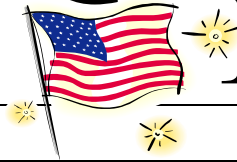




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April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month

April is National Distracted Driving Awareness Month. It may take only a matter of seconds to glance at your phone, but, if you are driving at 60 miles an hour, your eyes are blind to the road while you drive the length of a football field.

Distracted driving is a public health issue that affects us all. The latest statistics show motor vehicle fatalities up 6% from 2015. More than 40,000 people were killed on our nation's roadways in 2017, and distracted driving is a major contributor.

Each death is 100% preventable. From cell phones to dashboard infotainment systems to evolving voice command features - all pose a threat to our safety.

*Put down the phone
and pay attention!*

HOW TO OBSERVE DISTRACTED DRIVING AWARENESS MONTH

1) Drive responsibly. Duh. We don't care if your friend has to wait until you get home to find out whether or not you're going to Josh's party. We would much rather you stay alive to go to said party.

2) Listen to music, podcasts, or audio books. What a great alternative to handicapping yourself with texting! Jamming out to your tunes or listening to an epic fight scene is much more entertaining than discussing what you want for dinner anyway.

3) Take a roadtrip with friends. Not only is this a fun way to bond, but your friends are actually there. Plus, it's rude to text while visiting with people.

DISTRACTED DRIVING AWARENESS MONTH - HISTORY

1886: Automobile is invented. The first car was invented in Germany by Carl Benz - his wife, Bertha, proceeded to "borrow" it to drive her and her two sons to Pforzheim from Mannheim, proving cars could drive over longer distances than just short stints.

1895: First car race won. The first car race took place in America and was won by two former bicycle mechanics: Charles Duryea and J. Frank.

1908: Ford brings cars to the masses. Henry Ford kick-started the concept of an assembly line building Model T's.

The establishment of mass-produced vehicles made cars accessible for the common folk.

1911: Rear view mirrors invented. Ray Harroun utilized the first rear view mirror during a race so he could see which cars were catching up to him.

2020: Google plans to release driverless cars. Google plans to release cars with an "auto-pilot" for the public (the machine uprising will most likely follow shortly after).



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Last year deadliest for pedestrians since 1990

Pedestrian deaths continue to climb, even as other traffic fatalities decline. Nearly half of the deaths occurred in just five states.

- Last year, 6,227 pedestrians died in the United States, marking the highest number since 1990.
- Over the last decade, pedestrian deaths have risen by 35% while other traffic deaths declined by 6%.
- The Governors Highway Safety Association attributes the rise to more people driving, population growth, and the prevalence of SUVs and smartphones.

Pedestrian deaths have been on the rise for a decade, reaching their highest level since 1990 last year.

"While we have made progress reducing fatalities among many other road users in the past decade, pedestrian deaths have risen 35%," said the executive director of the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA).

Pedestrian deaths make up a bigger share of overall traffic deaths than they did a decade ago. The GHSA predicts they will account for 16% of all traffic deaths in 2018.

In fact, the number of overall traffic deaths that don't involve pedestrians declined by 6% over that

10-year span, compared with a 35% increase in pedestrian deaths.

Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia and Texas accounted for nearly half (46%) of all the pedestrian deaths in the country.

Several trends might be contributing to the number of pedestrian deaths:

- The increase in driving linked to the economic recovery.
- Population growth. The 10 fastest-growing states in the country also saw the number of pedestrian deaths increase at a faster pace than the country as a whole.
- The increasing prevalence of SUVs on the road. The number of SUV-related pedestrian deaths increased by 50% between 2013 and 2017, compared with a 30% increase in pedestrian deaths involving passenger cars.
- The growing use of smartphones, which contribute to distracted driving.

Three-quarters of all walkers who died in traffic were struck at night.

More than a third of the pedestrian deaths occurred on local streets; 8% happened on county roads; 25% on state highways; 16% on federal highways; and 10% on interstate highways. Pedestrians are prohibited on


interstates, but the GHSA noted that several of the fatalities there involved motorists who were standing outside of their cars after breakdowns.

