



TEEN DRIVER STUDY COMMISSION REPORT

Implementation Update
May 21, 2009


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MISSION

To conduct a comprehensive review of teen driving in New Jersey and make recommendations that will ultimately reduce crashes and save lives.

TDSC MEMBERS



- Legislators
 - School administrators
 - Government and law enforcement officials
 - AAA, driving school and insurance industry professionals
 - Teen driver
 - PTA member
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YOUNG DRIVERS IN NEW JERSEY

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- Every 9 minutes a teen crashes in New Jersey.
 - Car crashes #1 killer of teens (16-20 year olds)
 - 2001-2008, more than 400 NJ teen drivers/passengers killed in crashes.
 - Teen drivers represent 6% of driving population, but are involved in 13% of crashes.
 - 59,702 teen driver crashes in 2007, up 4% since 2005.
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CRASH CAUSATION FACTORS



- Driver Inattention
 - Unsafe Speed
 - Failure to Yield Right of Way to Vehicle/Ped
 - Following too Closely
 - Road Surface Condition
 - Backing Unsafely
 - Failure to Obey Traffic Control Device
 - Other Driver/Ped Action
 - Improper Lane Change
 - Improper Turning
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NJ TEEN CRASHES

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- Prevalence in June, October, December
- Friday between 3-6 p.m., Noon-3 p.m.
- Middlesex County (suburban) greatest #
- Hudson County (urban) lowest #
- Sussex County (rural) greatest % of all crashes (1 out of 4)

SEVEN KEY AREAS



- Graduated Drivers License
 - Driver Education
 - Driver Training
 - Enforcement
 - Judicial
 - Insurance Industry
 - Schools
 - Technology
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ESSENTIAL RECOMMENDATIONS

“14...essential for stemming the tide of teen driver crashes...”

Sanctions

Vehicle Identifier

Parent/Teen Orientation

Permit Length

Seat Belts

Funding

Technology

Training & Education

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CURRENT GDL LAW

Permit at 16 (6 hrs. BTW) or 17 (hold min. 6 months)

License at 17 (hold provisional license min. 12 months)



Restrictions: nighttime, passengers, seat belts, portable electronic devices (\$100 fine, no points)

THE NEW AND IMPROVED GDL






Permit Phase

- Complete a parent/teen orientation
 - Minimum age 16
 - Pass vision screening and written test
 - Hold permit for a minimum of one year
 - Minimum 6 hour behind-the-wheel training for 16 year old, optional for 17-20 year olds
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THE NEW AND IMPROVED GDL



Permit Phase (cont)

- Minimum 50 hours of certified practice driving (10 of those hours must be at night)
 - Minimum of 100 hours of certified practice driving (20 of those hours must be at night) without behind-the-wheel training
 - Display a “GDL” identifier on vehicle
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Permit Phase

- Limit of one passenger regardless of relationship to driver (unless parent/guardian in vehicle)
- No driving between 11:01 p.m. and 5 a.m.
- No use of hand-held or hands-free interactive wireless devices (cell phones, ipods, video games, etc.)
- Driver and all passengers must wear seat belts



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Probationary Phase

- Complete all requirements of the permit
- Pass skills/road test
- Minimum age 17
- Hold probationary license for one year
- Display a “GDL” identifier on vehicle



THE NEW AND IMPROVED GDL



Probationary Phase

- Limit of one passenger regardless of relationship to the license holder (unless parent/guardian in vehicle)
- No driving between 11:01 p.m. and 5 a.m. (waiver available for employment, religious activities and/or emergency situations)
- No use of hand-held or hands-free interactive, wireless devices (cell phones, ipods, video games, etc.)
- Driver and all passengers must wear seat belts



WHERE WE ARE TODAY



Attorney General Directive

Effective Sept. 17, 2008 – bans municipal prosecutors from offering plea agreements to all GDL holders

3 points triggers training and monitoring for 12 months; additional points trigger 90 day suspension

17 yr olds #1 user of “unsafe operator”



IDENTIFYING GDL HOLDERS

NEW JERSEY CLASS: D

PROVISIONAL AUTO LICENSE

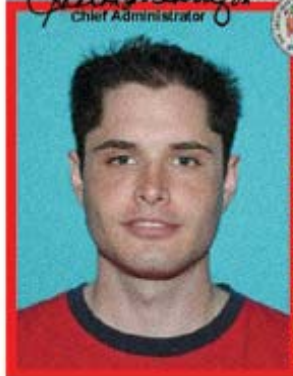
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Supply: parent and teen's names, DOBs, address,
d-license #s

Accidents, violations, municipal court & MVC
administrative actions, privilege status



LEGISLATION



Signed into law by Governor Corzine on April 15, 2009:

