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Safe Communities Driver Safety Campaign Supports NHTSA Strategy to Prevent Motor Vehicle Related Deaths among Teens
National Teen Driver Safety Week is Sunday, Oct. 16, through Saturday, Oct. 22

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – The Safe Communities Driver Safety Campaign at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi has endorsed the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s (NHTSA) campaign to decrease the number of teenage drivers injured and killed in automobile accidents.

The NHTSA, which is sponsoring National Teen Driver Safety Week Sunday, Oct. 16, through Saturday, Oct. 22, has developed a multi-tiered strategy to prevent motor vehicle-related deaths and injuries among teen drivers that includes increasing seat belt use, implementing graduated driver licensing, reducing teens’ access to alcohol, and parental responsibility.

According to the NHTSA, traffic crashes are the leading cause of death for teenagers in America. Mile for mile, teenagers are involved in three times as many fatal crashes as all other drivers. Information on teenage driving and a Parental Responsibility Tool Kit are available at http://www.nhtsa.gov/Teen-Drivers.

Locally, the Safe Communities Campaign has presentations on driving safety issues appropriate for teen drivers. To schedule a presentation call 361-825-2551 or e-mail the Campaign at safe.communities@tamucc.edu Brochures and other materials are also available.

The Texas Department of Transportation also has resources available for teen drivers at http://www.txdot.gov/safety/ A link on that page leads to “Teens in the Driver Seat,” a peer-to-peer safety program for America’s Youth. The site has useful information and a variety of media materials that can be downloaded in various formats.

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