion) of the total costs of motor vehicle injuries among males and 28% (\$7 billion) of the total costs of motor vehicle injuries among females.





Florida State Statute 318.1215 Authorizes \$5 Civil Traffic Penalty to Fund Driver Education Programs

Sheriff's Office and School Board have partnered to create an enhanced student driver programs and with the Tax Collector to ensure student drivers now received educational materials and have the option and are encouraged to execute a pledge that they will not text and drive upon obtaining their permit/license.

Seeking BOCC enactment of county ordinance directing that a special penalty of \$5.00 be assessed against all non-criminal traffic citations issued in the county

Funds will be used to enhance student driver education programs

Briefing outlines why funds are needed, why they are justified and how they will be spent





Why Enhanced Training For Teen Drivers Is Needed Locally



CRESTVIEW News Bulletin

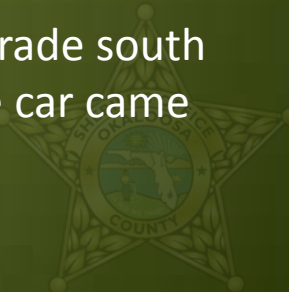
UPDATE: CHS rollover victim passes away
February 09, 2011 9:08 AM

An 18-year-old Crestview High School senior injured in a rollover accident on Jan. 27 died Monday night. The school's resource officer, Corp. Greg Porch, said Megan Warman died about 10 p.m. at Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola.

She had remained in a coma following the accident, which school officials say was caused when she was texting while driving her Chevrolet Cavalier just south of Juniper Creek on State Road 85.

Monday morning, a bright bouquet of flowers sat next to Megan's mangled wreck of a car on display in the Crestview High School rear student parking lot. "Her dad brought the car up here," Porch said. "He wanted people to see it."

School officials said that Megan, while texting, veered off State 85 on the upgrade south of Juniper Creek, overcorrected, causing her Cavalier to flip several times. The car came to rest upside down in the median.



June 11, 2011

In Okaloosa County, 19-year-old Alyssa Helwick was killed, on Rattlesnake Bluff Road at 6:15 last night. The Highway Patrol says Helwick lost control of her vehicle while traveling at a high rate of speed, hit an embankment and flipped three times. The woman was ejected. A passenger suffered minor injuries.

[Norona,D. (2011, June 11). Four traffic fatalities in the past 24 hours. *WMBB News 13 Panama City*. Retrieved from <http://www.wmbb.com>]



CRESTVIEW News Bulletin

Fatal wreck north of Baker claims two teenagers

May 09, 2011 5:40 PM

Two teenagers were killed in a single-vehicle wreck Sunday afternoon. The wreck happened south of Escambia Farms on State Road 189 north of Sonny Barrow Road at around 4:40 p.m., according to a media release from the Florida Highway Patrol.

Evan Carpenter, 14, and Michael Levi Neal, 15, were both killed from injuries sustained in the Sunday accident. Five other passengers sustained injuries in the wreck with the 2008 Ford F-250 driven by Timothy James Padgett, 28. All were from Red Level, Ala.

Carpenter was taken to North Okaloosa Medical Center and died. He was not wearing a seatbelt at the time of the wreck. Levi was taken to Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola where he later died. He also was not wearing a seat belt.

The report did not say whether or not any of the passengers were in the bed of the truck when it flipped two times.

[Moore, M. (2011, May 9). Fatal wreck north of Baker claims two teenagers. *Crestview News Bulletin*. Retrieved from <http://www.crestviewbulletin.com>]



NORTHWEST FLORIDA DAILY NEWS

Two teenagers killed in single vehicle crash

March 02, 2011 6:42 AM

MILTON — Two teenagers were killed Tuesday evening in a single-vehicle crash on Munson Highway.

Zoe M. Chandler, 18, of Holt, and Brandi Bartholomew, 15, of Milton were both killed after the vehicle they were riding in went onto the shoulder, struck a concrete culvert and overturned, according to a press release from the Florida Highway Patrol.

The driver of the vehicle, Nadja M. Chandler, 38, of Holt, suffered minor injuries in the crash and was taken to Sacred Heart Hospital.

The crash occurred just before 7:30 p.m.

No one in the vehicle was wearing seat belts at the time of the crash.

Charges are pending a full investigation, according to the release.

[McCurdy, A. (2011, March 2). Two teenagers killed in single vehicle crash. *Northwest Florida Daily News*. Retrieved from <http://www.nwfdailynews.com>]



NORTHWEST FLORIDA DAILY NEWS

UPDATED: Pedestrian dies of injuries sustained in Wednesday wreck

April 15, 2011 7:58 AM

FORT WALTON BEACH — Charges are pending in a Wednesday morning accident that killed a pedestrian.

William Ehmen was taken to Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola in critical condition, according to a Florida Highway Patrol media release. The 58-year-old Fort Walton Beach man was taken by GULflight. A house supervisor with the hospital confirmed Friday morning that Ehmen was deceased.