A3069/S2314 – vehicle identifier (Kyleigh’s Law)


A3070/S16 – nighttime and passenger restrictions, “probationary”

Effective May 1, 2010



IMPLICATIONS



- No grandfathering
 - Decal most likely: removable, reflectorized, non-descript, affixed to front & rear I-plates, multiple distribution channels
 - \$100 fine for failure to display
 - Eliminates “family chauffer” syndrome
 - Passenger exemption for dependents
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LEGISLATION

Two other bills approved by full Assembly:

A3067 – codifies ban on plea agreements

A3068/S2848 – parent/teen orientation, 12 month permit, practice driving, 6 hrs BTW

Introduced in Senate,
developed orientation outline & building
provider network, reviewing d-school regs.

LEGISLATION



Closing the backseat loophole:

A870 – Assembly approved in February

S18 – stalled in the Senate (Singer/Stack)

New campaign underway:
www.njbackseatbullet.com



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LEGISLATION

Recently introduced and/or moving:

A3635 – Driver and passengers cited for GDL violations

A3545/S2751 – Exempts Ag license holders from GDL permit restrictions

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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT


Revise MOA to include police departments notifying schools when teens commit GDL and/or moving violations.

Tie to parking privilege

OAG/DOE MOA Committee review, information in FAQs, sample policy

GDL CHECKPOINTS



- Tie education with enforcement
 - Engage schools in pushing out the message...
“Don’t Drive Stupid”
 - Set up check points at/near schools and other teen frequented areas
 - Emphasis isn’t on writing tickets, but violations should be cited
 - DHTS provides enforcement grants, materials
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TEEN SOCIAL MARKETING

**DRIVING STUPID
CAN REALLY MAKE
YOU LOOK BAD**



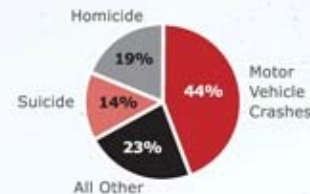
DON'T DRIVE STUPID™

- Always Wear a Seat Belt.
- Make Your Passengers Wear Their Seat Belts.
- Don't Use Your Cell Phone While Driving.
- Keep a Safe Distance, Don't Tailgate or Speed.
- Plan Ahead, Don't Be in a Rush.
- Never Drive Under the Influence of Drugs or Alcohol.
- Be Familiar with Your Car.

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You're at the highest risk of being involved in a car crash during your first 12 to 24 months of driving.

Traffic crashes are the leading cause of death for teens.



New Jersey Graduated Driver's License (GDL) Restrictions:

- You may not drive between 12:01 a.m. and 5:00 a.m.
- You may not have more than one friend in your car.
- You may not use a cell phone or any other hand-held electronic device.
- You and your passengers must wear seat belts.
- You face a fine of \$100 and possible license suspension if you violate the GDL law.




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OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS



- Statewide curriculum
 - Police/prosecutor training
 - Web-based resources
 - Business involvement
 - Ongoing GDL research
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NEW RESOURCES

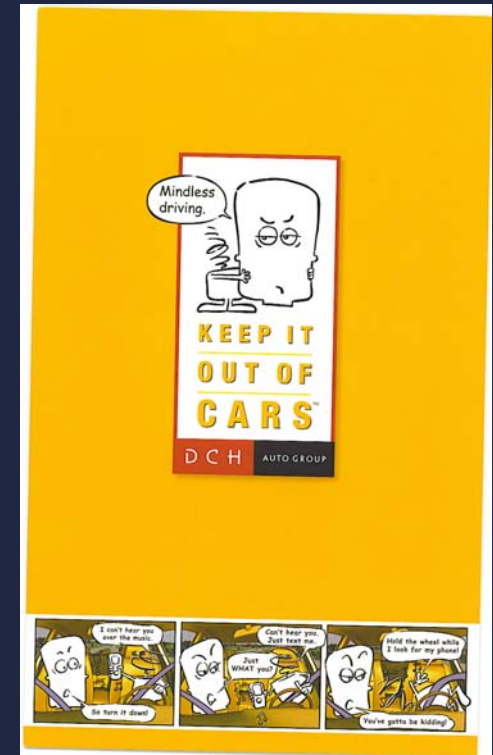
DCH Auto Group Student
Leadership Scholarships

SADD Chapters

Keep It Out of Cars Program

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NEW RESOURCES

Motorcycle Safety Foundation Video

“Intersections”

MVC/DHTS

donating to all

high school

driver ed programs

09-10 school yr



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MORE INFORMATION

Commission Report, NJ Young Driver Report, *Alive at 25 How to Guide* and *Don't Drive Stupid* materials:

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