

San Clemente High School ASB and PTSA

Present:

“Teens Behind The Wheel”



What *You* Need to Know About The Leading Cause of Death For 16-19 year olds!

Thursday, February 22, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.
San Clemente High School
Lower Campus - Triton Center

- Hear keynote speaker, Ronn Langford, of Driving Skills Institute, discuss the “learning to drive process” and how to maximize *your* new driver’s chances of surviving on today’s busy streets and highways.
- Learn effective driving strategies to help *your* teen be a safe driver and passenger.
- Watch the Mock DUI video our Junior and Senior ASB students have filmed to get an idea of the reenactment they will participate in on Friday morning.
- Hear the tragic side of what happens to drivers and their *passengers* when inexperience is mixed with driver distraction.

All attendees will receive a driving log booklet and a family-teen driving contract.

Teen Drivers in Orange County

16 to 19 year olds represent 4.2% of the licensed drivers in Orange County, but caused 12.8% of the collisions.

In 2005, there were 7,608 collisions involving teen drivers between the ages of 15 and 19. That is an average of 21 collisions per day!

Source: *Teen Traffic Safety in Orange County, California*, UCI Center for Trauma and Injury Prevention Research (2006)

Passengers = Distraction: 90% of teens report *passenger* behavior is distracting them.

Seat Belts Save Lives: Two thirds of teens killed in fatal car crashes were *not* wearing seat belts.

Speed Kills: More than a third of teen driver fatalities involve speeding.

Night Driving = Nightmares: While only 15% of teen drivers’ miles occur at night, 40% of their fatal crashes take place at this time.

Come early to pick up invaluable resources from: JourneySafe, SafeRides, MasterDrive, SCHS Auto Academy, Parent Project, Orange County Sheriff’s Department Driver’s Education, OC Fire Authority.

Sources: Insurance Institute of Highway; National Highway Traffic Safety Administration; Center for Injury Research and Prevention at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia; The National Safety Council’s *Family Guide to Teen Driver Safety*.