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DTSE Data Project

For those of you who have been following the progression of the Driver & Traffic Safety Education (DTSE) Program you will remember that about four years ago the State Education Department office which manages this program underwent a significant change. This office was charged with managing the "Driver Ed" program, but also improving it. Shortly thereafter the forms that many of you filled out for program approval were changed from the old SE-4 form to the new DE-1 form. The change in

forms spawned greater responsibilities in reporting and collecting of certain pieces of data. The new forms now ask such questions as "How many teachers (MV-283 card holders) were in your programs", "Does your program contract with a commercial driving school", "Is your program credit bearing or tuition based?", etc. This increased data collection has come to fruition, and the DTSE office is happy to report that the information has been collected, input into a data base, and is now available to

the public. The total counts of this data appear below; however, the full data report will be made available at:

www.p12.nysed.gov/cte/de/dtse-data.html

This data will continue to be collected, and this report will be published on an annual basis. As the years go by we will begin to produce the kind of longitudinal data that will allow us to follow trends of school participation in the Driver & Traffic Safety Education program.

DTSE Program Count					Contracts With Commercial Driving Schools	MV 283 Card Holders (teachers)	MV 524 Card Holders (instructors)
	Summer	Fall	Spring	Total			
Credit Bearing	92	81	83	256			
Non Credit Bearing	406	381	388	1,175			
Total	498	462	471	1,431	295	739	496

DERIC DRIVER ED CURRICULUM PROJECT

In 2008 Governor Patter-son passed a law requiring Commissioner Mills of the New York State Education Department (NYSED) and Commis-

sioner Swarts of the New York State (NYS) Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to sit on an advisory panel whose purpose was to review

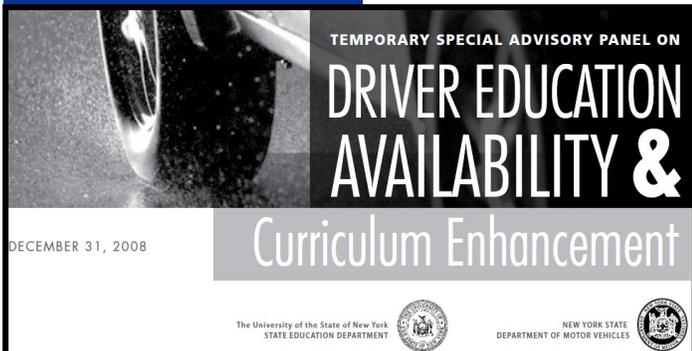
Driver & Traffic Safety Education in New York State. This advisory panel culminated in the Temporary Special Advisory Panel on Driver Educa-



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tion Availability & Curriculum Enhancement Report dated December 31, 2008. The report outlined 13 recommendations, one of which was to “Design a standardized curriculum and related materials based on the Driver Education learning standards that maximize hazard recognition and experience of young drivers”. In response to the report’s recommendations, NYSED and DMV partnered with the NYS Department of Health (DOH), the Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee (GTSC) and Health Research, Inc. (HRI) to create the Driver Education Research and Innovation Center (DERIC).

In NYS, driver education is not a mandatory part of a school’s program offerings, nor is it a requirement for obtaining a driv-

er’s license. In addition, there is no mandated or standardized curriculum for driver education, so the quality of driver education instruction widely varies from program to program. DERIC was developed to identify, develop and recommend driver education curricula that is relevant, engaging and developmentally appropriate. The ultimate goal is to develop a driver education program that includes a standardized driver education curriculum that increases safe driving behaviors and is valued by parents, students and instructors.

This curriculum is being developed via a modular approach using the Understanding by Design curriculum development process. The curriculum development, pilot testing, and curriculum rollout schedule have been viewed favorably by the State Education Department. The first module, currently being developed, focuses on Distracted Driving/Driver Inattention. This module will be complete by the end of September, and will be pilot tested in 6

NYS schools during the spring 2014 semester. A total of 14 modules will be developed with three more planned for the coming year. The next modules will focus on Occupant Protection, Unsafe Speed and Signs, Signals and Markings.

During this process, DERIC will once again be hosting Educational Summits to keep Driver Education teachers updated on the curriculum development process. The schedule for these events is as follows:

- January - Albany
- February - New Paltz
- March - Syracuse
- April - Rochester
- May - Buffalo
- June - Long Island

More specific details will be provided at a later time in this newsletter and via the DERIC mailing list. If you are interested in more information or would like to be placed on the mailing list, please contact the DERIC coordinator, Betsy Rees, at ear09@health.state.ny.us or 518-473-1143.

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Driver Education Research and Innovation Center

Steering Teenage Drivers in a Safe Direction

NYS Driver Education Conference

This year's New York State Driver & Traffic Safety Education Association (NYSDTSEA) conference will be held on March 8th at the Turning Stone Conference Center in Verona, New York.

This conference is a great way for teachers to earn professional development hours while being exposed to the latest Driver

& Traffic Safety Education (DTSE) curricular developments, products, philosophies, and political agendas related to DTSE.



The NYSDTSEA Web site is located at

www.nysdtsea.org

and the NYSDTSEA conference Web page is located at

<http://nysdtsea-frontview.weebly.com/conf-registration-p-42.html>.

**NYSDTSEA
Conference
March 8th**

NOYS Teen Safe Driving Programs

The National Organization for Youth Safety (NOYS) is a collaboration of over 70 national, youth-serving organizations, including non-profit organizations, business and industry leaders, and government agencies, with the common goal of promoting safe and healthy behaviors among our nation's youth.

The NOYS mission is to promote youth empower-

ment and leadership and build partnerships that will save lives, prevent injuries, and promote safe and healthy lifestyles among all youth.



One particular program sponsored by NOYS is the Drive 4 Pledges Day Tool Kit, which is a part of their "Texting & Driving: it can wait campaign".

The tool kit consists of several free downloadable tools that are available at http://www.noys.org/it_can_wait.aspx.



National Organizations for Youth Safety

Did You Know?

Did you know that for Driver & Traffic Safety Education Programs who contract with commercial driving schools to supplement the Behind-The-Wheel portion of a class must fill out their own paper work (e.g. forms DE-1 and DE-1A). Moreover, a commercial driving school may not fill out said forms nor influence any school administrator on what information to place on these forms. Check out the directions under section IX a of form DE-1 located at:

<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/cte/de/forms.html> for more information.

If you need help filling out any DTSE forms call the New York State Education Department's Driver & Traffic Safety Education office at 518-486-1547.

Did You Know?

Did you know that every approved Driver & Traffic Safety Education program is expected to distribute its class make-up policy to students. The New York State Education Department's Driver & Traffic Safety Education Program Guidelines state, "Schools must develop and publish written guidance regarding make-up sessions" under section III article 2. For more information on the DTSE Guidelines go to:

<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/cte/de/2010Guidelines.html#Section3>.

Did You Know?

If you print DE-1 and DE-1A forms on both sides, we can save, on average, 10 pages per DE-1 or DE-1A? If you calculate the number of forms processed by the NYS DTSE office during the month of June alone (155), and multiply that by 10 pages, we could have saved over 1,500 pieces of paper!

Please consider printing forms on both sides. We also ask that you combine the essential attachments for each teacher/instructor onto 1 page per person.

*Teachers must have their driver's license, MV-283 card, and Secondary certification.

*Instructors must have their driver's license, MV-524 card, and proof of 30 Hour Basic Instructor's Course.

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