

## **CT State Police Traffic Services Unit joining Survive the Drive for Car 'Crash-Preventive' Clinic**

'Driving is your most dangerous and everyday activity.', says Bob Green, Director of Survive the Drive in Lakeville, Connecticut. Survive the Drive is offering their 'Behind the Wheel' driver safety clinic on July 25<sup>th</sup> on the paved infield areas of Lime Rock Park. Previous programs have benefitted drivers from 16 to 78 years old. 'Every driver can benefit. We'd like to eliminate the mistakes that cause crashes.' says Green.

The program offers thoughtful strategies coupled with performing meaningful crash avoidance maneuvers that, in an 'all of a sudden' moment, can mean the difference between health and wellbeing or violent consequence. The impact that damages a car part is harsher on living beings. The recent World Health Organization report emphasizes the importance and has termed car crashes as the 'Hidden Pandemic' . . . the leading cause of traumatic violence in our communities, country and across the globe. 'That report is based on pervasive damage, injury and fatality. Look at the newspaper.' notes Green, 'current traffic laws and enforcement are a demonstrated but limited deterrent. They're not 'accidents'.'

This program is based on science and behavior to inform and enable drivers in their understanding and decisions, facts and truth . . . 'we acknowledge, but don't harp on grief, tragedy, fear, threats or gruesome graphics. Even adults consider passing their drivers' test as a kid to be adequate for driving for most of their lifetime, we supplement that with additional training', offers Green. 'Few folks haven't had some type of mishap; it costs billions each year and can be fatal.'

The development of many electronic features in cars can be useful or detrimental, depending on the individual's use. Many automatic features that 'might help a driver in an emergency' need training and drill for the driver to utilize, otherwise the car can't help you.

CT State Police – Traffic Services Unit will be demonstrating the Seatbelt Convincer and Rollover Demonstrator. The Seat Belt Convincer is an easy-to-use educational tool that allows riders to experience force, up to five times their body weight, similar to that of a 5-7 mph crash. The Rollover Demonstrator is a 35 mph rollover simulated crash. The audience observes the results of crash test dummies not being properly restrained. The dummies are then buckled in for a second simulation demonstrating the importance of wearing safety belts in a vehicle.

**WHAT:** Survive the Drive "Behind the Wheel" Defensive Driver Training Course for Individuals, Parents and Teens

**WHEN:** Monday, July 25, 2016, 8am -12pm or 1pm - 5pm

**WHERE:** Lime Rock Park, 60 White Hollow Rd., Lakeville CT., 06039

**DESCRIPTION:**

**STUDENTS WILL BE LEARNING CRASH AVOIDANCE MANEUVERS, SKID RECOVERY AND EMERGENCY LANE CHANGES FROM PROFESSIONAL DRIVING COACHES.**

For parents, this might be one of the most important and memorable experiences they ever share with their child. Learning defensive driving techniques, that may one day save their lives.

***INFORMATION:***

Course cost is \$299 per person

Learners Permits accepted

Students will be participating in their personal or family vehicle

Snacks and refreshments provided

***REGISTRATION:*** Pre-registration required, Seats are limited. This will be Survive the Drive's only summer program for 2016. Call 860-806-3042, email [loriz@survivethedrive.org](mailto:loriz@survivethedrive.org) or register online at [www.survivethedrive.org](http://www.survivethedrive.org)