



# Quick Notes

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**Fatalities for 2016 as of 10/20/16 = 201**  
*(Initial number, may change due to unforeseen tragedies.)*

I'm excited to announce that the Office of Highway Safety is coming to your area soon to provide WebCARS training and to let you know how you can apply to receive equipment for traffic safety purposes. This training is **MANDATORY** to be able to participate in mobilizations and to apply for equipment grants. Please come to this training with questions, so that we can take the time to answer them. **To RSVP, please email Eva Escalante at [eva.escalante@itd.idaho.gov](mailto:eva.escalante@itd.idaho.gov)** Here is the training schedule to date:

#### District 1 – November 2<sup>nd</sup>

- 0800-1100 at Sandpoint City Hall located at 1123 Lake St.
- 1300-1600 at ITD's District 1 Office at 600 W. Prairie Ave. in Coeur d'Alene

#### District 2 – November 1<sup>st</sup>

- 0930-1230 at the ISP District 2 Office at 2700 N and S Hwy in Lewiston

#### District 3 – November 4<sup>th</sup>

- 0900-1200 or 1400-1700 at Nampa PD located at 820 2<sup>nd</sup> St S
- 0900-1200 or 1400-1700 at Cascade PD located at 1480 S Main St

#### District 4 – November 10<sup>th</sup>

- 0900-1200 or 1400-1700 at ITD District 4 Office located at 216 S Date St in Shoshone

#### District 5 – November 1<sup>st</sup>

- 0900-1200 at the Caribou County Sheriff's Office Safety/Ambulance Garage at 40 W Center in Soda Springs
- 1400-1700 at the Bingham County Sheriff's Office located at 501 N Maple St in Blackfoot

#### District 6 – November 2<sup>nd</sup>

- 0900-1200 at Bonneville County Sheriff's Office Training Center located at 577 D St in Idaho Falls
- 1400-1700 at Madison County Sheriff's Office located at 145 E Main St in Rexburg

If you are unable to attend one of these trainings, we will offer a session at our ITD HQ located at 3311 W State St in Boise, on Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, from 0900-1200.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call or email me. We truly appreciate your dedication and commitment to highway safety! Please pass this message to anyone you think should see it.

Thanks,

John Tomlinson  
Highway Safety Manager

# As Teen-Involved Crash Deaths Spike 10 Percent, New Report Spotlights Older Teen Driver Behavior

Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) – October 12, 2016

*Data reveal bigger safety gains from 2005-2014 for younger teen drivers; 18- to 20-year-olds more likely to be involved in a fatal crash*



WASHINGTON, D.C. – A new report from the [Governors Highway Safety Association](#) (GHSA) shows that while much progress has been made in reducing teen driver-involved traffic crashes and deaths over the past decade, teen drivers are still 1.6 times more likely to be involved in a fatal crash than their adult counterparts, and teen-involved crash deaths spiked 10 percent in 2015. The report, funded by a grant from the Ford Motor Company Fund, also sheds light on data that show the improvement in fatal crash rates among 18- to 20-year-old drivers was considerably less than for their 15- to 17-year-old counterparts, and that older teen drivers are involved in more fatal crashes than younger teens.

The report, [Mission Not Accomplished: Teen Safe Driving, the Next Chapter](#), calls on [State Highway Safety Offices](#) and teen driving advocates to carefully monitor what is happening with teen-involved motor vehicle fatalities while expanding their focus to address the heightened crash risk for older teens. The 2015 data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) showing the jump in teen-involved crash deaths is troubling, but this is the first uptick since 2006 and the report recommends actions that could be taken to avoid a full reversal of the downward trend seen over the past 10 years.

“This data shows that smart programs that focus on teen driving behavior have been very successful in helping novice and younger drivers be safer on the roads, but that we still have more to do,” said Jim Graham, Global Manager for the [Ford Driving Skills for Life](#) program. “We also need to make sure older teens benefit from these efforts. Our *Driving Skills for Life* program has trained more than 1 million new drivers in skills such as hazard recognition, vehicle handling, speed management and space management, and we encourage all drivers under 21 to participate.”

To best understand the challenges surrounding teen driving behavior, the report examined 10 years of data (encompassing 2005-2014) from NHTSA’s Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS), which contains data on all vehicle crashes in the United States that occur on a public roadway and involve a fatality. The data analysis used in the report was conducted by Richard Retting, Director of Safety/Research for Sam Schwartz Transportation Consultants, while the report was researched and written by nationally recognized teen driving expert Pam Fischer, Principal of Pam Fischer Consulting.

“This report drives home the message that there is still much to do to reduce teen driver fatal crashes and the resulting deaths,” said GHSA Executive Director Jonathan Adkins, who oversaw development of the report. “The increase in teen driver fatal crashes is concerning and states are keeping a watchful eye to see if this is the start of a reversal in the gains we’ve made over the past decade. We need to continue to support effective public policies that address this issue and make sure that all drivers under 21 years of age have access to programs that improve teen driver safety.”

In place in all 50 states, Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL) is a three-stage licensing system that is proven to reduce teen crash risk by as much as 30 percent. In nearly every state, teens age out of GDL requirements at age 18.

However, “it’s estimated that one in three teens are not licensed by 18,” said Fischer. “That means that once they do obtain a driver’s license, they’re not reaping the benefits of graduated driver licensing.” As 18- to 20-year olds

are still at a high crash risk, “policy makers need to understand that reaching age 18 doesn’t necessarily equate to mental maturity – which is critical for safe driving.”

