

Activities



Walk The Line



Focus



Behind The Wheel

About The Program

This program is designed to bring awareness to young drivers of the dangers associated with operating a motor vehicle and what they can do to be safe behind the wheel.

Participants will maneuver a street-legal electric car through an obstacle in a controlled environment under each of the following conditions:

- Unimpaired and with no distractions
- Texting
- Wearing goggles designed to simulate alcohol impairment
- Wearing goggles designed to simulate drug impairment

Eligible participants will meet at least one of the following requirements:

- Be a licensed driver
- Possess a valid learner's permit

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&
IMPAIRED DRIVING
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Our Goal is to Prevent Unnecessary Loss of Life

Seatbelt Usage

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), in 2009:

- 11% of all the drivers involved in fatal crashes were between 15 and 20 years old.
- 27% of all vehicle occupants killed were ejected from the vehicle.
- 53% of the passenger vehicle occupants killed were unrestrained.

Air Bags

- Air bags are called supplemental restraints because they're designed to work best in combination with seat belts.

Louisiana Law

R.S. 32:295.1

When a motor vehicle is in forward motion, the driver and every passenger shall wear a safety belt.

Primary Enforcement

A law enforcement officer has probable cause to stop a vehicle so long as the officer has a clear and unobstructed view of a person not restrained.

Texting While Driving Statistics

- According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, cell phones are involved in 1.6 million crashes each year, causing half a million injuries and deaths.
- Texting while driving is about 6 times more likely to result in a crash than driving while intoxicated.
- According to the National Safety Council (Jan. '10), 28% of all traffic crashes were caused by drivers using cell phones or texting.
- Texting while driving increases the risk of a crash by 23.2 times over unimpaired driving.

Louisiana Law

R.S. 32:300.7

Drivers under 17 may not lawfully use any wireless communications device to send or receive a call or send or read a text while driving. This is a primary offense and a moving violation.

R.S. 32:300.5

No person shall operate any motor vehicle upon any public road or highway while using a wireless telecommunications device to write, send, or read a text-based communication. This is a primary offense and a moving violation.

Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) and Driving Under the Influence (DUI)

- According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in 2009, alcohol-impaired driving fatalities accounted for 32% of all traffic fatalities.
- According to the FBI, in 2008, over 1.48 million drivers were arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol or narcotics.
- The highest percentage of drivers in fatal crashes who had a blood alcohol content (BAC) level of 0.08g/dL or higher was for drivers 21 to 24 years of age.

Louisiana Law

- In Louisiana, drivers under the age of 21 found to have a BAC of at least 0.02 will be charged with DWI. Drivers 21 years of age and older found to have a BAC of at least 0.08 will be charged with DWI.
- If a person is operating a vehicle while under the influence of any controlled dangerous substance listed in Schedule I, II, III, or V as set forth in R.S. 40:964, then he/she shall be charged with DWI.