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 “kneeling” — 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