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## Howard County police are first agency in state to offer Collision Avoidance Training for teens

*Inaugural class to be held Nov. 13 & 14*

The Howard County Police Department is proud to be the first agency in Maryland to offer Collision Avoidance Training, a defensive driving and vehicle control program for teens developed by the National Traffic Safety Academy.

During the two-day course, adapted from law enforcement training, teens will learn how to handle their vehicles in any situation. Designed especially for new drivers who want more specialized experience on the road, Collision Avoidance Training teaches hands-on techniques for evasive maneuvers, emergency braking, cornering, backing, skid recovery, steering, acceleration and more.

Offered at the James N. Robey Public Safety Training Center, 2200 Scott Wheeler Drive, Marriottsville, the course costs \$195. Participants will receive classroom training on Friday, Nov. 13, from 6-10 p.m. On Saturday, Nov. 14, participants will buckle into their own vehicles and gain valuable on-the-road experience from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Police anticipate offering the course several times a year, determined by community interest.

Participants must be ages 16-19, possess a valid Maryland driver's license and bring a vehicle to drive during the practical exercises.

For more information or to sign up, participants may call 410-313-3750. Space is limited.

Generous funding for the program has been provided by the Howard County Police Foundation.

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**Note to editors: Excellent photo and video opportunities will be available on Saturday, Nov. 14, during the practical exercises. Please call 410-313-2236 if you plan to attend or to set up an interview prior to the first class.**