

Driver Education Newsletter

November 2020

Greetings,

I want to start off by saying “Well Done Everyone!” I know that this has probably been the hardest school year you’ve experienced in your career. I appreciate all the extra work you have put in to keep educating our new drivers and in turn helping to keep our roadways safe.

As the state’s case rates increase again, many DMV and sheriff’s offices are either closed or not accepting out-of-county appointments. This is making it harder for students to obtain their permits prior to driver education classes starting. We are still waiving the requirement to have a permit before any instruction begins. However, **ABSOLUTELY NO** behind-the-wheel instruction can take place without a permit.

Recently I have received a few calls from instructors about students caught driving outside of class hours without their permit. Whether they receive a ticket or not, this is a violation of the operating policies and procedures of the [Program Manual](#). It is a good idea to have all students and parent/guardians sign that they acknowledge these policies. If you don’t already have something for signatures, I have uploaded an example on the website or [click here](#).

Another thing I would like to clarify for our newer instructors is when students fail driver education classes. It doesn’t matter the age of the student, the permit is sent back to the DMV office with a note stating the student failed. There is a misconception about if the student is already 17 or older. They aren't required take Driver Education, therefore, they can have their permit even if they fail—FALSE! The student has not yet taken the knowledge test which is required if they want to obtain an Instructional Permit at 17 years old and not take Driver Education.

If you have questions, please contact me at ekormylo@sde.idaho.gov. I am glad to assist in any way I can. Keep up the great work and stay healthy!! - Emily



The Office of Highway Safety (OHS) is excited to bring to you the **Virtual 2020 Idaho Highway Safety Summit** on **December 3, 2020 from 1:30-3:00pm MST**. This year’s summit will feature a live keynote presentation about leadership from Idaho State Police Colonel Kedrick Wills. In addition to the live event, there will be opportunities to take three sessions (at your convenience) anytime up until January 31, 2021. The sessions are:

- How About Positive Community Interactions - Nick Knoll; Tauna Davis; and Corp. Kyle Wills
- Want Funding? OHS Grants 101 - Josephine Middleton and Kelly Campbell
- Keeping You "Legally" Informed - Jared Olson

During the virtual event on December 3rd, registered participants will be sent a link and instructions to access the sessions.

[register here](#) or visit <https://www.eventleaf.com/2020HSS>

Driver Education Professional Development hours will be available. Please join us even if you can’t watch the entire live event. This will get you the link to access the other sessions.

Scary Incident

A driver education car had a scary incident last week when the brakes failed without warning. Thankfully all the occupants were uninjured and the only casualty was a sign that stopped the car. This serves as a great reminder that we need to be teaching and practicing the steps for how to deal with brake failure while driving. Please don't wait until page 381 to cover this topic. Practice this under controlled circumstances so that our students know how to manage this emergency safely.

Idaho's Battle of the Belts Seeks 2021 Entries

The Office of Highway Safety, in partnership with State Farm Insurance, is pleased to present the Idaho Battle of the Belts competition! In this competition, we invite high school students across Idaho to develop plans for increasing seat belt use in their high schools and their communities and the opportunity to compete for up to \$2,500 in student scholarship awards, as well as up to \$1,500 for the high school. Collaboration and fun are encouraged!



[Click here](#) to learn more about the competition and to submit your application. Questions on the Idaho Battle of the Belts may be submitted to Tabitha Smith, Occupant Protection Program Manager—Phone: (208)334-8104—Email: Tabitha.Smith@itd.idaho.gov. The deadline for applications is January 31, 2021.



Next NNU Instructor Course starts

January 18, 2021

Please spread the word to teachers interested. We have changed the hour requirements to better fit Certified or Non-Certified teachers and programs using IDLA. Please contact [Emily Kormylo](#) for more details. [Click here](#) to register.

guest speaker

We have several organizations willing to give presentations to our driver education students. Most are willing to do online presentations during COVID restrictions. It is a great way to show students that many organizations care about their safety and want them to be responsible drivers. Please take the time to schedule at least one guest speaker for your students.



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Contact ITD Public Information Officer
Jillian Garrigues at (208) 334-8825 or
jillian.garrigues@itd.idaho.gov



Contact Idaho Operon Lifesaver
Oli.Idaho@gmail.com
Click here to request a
Safety Presentation



TREASURE VALLEY OF IDAHO

Reach out today to schedule a
presentation.

TVsaferoutes@valleyregionaltransit.org

NHTSA 2020 Communications Calendar

Campaign Material Available at www.TrafficSafetyMarketing.gov

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November 9-29

Click It or Ticket

OCCUPANT PROTECTION

Paid Media

National Enforcement Mobilization



November 25-29

Thanksgiving Holiday Travel

IMPAIRED DRIVING

DRUG-IMPAIRED DRIVING



November 25

Blackout Wednesday



November 26

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Thanksgiving Holiday Travel

OCCUPANT PROTECTION

Primary Message: *Buckle Up. Every Trip. Every Time.*



November 30– December 15

Pre-Holiday Season

IMPAIRED DRIVING

DRUG-IMPAIRED DRIVING

Primary Message: *Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving*



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December 16 - January 1

Holiday Season

IMPAIRED DRIVING

DRUG-IMPAIRED DRIVING

Primary Messages:
Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over;
If You Feel Different, You Drive Different
Drive High - Get a DUI

Project Roadblock:
Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving

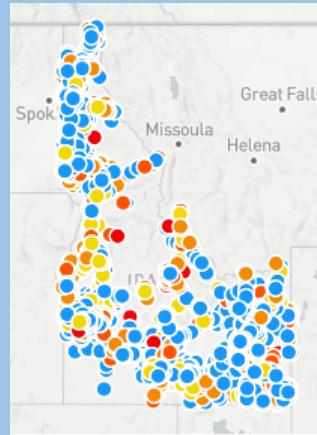
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In Case You Missed It

<https://itd.idaho.gov/safety/>



For those who were not able to attend the ITD Safety Dashboard training presented by Numetrics on October 21, 2020, there will be an alternative way to learn about the Safety Dashboards. Numetrics, the creator of this software and presenter, has offered to make a tutorial for instructors to view at their convenience. You will still be

able to complete the assignment posted on the SDE website under the Events & Training tab. 2 hours of Professional Development will be awarded upon completion of the assignment.

I hope you will consider taking a look at this cool, FREE, resource and incorporating into your teaching. Here is what instructors are saying:

“I found the training enjoyable, well presented, and relevant. I will share with my math teachers! Also a great example of Geographical Information Systems (GIS) at work! Multiple curricular applications. Thanks!” - Mike T.

“Thanks again, I thought it was a great training.” - Holly L.



The Office of Highway Safety is excited to announce the **2021 Highway Safety Summit** will be held in Boise at the Boise Centre from **April 12-14, 2021.**

Currently, this event is planned for in-person; however, OHS will continue to monitor the situation closer to the event.



Fasten Your Seatbelt or the Turkey Won't Make it!