GHSA’s report calls for an expansion of GDL to include all drivers younger than 21 years of age, and provides 11 recommendations (policies and best practices) for states to implement. Suggestions address opportunities for increased training of older teen drivers, high visibility enforcement, continued parental involvement, and safe driving programs at colleges.

States where these policies are in place or being considered include Maryland, where the *Rookie Driver* program requires all novice drivers regardless of age to complete 30 hours of classroom and six hours of behind the wheel training. In California, state officials and teen safe driving advocates are calling for passage of legislation that would expand that state’s GDL to include older teens, while advocates in Washington State are expected to unveil a teen driving legislative agenda in early 2017 that includes mandatory driver education for older teens.

The report also discusses the impact of a high visibility enforcement and education campaign in Mississippi, *Pay Attention, Pay a Fine...Stop the Knock*, which uses high school and college presentations and paid and earned media to educate and engage teens, and the Texas-based *U in the Driver Seat* program, a teen-led expansion of the high school peer-to-peer *Teens in the Driver Seat* program. Similar college-level programming is available in California, Ohio, Maryland, Iowa and New York and is increasing student awareness of unsafe driving behaviors and prompting them to protect themselves and their friends.

An interactive PDF version of the report and related infographics are [available online](#). GHSA will hold a webinar to discuss key findings and recommendations on October 20 at 2 p.m. EDT. Register at <http://bit.ly/ghsateenwebinar16>.

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### **About GHSA**

The Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) is a nonprofit association representing the highway safety offices of states, territories, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. GHSA provides leadership and representation for the states and territories to improve traffic safety, influence national policy, enhance program management and promote best practices. Its members are appointed by their Governors to administer federal and state highway safety funds and implement state highway safety plans. Contact GHSA at 202-789-0942 or visit [www.ghsa.org](http://www.ghsa.org). Find us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/GHSAhq](http://www.facebook.com/GHSAhq) or follow us on Twitter at [@GHSAHQ](https://twitter.com/GHSAHQ).

### **About Ford Driving Skills for Life**

*Ford Driving Skills for Life* was established in 2003 by Ford Motor Company Fund, the Governors Highway Safety Association, and a panel of safety experts to teach newly licensed teens and parents the necessary skills for safe driving beyond what they learn in standard driver education programs. The basic premise behind *Ford Driving Skills for Life* is to provide a step in the learning process, providing new skills and information not currently shared with newly licensed drivers in the basic driver education courses. The program has trained more than 1 million individuals in safe driving practices. It is offered in 34 countries, and hands-on driving clinics have been conducted in all 50 U.S. states, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia. For more information visit <http://www.drivingskillsforlife.com/>.

# GREAT Highway Safety Summit 2017

# EXPECTATIONS

Achieving "Toward Zero Deaths" in Idaho

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April 18-19, 2017 -- Boise, ID

## ITD OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY

### Fatalities By the Month\*

SEPTEMBER 2016

MONTH						CUMULATIVE TOTALS			
	Actual	Actual	Actual	13,14,15	Actual	Cumulative (,13,14,15)			
	2013	2014	2015	AVERAGE	2016	2013	2014	2015	2016
JAN	8	7	6	7	10	8	7	6	10
FEB	4	6	10	7	13	12	13	16	23
MAR	17	14	18	16	14	29	27	34	37
APR	14	13	10	12	19	43	40	44	56
MAY	16	18	17	17	27	59	58	61	83
JUN	19	22	28	23	32	78	80	89	115
JUL	31	27	31	30	24	109	107	120	139
AUG	22	26	22	23	28	131	133	142	167
SEP	16	19	24	20	23	147	152	166	190
OCT	29	9	20	19		176	161	186	
NOV	18	9	16	14		194	170	202	
DEC	20	16	14	17		214	186	216	
<b>YEAR TO DATE</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>190</b>				

\*Data limitations: This report is based on information provided by law enforcement agencies on crashes resulting in a death that occurs within 30 days of the crash. Data is preliminary and is subject to change. Totals of this report are the number of persons killed. Averages are rounded.

## 2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

To add an event to the calendar, contact [lisa.losness@itd.idaho.gov](mailto:lisa.losness@itd.idaho.gov)

Date	Event Description, Location
Nov 1, 2016	Grant Training Workshop – Lewiston ISP D2 ofc. 9:30-12:30
Nov 1, 2016	Grant Training Workshop – Caribou CSO 9:00-12:00
Nov 1, 2016	Grant Training Workshop – Bingham CSO 2:00-5:00
Nov 2, 2016	Grant Training Workshop – Sandpoint PD 8:00-11:00
Nov 2, 2016	Grant Training Workshop – Coeur d’Alene ITD D1 ofc. 1:00-4:00
Nov 2, 2016	Grant Training Workshop - Bonneville CSO 9:00-12:00
Nov 2, 2016	Grant Training Workshop – Madison CSO 2:00-5:00
Nov 4, 2016	Grant Training Workshop – Nampa PD 9:00-12:00 or 2:00– 5:00
Nov 4, 2016	Grant Training Workshop – Cascade PD 9:00-12:00 or 2:00-5:00
Nov 10, 2016	Grant Training Workshop – Boise ITD HQ 9:00-12:00 or 2:00-5:00
Nov 15-17, 2016	Child Passenger Safety Technician Class, Idaho Falls: <a href="mailto:carma@lemhickeyidaho.org">carma@lemhickeyidaho.org</a>
Nov 17-27, 2016	Mobilization - SEAT BELT – Thanksgiving, Buckle up America
Dec 12, 2016-Jan 3, 2017	Mobilization – IMPAIRED DRIVING -Holiday Season
<b>April 18-19, 2017</b>	<b>Idaho Highway Safety Summit, Boise ID</b>



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