According to the release, Ehmen was walking in the southbound lane of Fairview Drive at about 6:45 a.m. when he was struck by the right front of a 1995 Ford Thunderbird driven by Joshua Arnett of Fort Walton Beach. Arnett is 17 years old. He was not injured in the crash.

The media release said the reason that the pedestrian was in the road is still under investigation. Charges are pending

[McCurdy, A. (2011, April 15). Updated: Pedestrian dies of injuries sustained in Wednesday wreck. *Northwest Florida Daily News*. Retrieved from <http://www.nwfdailynews.com>]



Florida State Statute 318.1215 Authorizes \$5 Civil Traffic Penalty to Fund Driver Education Programs

318.1215 Dori Slosberg Driver Education Safety Act.—Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 318.121, a board of county commissioners may require, by ordinance, that the clerk of the court collect an additional \$5 with each civil traffic penalty, which shall be used to fund driver education programs in public and nonpublic schools. The ordinance shall provide for the board of county commissioners to administer the funds, which shall be used for enhancement, and not replacement, of driver education program funds. The funds shall be used for direct educational expenses and shall not be used for administration. Each driver education program receiving funds pursuant to this section shall require that a minimum of 30 percent of a student’s time in the program be behind-the-wheel training. This section may be cited as the “Dori Slosberg Driver Education Safety Act.”

History.—s. 98, ch. 2002-20; s. 10, ch. 2005-164; s. 49, ch. 2006-290.

The Florida Senate

Penalty would generate ~\$150,000 based on 32,000 tickets issued in 2010



DISTRIBUTION OF TRAFFIC FINES

The basic breakdown of a \$158.00 moving infraction, City/County distribution is decided upon location of violation (in a municipality or in an unincorporated area of the county):

Description	Amount	Authority
Court Facilities Fund (BOCC)	30.00	318.18(13)(a)1
Local Law Enforcement Education (City/County)	2.00	938.15/318.18(11)(d)
Additional Court Costs Clearing	3.00	318.18(11)(d)
Additional Court Costs Clearing	2.50	38.18(11)(c)
Court Costs	30.00	318.18(11)(a)
Clerk of Court T. F./DOR/Gen Fund	5.00	318.18(11)(a)
Art V/State Courts Revenue Trust Fund	5.00	318.18(19)(a)
Art V/State Attorneys Revenue Trust Fund	3.33	318.18(19)(b)
Art V/Public Defender's Revenue Trust Fund	1.67	318.18(19)(c)
Adm Fee/Clerk of Court TF/DOR/Gen Fund	12.50	318.18(18)
State Radio System Surcharge	3.00	318.18(17)
10% fine/Public Records Mod TF	6.00	28.37(2)
Child Welfare Trust Fund	1.00	318.21(1)
Juvenile Justice Trust Fund	1.00	318.21(1)
Radio Communications Program (City/County)	12.50	318.21(9)
General Revenue Fund	8.14	318.21(2)(a)
Emergency Med Services	2.84	318.21(2)(b)
Additional Court Costs	2.01	318.21(2)(c)
Brain and Spinal Cord Injury	3.24	318.21(2)(d)
Florida Endowment Foundation	.79	318.21(2)(e)
Clerk of Court	.20	318.21(2)(f)
City/County - Fine	20.07	318.21(2)(g)2
Clerk of Court	2.21	318.21(2)2
TOTAL	\$158.00	





Tickets Written in Okaloosa County in 2010 = 32,077

Total Fine Revenue collected = \$4,255,055.67

Average fine per ticket = \$132.65

Percentage of total used to fund driver improvement = 0



Teen Driver Challenge



Classroom Topics (4 Hours)

