



# Utah Driver Education News

## January 2024

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Monday APRIL 29, 2024

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### AAA How to Drive Curriculum

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### Traffic Safety Cameras: New Guide Explores Benefits Challenges of Effective Automated Enforcement

A new report from the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) examines an important tool in the fight to reduce dangerous driving behaviors that contribute to more than 100 people dying on U.S. roads every day. The report, [Automated Enforcement in a New Era](#), discusses the benefits of traffic safety cameras that detect speeding, red-light running and school bus stop-arm violations, and makes recommendations to states and traffic safety partners considering implementing this proven technology.

U.S. roadway deaths have increased 30% over the past decade, rising from 32,893 in 2013 to 42,795 in 2022. A plethora of studies confirm that speeding, red-light and school bus stop-arm camera programs are a proven way to change driver behavior, resulting in increased safety for everyone on the road. Automated enforcement can also supplement traditional traffic enforcement while addressing potential inequities, since cameras do not see race or ethnicity. To build and sustain public trust, however, the community must be engaged in program planning and implementation and kept informed of the technology's impact.

A growing number of states, cities and towns are using or considering using automated enforcement technology to address risky driving behaviors. California recently [enacted](#) a new law that allows speed safety cameras in six local jurisdictions, including San Francisco, Oakland and Los Angeles. Richmond, Va., [announced](#) last month that it is deploying four speed safety cameras in school zones to better manage vehicle speeds and improve safety for people walking, biking and scooting. Officials in St. Louis [want](#) to bring safety cameras to the area to improve pedestrian safety. And in Pennsylvania, lawmakers are considering extending a pilot work zone speed camera program that has resulted in a [reduction](#) in work zone fatalities despite a rise in these deaths nationally.

**January Professional Development Virtual Workshop**  
**Applying Vehicle Technology and Actual Performance in Training**  
**January 18, 2023 11:00 am—2:00 pm**

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**Drive2Life PSA Contest**  
**Empower passengers to SPEAK UP for safe driving**

**Challenge**

Students must write a script for a 30-second public service announcement (PSA) video about Passenger Empowerment: Speaking Up for Safe Driving.

**Prize**

One Grand Prize student winner will receive **\$2,000** and the chance to **produce his or her PSA with an Emmy Award -winning producer**. Plus, the winner and his or her PSA will be featured on Teen Kids News! See the Prizes section below for more details.

**Why**

2020 statistics show that:\*

- 16% of all traffic fatalities were passengers in vehicles.
- 56% of the deaths of teenage passengers in passenger vehicles occurred in vehicles driven by another teenager.
- 24% of deaths in passenger vehicles (cars, SUVs, pickups, vans, and minivans) were passengers.
- 6,275 vehicle passengers were killed in crashes.

\*Source: <https://nationalpassengersafety.org/>

**How**

Download, photocopy, and distribute the reproducible activity sheets to the right, to all students, or share the PDFs through your school's digital platform if you're connecting with students remotely. Prepare the materials for each activity and preview videos in advance. Distribute the family letter as well to help parents continue the conversation at home.

No videos or group entries will be accepted

**Deadline for entries is March 25, 2024**

For information, entry form, prize details and complete rules, [CLICK HERE](#)

**UDTSEA Board Meeting January 16, 2024 (9 am– 3 pm)**

If attending in person: Granite School District at 2500 South State Street in Room D-232. [Join Zoom Meeting](#)

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