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Students learn how to 'Rule the Road' this summer at the Elkhart County Sheriff's Department

ELKHART — A unique lesson in safe driving will be available at no cost for teen drivers this summer at the Elkhart County Sheriff's Department.

Organized in partnership with the Governor's Council on Impaired and Dangerous Driving and Students Against Destructive Decisions, "Rule the Road" will offer about 100 new drivers the chance to practice their skills on a closed course. Students also will get up-close experiences on the importance of using seat belts and staying sober behind the wheel.

The July 7 event, geared specifically for 15- to 18-year-olds, will be at sheriff's department, 26861 C.R. 26, Elkhart. A full brochure and registration packet is available at elkhartcountysheriff.com/ruletheroad.pdf, and the deadline to register is June 23.

"This is an excellent opportunity for young people to learn from our certified emergency vehicle operators," said Undersheriff Sean Holmes. "We will go over four key areas — hazard recognition, vehicle handling, space management and speed management — that we feel help prevent crashes, injuries and fatalities. It's important to teach these good habits at a young age."

Parents wanting to learn more should contact either the sheriff's department or Angie Morris of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute, (317) 232-2561 and angmorris@cji.in.gov. ICJI also is seeking sponsorship partners to offset costs associated with T-shirts and study materials for the event.

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