



Office Of The Sheriff - Henry County

Press Release

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Sheriff's Office Offers Youth Driver Educational Program

The Youth Educational Driver's Program is the result of "Joshua's law" where potential drivers at age 16 must complete a prescribed state program before being allowed to acquire a Georgia driver's license. Part of that program includes 30 hours of classroom instruction by certified law enforcement officers.

This fee based program went into effect January 2007 and is being taught by trained deputies from the Henry County Sheriff's Office. Although not required for teens 17 and older many parents see the value of their young drivers learning the facts in an interactive environment from trained professionals. There are also financial values for those students who successfully complete the 30 hour program. Most insurance companies offer discounts off the cost for insuring young drivers. Additionally, the State of Georgia allows a tax credit up to \$150.

According to Sheriff Keith McBrayer; "This program helps make young people informed drivers and with the heavy traffic around Henry County it is important they understand the responsibilities for sharing the road." The Sheriff added. "We want to continue this service for our community for as long as we can."

This program does NOT include the 40 hours of supervised driving which can be provided by parents or guardians. The Sheriff went on to say; "The program is provided by law enforcement professionals who can relate to real life experiences and who understand and can explain traffic laws and the consequences for being an unsafe or unaware driver."

The goal of this 30 hour course is not only to teach your teens the rules of the road; it is to help them learn to be safe, responsible drivers. The cost of this course is \$175.00 which includes instruction and course materials. Course sizes are generally limited to 30 or less students.

The next class is being held over four days July 12, 13, 14 and 15. To learn more call 770-288-7147 or visit the Henry County Sheriff's Office web site at www.HenryCountySheriff.net and look for the Youth Drivers Program button on the home page for details.

