



Partners for Safe Teen Driving
Required Parent Meeting for Behind the Wheel Participation

Car crashes are the leading cause of death among 16-19 year olds. Our community has been touched by its own teen tragedies on local roadways. *Partners for Safe Teen Driving* is an initiative to reduce the number of car crashes and save lives of teen drivers through parent awareness and education. This required parent meeting targets parents as key players in influencing teens to drive safely and responsibly. The meeting will bring together parents, students, schools, law enforcement and community resources for an awareness campaign. The meeting agenda includes the following:

- An explanation of the Behind the Wheel program and the 45-Hour Parent/Teen Driving Guide with required log sheet.
- Highlights of traffic laws pertaining to teens and the graduated licensing restrictions from the Stafford County Sheriff's Office.
- Information for *Reducing the Risk* from GEICO.
- The parents' role in teen driving.

Parents of students who are currently taking PE 10 and classroom driver education will be invited to the *Partners for Safe Teen Drivers* meeting. **If a student plans to take the optional course of Behind the Wheel through Stafford Schools, the parent and student must attend the meeting.** A student will not be allowed to register for Behind the Wheel training without meeting all requirements, including the parent's and student's attendance at the meeting. Stafford County Schools is committed to working with parents to keep our students safe and reduce teen crashes.

The following meeting dates are available to provide access to all parents. If the meeting at your teen's school is not convenient or timely, you are encouraged to attend a meeting at an alternate school site. The program is approximately ninety minutes long and begins at 7:00 p.m. **Since the program's inception, the number one recommendation has been to require the student to attend; therefore, since 2006 mandatory attendance of this meeting by both the parent and the student has been a requirement.**

- **Students and parents must attend the meeting together.**
- **Please arrive 15 minutes early due to the sign-in process.**
- **No one will be admitted 10 minutes after the meeting begins.**

School	1 st Semester	School	2 nd Semester
Mountain View	Sept. 19, 2016	Mountain View	Feb. 6, 2017
Brooke Point	Oct. 5, 2016	Brooke Point	March 1, 2017
North Stafford	Nov. 15, 2016	North Stafford	April 5, 2017
Stafford High	Dec. 12, 2016	Stafford High	May 15, 2017
Colonial Forge	Jan 10, 2017	Colonial Forge	June 5, 2017

Please contact the Driver Education Building Coordinator if you have you questions:

Brooke Point High School	Desiree Panyard	658-6080
Colonial Forge High School	Anthony Norman	658-6115
Mountain View High School	Steve Cassidy	658-6840
North Stafford High School	Jawaad Douglas	658-6150
Stafford High School	Scott Coleman	371-7200

Sample parent comments from last year's meeting evaluations include:

"Thank you! I didn't realize how much I would gain from this program prior to attending. You have started a program that I hope catches on with other counties throughout the state and beyond."

"This presentation was excellent! The information was truly an eye opener."