Teen Traffic Safety (as of March 10)

Distracted Driving Among Teens, Latest Data & Solutions
Teen drivers 15 to 19 years of age are overly represented in fatal crashes involving distraction, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. But how much do you really know about the problem and how can you best address it? First, review the findings of a Centers for Disease Control & Prevention study of texting while driving among U.S. high school students in 35 states using data from the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System. Then examine the findings of Virginia Tech research on the effects of secondary task engagement on novice adolescent’s driving performance and crash risk. Discover how an incentive-based app that rewards drivers for undistracted miles driven is working based on evaluation conducted by Texas A&M. Finally, learn about rollout of the Impact Teen Driving program in Texas and how it’s working in other states to educate and mobilize teens.

Are They Really Ready for a Driver License?
How new drivers are tested is changing and more directed to preventing crashes among the newly licensed. Explore how Ohio’s Bureau of Motor Vehicles is using a validated virtual driving test to assess applicants’ ability to avoid a collision. See how they have integrated this into the workflow of busy licensing centers, including pilot evaluation results. Also learn about the Driver Competency Assessment, a validated on-road exam conducted by driving schools to assess higher order driving skills and preparedness to drive without supervision. Some states are also implementing 3rd party testing to alleviate the congested licensing centers. How are they working to keep this process objective and effective at only licensing applicants who have the skills to avoid crashing? Wrapping up will be a representative from American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators to help synthesize these resources for action.

The Power of Parental Involvement: Evaluated Community Implementation
We know parents play a critical role in helping to lower their teens’ crash risk. But how to effectively engage and support parents in teaching and monitoring their novice drivers remains a challenge for traffic safety practitioners. Wisconsin Children's Hospital has been implementing Children's Hospital of Philadelphia-developed Teen Driving Plan Program and will share lessons learned from adapting a research-based program for community deployment. Rhode Island now mandates that a parent session be part of driver education. Learn what was involved in passing that legislation and the logistics of providing this instruction and the intended outcomes. Also get a sneak peek at an in-vehicle monitoring and feedback study completed at the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute.

Sleepy, Speeding & Not Using Seat Belts
This interactive, youth-centered session will showcase peer-to-peer programs that address drowsy driving, speeding and restraint use. The speakers will facilitate mini-versions of their programs with the audience (you will serve as the speaker’s peer) to illustrate how to deliver teen risk factor content and engage with young people. The moderator will then invite the audience to question the speakers about program development, delivery content, and more to help them develop or improve their own youth programs. Don’t miss this opportunity to learn from teens and their champions – the audience you’re trying to reach!

Country Road, Take Me Home: Addressing Rural Driving Risks for Teens
The dangers facing rural teen drivers are unique—different roadways, limited alternatives, and often a different culture. “Backroads” are often the most likely scenes for a teen crash. This session will focus on promising practices, programs, and resources that are available to teen leaders and their adult support networks who find
themselves in rural communities. Participants will leave with a great understanding of adult/youth partnerships and programmatic resources available, as the country roads take them home.

**Brag, Borrow & Steal: Community Programs Addressing Teen Traffic Safety**
How do you give teen safe driving program providers the opportunity to share what they’re doing with the Lifesavers audience? Use a 90-second TED talk format to peak the audience’s interest, then move into a round table format where they can learn more about the programs that appeal to them. It’s sure to be a rapid-fire, yet informative session that will not only give speakers that submitted workshop proposals the opportunity to showcase their initiatives, but also other providers as time permits.

**The Latest Buzz on Teen Impaired-Driving Trends & Programs**
Join the conversation as a panel of experts address the at-risk age groups of young teens (15-18) and older teens/young adults (18-25). Explore what the SHRP2 In-Car Naturalistic driving study reveals about youth and impaired driving, and what we can learn about binge drinking and driving by college students from a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention analysis of the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System’s (YRBSS) data. You’ll also hear from SADD’s Student of the Year, who will share his own experiences as a college freshmen and offer effective, age-specific approaches.

**Protecting Young Drivers: The Latest Developments in Legislation & Where We Go from Here**
Join with a graduated driver licensing (GDL) pioneer as he peppers a panel of experts with questions about recent advocacy efforts to improve state teen driving laws in California and other states and the findings from the latest GDL and young driver safety research. You’ll also be invited to query the experts in this talk show style format.