



Posted on Thu, Apr. 02, 2009

Free videos aim to reduce teen driving fatalities

BY JOE RODRIGUEZ
The Wichita Eagle

A video meant to educate teenagers about safe driving -- and decrease the number of teen-related crashes and fatalities -- is now available.

The video project, announced today, features Kansas law enforcement officers, parents of teens who died in crashes, a driver's education instructor and teens who survived crashes.

Copies of the "Risky Business: Teen Driving in Kansas" video -- a 27-minute one and a 15-minute one -- are available upon request. People should e-mail boliva@aaa-alliedgroup.com for a free copy.

The video is meant to curb the high rate of traffic crashes and fatalities involving teenagers. According to the Kansas Department of Transportation, teenagers make up just 7 percent of drivers but represent 20 percent of the accidents in the state and 13 percent of fatalities.

The video is a project of AAA Kansas and was funded by the AAA Kansas Traffic Safety Fund, the Kansas Department of Transportation, the Kansas Turnpike Authority, the Sunflower Foundation and the Kansas Health Foundation.

It was produced by a team of faculty and students at Wichita State University. The team also produced a companion brochure with information for teen drivers and their parents.

© 2007 Wichita Eagle and wire service sources. All Rights Reserved. <http://www.kansas.com>