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Teens Can Earn Driver's License Over Winter Break

National Safety Council Offers Special Drivers' Education Program over the Holidays

(November 21, 2011, Omaha, NE)—Teens can fulfill the requirements to earn their driver's license over the winter break through a driver education program provided by National Safety Council, Nebraska, formerly the Greater Omaha Chapter.

The driver education program is uniquely tailored to address the issues most relevant to teens, such as the role of technology, emotions, and other distractions in a person's ability to drive safely. Classes address issues such as the increase in risk for a car crash with every teen passenger, texting while driving, and the impact of strong emotions on awareness and reaction time.

“Given the recent teen driver fatalities, parents may be interested in a proven method of reducing teen driving crashes,” said Kay Farrell, National Safety Council, Nebraska, president. “The National Safety Council program is uniquely designed to address the safety risks of driving for teens, like speeding texting while driving.”

National Safety Council, Nebraska developed a driver education class that takes advantage of the winter break to fulfill the requirements for the Provisional Operators Permit (POP). The program is similar to the summer session schedule and includes four classroom sessions from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Dec. 10, 17, 26 and 28. The course also includes from two to five hours of behind-the-wheel instruction, which are chosen from two-hour drive session choices held on Dec. 22, 23, 27, 29 and 30. This program meets or exceeds all requirements for the State of Nebraska approved driver training program for the Provisional Operator's Permit (POP.) Those who complete all classroom sessions and pass both the written and drive test and are under age 18 will receive the DMV Waiver of Testing.

To enroll, students must be 15 years old and hold a valid Nebraska Learner's Permit or Provisional Operators Permit; or be 14 years and 2 months old with a valid Nebraska Learner's Permit and be attempting to obtain a School Permit.

To register or learn more, visit SafeNebraska.org/safe-driving/driver-education.php.

About the National Safety Council, Nebraska

Founded in 1924 and formerly known as National Safety Council, Greater Omaha

Chapter, the National Safety Council, Nebraska, is a private non-profit, community based organization that promotes safety and health by providing programs, resource services and education to individuals and organizations to prevent and reduce both the personal and economic loss associated with injuries, accidents and health hazards wherever they exist. Through its leadership, the greater Omaha five-county area acquired the Safe Community designation by the World Health Organization (WHO) in 2007. For more information, visit www.safenebraska.org.