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## **Collision Avoidance Training teen driving course returns**

*Sessions held throughout the year, starting March 14*

Howard County police are again offering its popular Collision Avoidance Training, a defensive driving and vehicle control program for young drivers developed by the National Traffic Safety Academy.

During the one-day course, adapted from law enforcement training, teens will learn how to handle their vehicles in any situation. Designed for new drivers who need 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. The first section of the program is devoted to two hours of classroom instruction. The remainder of the program consists of behind-the-wheel training to gain valuable on-the-road experience.

Participants must be ages 16-20, possess a valid Maryland "Class C" license and bring a vehicle to drive during the practical exercises of class.

The course is offered at the James N. Robey Public Safety Training Center, 2200 Scott Wheeler Drive, Marriottsville. Program dates for 2015 are: March 14; April 25; May 16; June 27; July 25; Aug. 22; Sept. 19; Oct. 17; Nov. 21 and Dec. 12. For more information or to sign up, please call 410-313-3758 or email C.A.T. Coordinator Jessica Beram at [JBeram@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:JBeram@howardcountymd.gov). Space is limited.

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