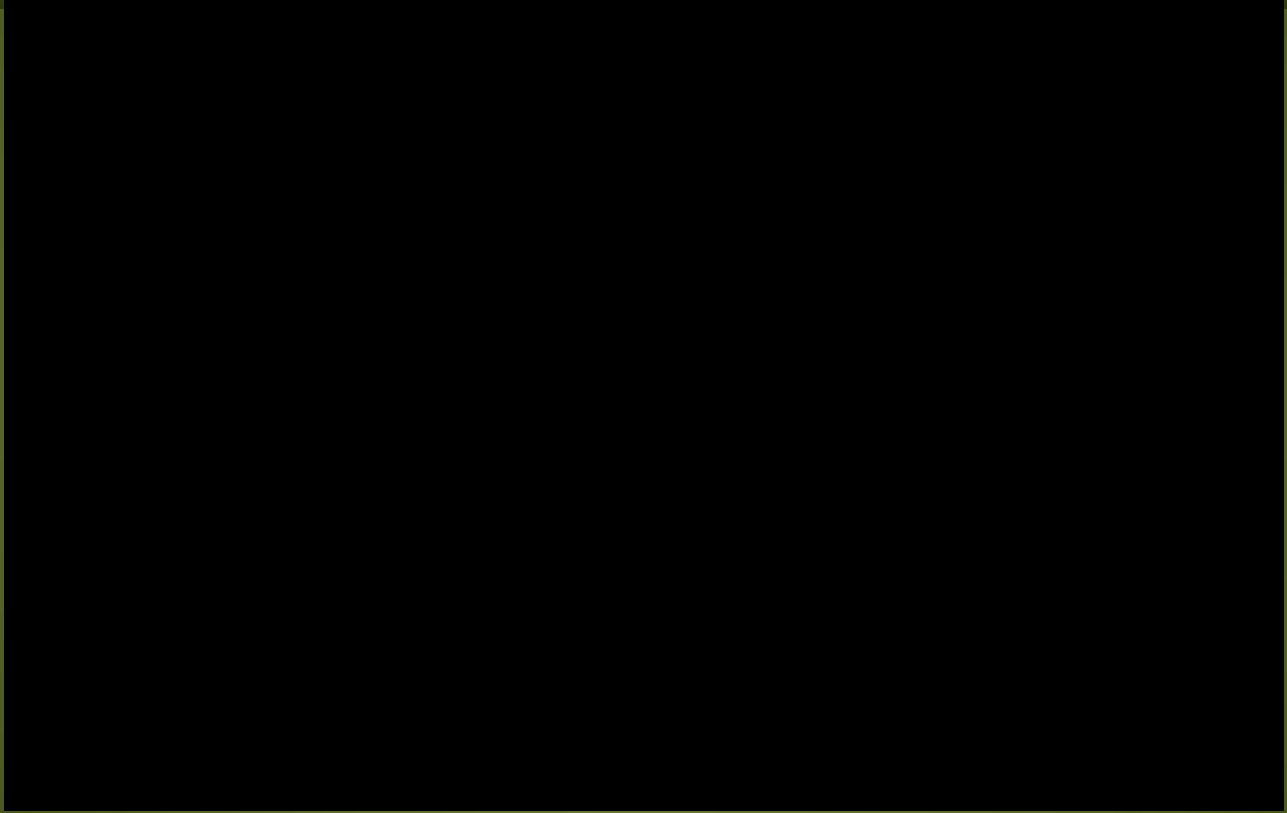
- Vehicle Dynamics
- Human Factors
- Responsibility
- Liability
- Drug and Alcohol Use
- Night Driving
- Aggressive Driving and Road Rage

Driving Range Exercises (8 Hours)

- Threshold, ABS, and Emergency Braking
- Evasive Maneuvers
- Cornering
- Backing
- Forward and Reverse Serpentine
- Figure 8
- Off Road Recovery
- Skid Control

One of a kind hands on evasive/defensive drivers training conducted at roadway speeds with trained and certified sworn deputy sheriff driving instructors

Teen Driver Challenge



PROJECTED OCSO TDC EXPENDITURES

Teen Driver Challenge		FY 2012	Future	
		Estimated	Reoccurring	Remarks
PROGRAM BUDGET FY 2012		Expenditures	Costs	
OVERTIME	51400	\$ 32,500	\$ 32,500	12 Instructors per class, 1 Driving Range Master
FICA TAXES	52100	\$ 2,486	\$ 2,486	
RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	52200	\$ 4,583	\$ 4,583	
<u>TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES</u>		\$ 39,569	\$ 39,569	
INSURANCE	54500	\$ 600	\$ 600	Vehicle Insurance, Event Insurance
REPAIR & MAINTENANCE SERVICES	54600	\$ 250	\$ 250	Tools, Misc items for student vehicles
PRINTING AND BINDING	54700	\$ 250	\$ 250	Student Materials
OTHER CURRENT CHARGES AND OBLIGATIONS	54900	\$ 75	\$ 75	Vehicle Registration
OFFICE SUPPLIES	55100	\$ 100	\$ 100	Instructor Materials
OPERATING SUPPLIES	55200	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	Cones, Air compressor, Water, Fuel, T-Shirts, "Beer" Goggles
BOOKS, PUBLICATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS	55400	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	Instructor Training, Media advertising
<u>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</u>		\$ 8,275	\$ 8,275	
<u>TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET</u>		\$ 47,844	\$ 47,844	
<u>CAPITAL OUTLAY</u>		\$ 15,578	\$ 13,378	Program Vehicle, financed over 3 Years = \$12,000
				Easy Drift Rings, One set per year, = \$1,378
				6 x 12 Cargo Trailer, year one, = \$2,200
<u>TOTAL BUDGET</u>		\$ 63,422	\$ 61,222	

Supports 12 classes annually training between 144 and 432 teen drivers
 Cost per student ~ \$411 to ~ \$137 depending on student to instructor ratio



COMPARATIVE VALUES





= \$6.29

Big Mac Value Meal





= \$6.99

Six Pac of Bud Light





= \$6.01

SMOKELESS TABACCO





= \$4.99

Breakfast Cereal





Pack of Smokes

= \$5.64





= \$5.00

Funding for Teen Driver Challenge





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A YOUNG LIFE





Questions?

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