

City of Kennesaw Launches Teen Driver Awareness Safety Campaign

Every year over 5,000 teens die, 200,000 are injured and another 46,000 are left incapacitated. As part of a new statewide campaign to identify all “permit” and “first year” drivers, the City of Kennesaw will be distributing free “**CAUTION-NEWLY LICENSED**” car magnets to teen residents.

The car magnet alerts surrounding drivers of the novice driver and encourages *caution, patience, and courtesy* when driving in their vicinity.



Alan Brown, whose teen son Joshua died in a car crash, is an advocate and spokesperson for Georgia’s new **Teen Driver Awareness Safety Campaign**. He is also the founder of Joshua’s Law. This law requires teens to have at least 40-hours of supervised driving experience. If under the age of 17 it also requires the teen to complete a driver education course approved by the Department of Driver Services.

“We have over 250,000 inexperienced teen drivers in Georgia”, says Brown. “It can be a nerve-racking experience for teens (and their parents) when they are on the road. The last thing they need are other drivers honking and tailgating. The Caution-Newly Licensed car magnet really does work and other drivers tend to be more respectful and courteous when they see these magnets on cars. We all need to work together to protect these kids”.

Approximately 50% of teen drivers crash their cars the first year. Not only are they hurting themselves but they are also hurting (sometimes fatally) their passengers and other motorists.

The free **CAUTION-NEWLY LICENSED car magnets** will be available September 1 at Kennesaw City Hall, Kennesaw Public Library, Primrose School of Kennesaw North, and on September 6 at the Taste of Kennesaw. For more information please visit their website www.newlylicensed.org or call 770-312-1093.