



Utah Driver Education News

June 2025

Still need 8 re-licensure hours?

Visit the [UDTSEA website](#) to locate the [recorded version](#) of the conference.

One video is one hour of PD, Assignment you will need to submit for PD credit.

- Title of Session watched
- Write a summary of the session watched
- Explain how you will incorporate this information into your current teaching practice.
- Turn in assignment to [Audra Urie](#) for PD credit

Driver Education Law and Policy

Begins July 7 2025

MIDAS #31794 [Click to Register](#)

HE 350

University of Utah

Begins August 18, 2025

[Register Here](#)

Alternative Training Opportunities

Join us for training updates from the State Driver License Division

Roadway scoring standards and new score sheet Q & A

June 11, 2025 2:00-3:30 pm [Join Here](#)

June 25, 2025 3:00-4:00 pm [Join Here](#)

UDTSEA Board Meeting

Join us in person or online for the Utah Driver Education Association Board Meeting

July 15, 2025 9:00 am - 3:00 pm at Granite SD room D-232

[Zoom Link](#)

New Instructor Training on [Zero Fatalities Website](#)

DRIVER INSTRUCTOR TRAINING: COMMENTARY DRIVING

Active Coaching
Student Commentary

Positive Reinforcement
Questioning Techniques

Constructive Criticism
Commentary Teaching

Teen Driving Safety

Thankfully, we're seeing notable progress in addressing dangerous driving and making U.S. roads safer. While many of the numbers have been moving in the right direction the past two years – such as fewer overall fatalities and higher seat belt use rates – there are still some alarming trends in the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) release of detailed 2023 [safety data](#). Let's explore one: teen driver safety.

⚠ In 2023, there were 5,588 people killed in crashes involving a young driver, up 4.2% from 2022 and one of the few categories to see a year-over-year increase. For comparison, total roadway fatalities fell 4.3% during the same period.

📊 These young driver-involved roadway deaths have risen a shocking 27% from 2019. While there has been tremendous progress in novice driver safety over the past two decades, as we've outlined in a [detailed report](#), this new data shows that we still face a difficult path to zero fatalities.

🛠 GHSA is working with our members and partners to address dangerous driving and make our roads safer for everyone. As we gear up for the "100 deadliest days of summer" (the period between Memorial Day and Labor Day, when there is historically a spike in traffic deaths, particularly those involving teen drivers), we're bringing together allies to make the summer as safe as possible. Together, we're [providing teens with advanced driver instruction](#), [assisting law enforcement in identifying impaired drivers](#) and [supporting innovative distracted driving prevention programs](#).

🏠 The National Road Safety Foundation is partnering with GHSA and around two dozen other traffic safety organizations to make this summer "the 100 Safest Days." A national media and social media campaign will call attention to a range of safe driving issues, including distracted driving, speeding, impaired driving and seat belt use. [Learn more in the news re-](#)

The **Outstanding Driver Education Teacher Award** is someone who continually inspires novice drivers to learn how to be safe on Utah roads, and also sets high expectations in their classroom. This teacher has earned the respect and admiration of students, colleagues, and community.

2025 Outstanding Driver Ed Teacher: DARLA WENGER, UCAS

The **Driver Education Program Director Award** honors a leader who has elevated the quality and impact of driver education through exceptional program management, innovation, and collaboration. This individual ensures high standards across instruction, operations, and community partnerships to support safer roads in Utah.

2025 Driver Education Program Director Award: JUSTIN WILDE, Carbon SD

New Road Skills Testing Forms and Scoring Standards

NEW SCORE SHEET INFORMATION ON HOW TO SCORE THE MANUEVERS

SKILLS TEST SCORING STANDARDS

UTAH STATE DLD STANDARD ROAD TEST FORM