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Southern Plains TTAP Tribal Safety Circuit Rider Dive into Safety!

Oklahoma bans texting and driving!

On May 5th, 2015, Governor Mary Fallin signed HB 1965. HB 1965 illustrates driving and texting as a primary offense in Oklahoma. Oklahoma became the 46th state to prohibit a practice that law enforcement officials say is distracting and dangerous. Oklahoma residents will need to change their driving behaviors, ditch the phone and focus on the road. HB1965 was heavily influenced by the tragedy of 2 Oklahoma Highway Patrol officers, Keith Burch and Nicholas Dees. Keith Burch and Nicholas Dees were both struck while investigating a crash on I-40 in Seminole County, OK. Keith Burch is recovering but Nicholas Dees lost his life due to a distracted driver.

The new law will go in effect November 1st, 2015. This law enforces a \$100 fine. Law enforcement highly recommend drivers begin to change their driving behaviors and practice safe driving.



New 2015 LATCH Manual

If you are a Child Passenger Safety Technician, be sure to get the updated 2015 LATCH Manual! The 2015 LATCH Manual is available now at the listed link below or contact Safe Ride News. The 2015 LATCH Manual is a great tool to have when installing child car safety seats!

<http://saferidenews.com/srndnn/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=yIPKW7LBhVg%3d&tabid=56&mid=369>

Oklahoma GIDPAC Meetings

The Tribal Safety Circuit Rider, Tabatha Harris, has attended the ((GIDPAC) Governor's Impaired Driving Prevention Advisory Council meeting on April 14th, 2015. Tabatha's role is to serve as Tribal representation at the meetings and provide information to the 38 Tribes in Oklahoma. Tabatha is also to help the state understand how Tribal communities are tackling impaired driving.



Kaw Nation Injury Prevention

My Future is too BRIGHT, to be ruined by ONE Night!

The Kaw Nation Injury Prevention Program hosted an impaired driving activity for tribal youth in Kay County, OK on May 9th, 2015 at the Foursquare Church in Ponca City, OK. The title of the event was, “My Future is too BRIGHT, to be ruined by ONE Night!”

The impaired driving activity was to educate tribal youth on the dangers of driving impaired or riding with an impaired individual. To also deliver a message of making positive life choices can enhance living the life they want for themselves.

The attendees listened to a presentation conducted by Trooper Russell Callicoat, Oklahoma Highway Patrol. Trooper Callicoat currently serves, as the #1 DUI Trooper, impaired driving prevention is his primary focus. Trooper Callicoat gave the tribal youth a tour of the ENDUI vans; the Oklahoma Highway Safety Office purchased these vans. The tribal youth were able to see the new

devices and tactics that the OHP use during DUI checkpoints and patrolling. The tribal youth in the picture above, were the first youth to ever tour the ENDUI vans and receive hands on educational presentation regarding the ENDUI campaign. This impaired driving educational activity was coordinated through the Southern Plains Tribal Technical Assistance Program at Oklahoma State University, Tribal Safety Circuit Rider, Tabatha Harris.

The tribal youth also had the opportunity to listen to Victim Impact Panel that was coordinated by the Kaw Nation Injury Prevention Program, Valerie Rudman. The tribal youth listened to a panel of victims, an offender, a first responder, and a mother who lost her son. This activity was conducted to show tribal youth that their life could be changed forever if they choose to drive impaired or ride with an impaired person.
#nosecondchances #ENDUI

Click It or Ticket It

May 18th – May 31st, 2015

Oklahoma along with other states is participating in the National Click It or Ticket It campaign. Law Enforcement will be cracking down on the use of a seat belt!

See the link below for the National CIOTI campaign.

<http://www.nhtsa.gov/nhtsa/ciot/index.html>

#seatbeltsaveslives #justwearit



Alive@25 courses now available!

The Tribal Safety Circuit Rider, Tabatha Harris, is certified to teach Alive@25 courses now! The Alive@25 course is for individuals who are between the ages 15 – 24 years of age. This is a defensive driving course for teens and young adults. To schedule a course for your tribal youth or young adults please contact, Tabatha Harris @ (405) 744-3260 or tabatha.harris@okstate.edu FREE training! #savelives #safetyeducation



If your Safety Program, Transportation Program, Transit, local Police Department, Tribal Police or Tribe(s) are hosting events about injury prevention, motor vehicle safety or safety education please contact Tabatha Harris, Tribal Safety Circuit Rider. Tabatha will post your event information on the Southern Plains Tribal Technical Assistance Program webpage, and help promote your up-coming event.

<https://ttap.okstate.edu>

Tribal Peer Safety Exchange Coalition Building Workshop



The Tribal Safety Circuit Rider, Tabatha Harris, coordinated a tribal peer exchange “safety workshop” that focused on coalition building in tribal communities.

The Ponca Tribe of Oklahoma, Tradition Not Addiction Group, conducted the coalition-building workshop. The Tradition Not Addiction Group known as TNA is a coalition group that developed within the tribe, among their tribal program directors. Tribal Councilman, Scotty Simpson Jr., saw the need to unite the programs at the Ponca Tribe of Oklahoma.

The development of this group was to create a unity among the stakeholders within tribe and provided awareness of the services provide by the programs.

The TNA provides educational activities for tribal members, whether the topic is suicide prevention, injury prevention, impaired driving, seat belt safety or life skills. The

group includes culture education into their activities. Their main focus is to help the tribe to sustain a positive healthy living environment for the tribal members and for the White Eagle Tribal Community.

The TNA Group gave a presentation over the development of their group and shared their impacting results. Since this group has been operating the group achieved a 76% reduction in crime rate among the White Eagle Tribal Community. Numbers talk! This is a huge accomplishment for a safety coalition board!

Attendees had the opportunity to listen to the TNA Group, participate in leadership building activity and listen to Q/A panel session. This workshop gave attendees the tools to build a coalition within their own tribal community and developed networking partnerships among the attendees. Coalitions help achieve success; it’s a teamwork effort!

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Safety Articles

The Tribal Safety Circuit Rider will be accepting articles to add to the bi-monthly newsletter. If your program would like to submit an article over safety events, educational trainings, safety projects conducted, new programming tactics, or shared experiences in motor vehicle safety and injury prevention. Please contact Tabatha Harris, Tribal SCR.

Chi pisa la chike!

(Choctaw: See you later!)



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