**2019
HOLIDAY SCHEDULE
USA TRAINING**

USA Training Company will be closed on the following dates:

2019

Apr. 19 (Fri) - Good Friday
 May 27 (Mon) - Memorial Day
 June 19 (Wed) - Emancipation Day
 July 4 (Thurs) - July 4th Holiday
 August 27 (Tues) - LBJ's Birthday
 Sept. 2 (Mon) - Labor Day
 Oct. 14 (Mon) - Columbus Day
 Nov. 11 (Mon) - Veteran's Day
 Nov. 28 & 29 (Thurs/Fri) - Thanksgiving
 Dec. 24, 25, 26 (Tues, Wed, Thurs) - Christmas



**2019
IDC SCHEDULE**
(Instructor Development Course)

TDLR reduced the hours for IDC from 24 hours to 16 hours -- which makes it a 2-day class

*Saturday and Sunday
9 a.m. - 6 p.m. both days*

\$100.00

All classes will be held at
 USA Headquarters,
 8871 Tallwood Drive, Austin

**May 18-19
 July 27-28
 September 28-29
 November 16-17**

WHY DISTRACTED DRIVING MONTH IS IMPORTANT

A. Texting and swerving. People who text and drive statistically spend 10% of their time on the road outside their lane. Yikes!

B. It's illegal. 43 of America's 50 states have laws prohibiting texting and driving. South Dakota, New Mexico, Mississippi, Texas, Oklahoma and Missouri have laws regulating it. Arizona just extended their reckless driving laws to cover texting.

C. Texting is worse than drunk driving. Texters are six times more likely to wreck their car than drivers over the legal drinking limit. How horrifying is that? Answer: VERY.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS New Mandatory Curriculum.....

As you were notified in January, 2019, there was a state mandated change to USA's curriculum. Effective February 1, 2019, all Driver Safety Courses must include the new TDLR 16½ minute video about the Community Safety Education Act and related topics.

If you do NOT already have the video, it is available on TDLR's website for immediate download (*see link in email*), which is the most affordable and efficient way for you to obtain it or you can order through USA for \$20.00.

There is also a Powerpoint you can download to show in the Community Safety Education Act portion (Section 4) of the USA curriculum (*see link in email*).

Information on changes to the USA curriculum (on pages 37 and 38) were sent with email (dated January 23, 2019). **If you need these revised pages — contact USA immediately.**

Since this is a mandatory requirement from TDLR, there is a higher likelihood that auditors will be attending classes to make sure you are teaching this information and showing the required video.

Very Important: (*if you have NOT already done so*)

Respond to USA with a note you have downloaded the Community Safety Education Act video or contact USA immediately if you need to order a copy.

Postage Increase...

On January 27, 2019 the price of postage increased from 50 cents to 55 cents for 1st class mail so the certification fee per student is now \$4.55.

Make sure you have enough postage and include the correct amount per student when you mail your classes for processing to USA.

USA's Website.....

As a convenience, USA has several forms available on our website. You can find the Duplicate Request form, Retrain Schedule/Registration form, School Renewal form and copies of the four latest Quarterly Reports.



Limits on teen drivers

Some vehicles come equipped with systems that allow parents to monitor their child's driving or control things like top vehicle speed and sound system volume.

A new IIHS survey shows one such system, Ford's MyKey, is catching on. MyKey allows vehicle owners to program a key for their child. For example, the owner can set the top vehicle speed, program speed alerts at varying levels, limit audio volume and make it impossible to disable the do-not-disturb feature.

For the study, 1,500 adults who own or lease a Ford vehicle equipped with the technology were questioned. Each respondent had at least one teenager age 16-19 in their household.

Many parents said they didn't need it because their child was trustworthy.

"Systems like MyKey have the potential to reduce the risks faced by teen drivers by limiting speeds and distractions," says Rebecca Weast, an IIHS research scientist and the paper's author.

For a copy of "Parent awareness and use of Ford's MyKey system, email statusreport@iihs.org

Global traffic deaths

Road traffic deaths globally reached 1.35 million in 2016, according to a new report from the World Health Organization. The report said road-traffic injuries were now the top cause of death for people age 5-29. The findings, the report said, underscored the need for better road-safety policies.

Retrain

The retrain class agenda changes every September 1st. Classes are scheduled within the 12-month period beginning September each year. Every licensed instructor **must attend ONE class during the 12-month period beginning September 1, 2018 and ending August 31, 2019. Below are the remaining scheduled classes.**

AUSTIN

USA HQ, 8871 Tallwood Dr.

