



Traffic crashes are the #1 killer of teens. Every year, young drivers are involved in more than six million collisions, resulting in 14,000 fatalities. Although young drivers only represent 13% of all licensed drivers, they cause 28% of all traffic crashes and 24% of all fatal crashes. By understanding the risks and hazards a teen driver faces while behind the wheel, teens and their parents can work together to keep them safe.

The program began in Colorado in 1996. NHTSA statistics state 20.25/20,000 drivers in the age group of 15-24 years old die in a crash each year. Of the Colorado Alive at 25 NLEC graduates, 5.45/20,000 have died in a crash. Graduates of the Colorado program are 74% less likely to be killed in a crash than their national counterparts. "Alive at 25" is now taught in several states, including Texas.

Defensive Driving Course-Alive at 25

The program is nothing like the very boring defensive driving many adults have had to take. The program has a strong focus on good decision-making skills. Skill practice and on-the-spot defensive driving techniques help change bravado into confidence. In addition /to language that resonates with young adults, there's also emphasis on classroom participation. Participants are encouraged to join in non-threatening, non-judgmental discussions — exploring how changing driving behavior makes personal, legal and financial sense.

Since 1995, more than 850,000 young adults have learned life-saving defensive driving skills from "Alive at 25" training. The course addresses the number one cause of death for drivers ages 15 to 24 — motor vehicle crashes — and has been adopted by many states and courts for graduated licensing and traffic violator programs. The program shows young drivers how to take greater responsibility for their driving behavior. A compelling video challenges participants to imagine life without them.

What young adults will learn:

- Why drivers ages 15 to 24 often underestimate risks
- The effects of inexperience, peer pressure and distractions such as cell phones, text messaging, MP3 players and GPS units
- The dangers of "kneeing" — or driving with your knees
- State and local driving laws
- Communication skills for assertiveness and being a young leader
- Responsibility of passengers

We are fortunate in Georgetown to have 3 certified instructors, Sgt. Erik Grasse, Sgt. Renee Koog, and Lt. Amy Janik. Sgt. Koog is also certified as a trainer – to train other instructors.

To find out when classes are scheduled, check this website
<https://texasaliveteam.simplecivi.com/civicrm/event/info?reset=1&id=175>