All classes are 11am - 1pm

Apr. 5, 2019 (Fri.)

June 7 2019 (Fri.)

HOUSTON

Golden Corral Restaurant

13145 Northwest Frwy

Apr. 20, 2019 (Sat.)

Cost is \$10 if you pre-register with a reservation form. If you do not have a reservation form, contact USA HQ. We will mail or fax the form to you.

License Renewals (Fee: \$25)

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTOR RENEWAL UPDATE

As of September 1, 2016 the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) began mailing a REVISED Instructor Renewal form directly to USA instructors. Perviously, USA mailed renewals to instructors, so some of you may have already received a renewal form from USA. If you received one from USA, it can be discarded.

STEPS FOR USA DSC INSTRUCTOR RENEWAL

1) Complete the 1-page Instructor Renewal form received from TDLR. TDLR will mail to the address they have on file for you, so it is important to contact USA with any address, phone or email changes.

2) Instructors will receive verification of RETRAIN/Mandatory Continuing Education at the end of the RETRAIN class. Attach the Verification of CE (pink certificate) to your completed Instructor Renewal. TDLR will only process Instructor Renewals with CE Verification attached.

3) Attach fee (\$25) payable to TDLR if postmarked before or by expiration date. If after expiration date, refer to fee scale on your renewal form or contact USA if you have questions. You cannot teach if your license is expired.

4) Mail to USA, 8871 Tallwood Drive, Austin, TX 78759. (do NOT mail directly to TDLR).

- ◆ **Check the expiration date of your USA DSC Instructor license. IMPORTANT: TDLR should mail Instructor Renewal directly to you sixty (60) days prior to your expiration date. If you do not receive a renewal from TDLR, contact USA immediately.**
- ◆ **Submit your Instructor Renewal form with Verification of Continuing Education to USA postmarked NO LATER than license expiration date. Preferably 30-45 days prior to expiration). You can not teach if your license expires -- so plan ahead.**
- ◆ **Keep a copy of your renewal form, check to TDLR and Verification of CE.**

Please call USA at 512-346-2132 with any questions.

<i>Instructor</i>	<i>Expires</i>	<i>Instructor</i>	<i>Expires</i>	<i>Instructor</i>	<i>Expires</i>	<i>Instructor</i>	<i>Expires</i>
Agee, Valerie	April	Dumas, Nelda	5-Jun	McDaniel, Barbara	18-Jun	Preciado, Gilberto	28-Apr
Ali, Trang	26-Apr	Falls, William	22-May	McKinley, Keith	3-Jun	Ragusa, Carolyn	5-May
Ally, Mohammed	26-Jun	Franklin, Glynn	10-May	Momin, Aziz	9-Apr	Reyna, Anthony	14-Jun
Almazan, Shirley	26-Apr	Germain, Pierre	7-Jun	Naqvi, Syed N.	24-May	Robnett, Ray	30-Jun
Almazan, Pilar	10-May	Glady, Angela	9-May	Ngo, Tam	21-May	Shelton, Richard	10-May
Anderson, William	8-May	Gonzalez, Francisca	11-May	Nieto, Arturo	21-Jun	Stefek, Randy	12-Jun
Bontrager, Gerry	26-Apr	Gugudan, Franklin	18-Apr	Nieto, Bertha	21-Jun	Steptoe, Charles	18-May
Broussard, Erica	5-Jun	Howell, Heather	25-Apr	Ogbonmwan, Matthew	29-May	Tang, Suong	14-Jun
Cleland, Vicki	4-May	Jackson, Charles	21-May	Olatayo, Asimiyu	19-Apr	Thomas, Cynthia	9-Apr
Collins, Keith	19-Apr	Jones, Reginald	13-May	Orr, Brenda	1-Apr	Tran, Peter	10-Apr
Dao, Jimmy	18-Apr	Knotts, Sandra	5-Apr	Orr, Willie	1-Apr	Vogelsang, Penney	18-May
De Los Santos, Jimmy	10-May	Kpadobi, Anthony	28-Jun	Parsard, Sonia	30-May	Walker, Kevin	21-May
DeSoto, Dean	20-Apr	McCoy, Diana	2-May	Perron, Ed	7-Jun		

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