



BIG NEWS

I am resigning my position as the SDE Driver Education Coordinator. I am going to be a stay-at-home mom and raise my little boy. It has been a pleasure working for you and I hope I'm leaving the driver education program a little better than I received it.

If you know someone who is interested in the position or would be a good fit, please encourage them to apply. The job is posted on the State of Idaho Careers website or [here is a direct link](#). The position closes on January 18th.

My last day is January 18th. Please make sure you contact me with questions or unresolved issues by Friday. Thank you for your continued work in the schools to educate our young drivers and keep roads in Idaho safe.

Emily Kormylo

Driver Education Conference

Due to COVID rates increasing again in Idaho, our State Driver Education Instructor conference might need to be adjusted. Eric Studebaker, SDE Director of Student Engagement & Safety Coordination, will be emailing a survey in a couple weeks regarding the conference and your preferences. We are trying to consider availability of substitutes and hotel rooms, conference room capacities, and whether or not instructors feel comfortable traveling and meeting in-person. There will be professional development hours made available, however, we cannot guarantee they will be in a face-to-face conference.

These are the professional development conferences currently available:

Pacific Northwest Driver & Traffic Safety Conference

March 5, 2022 from 8:00 am to 5:30 pm PST

Cascade Hall Oregon State Fairgrounds Salem, Oregon

For more info: <http://triwou.org/projects/tse/conference/2022-PacNW-Conference>

ADTSEA Virtual Winter Workshop Series

January 25 & 27, 2022 and February 22 & 24, 2022 from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm MT

For more info: <https://www.adtsea.org/conference-registration.phtml>



NNU New Instructor Licensing

Course starts May 9, 2022

The class that was scheduled to begin in Jan 2022 has been canceled. We know that many districts are desperate for more instructors to help fill the demand. If you know someone who would be a great driver ed instructor, please have them sign up for the course. If they have questions, have them call the Driver Education Coordinator at 208-332-6984.

<https://pdlearn.nnu.edu/modules/shop/index.html?action=section&OfferingID=14>



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Below is the Idaho fatality count for 2021. This has been the most deadly year on Idaho roadways since 2006 and why our job to teach young drivers safe driving habits is so important.

MONTH	Actual 2018	Actual 2019	Actual 2020	18,19,20 AVERAGE	Actual 2021
JAN	10	8	6	8	17
FEB	11	22	15	16	10
MAR	9	11	8	9	15
APR	17	15	9	14	15
MAY	23	20	21	21	43
JUN	32	19	22	24	28
JUL	30	33	26	30	20
AUG	28	31	29	29	26
SEP	28	17	18	21	24
OCT	22	19	19	20	30
NOV	10	15	14	13	29
DEC	14	14	27	18	14
YEAR TO DATE	234	224	214	224	271

*Data limitations: This report is based on information provided by law enforcement agencies on crashes resulting in a death that occurs within 30 days of the crash. Data is preliminary and is subject to change.

Dear Teachers, Counselors, Principals, and School Resource Officers,

My name is Tabitha Smith and I'm the Occupant Protection Program Manager for the Idaho Office of Highway Safety. I'm writing you today because the Office of Highway Safety is working to increase seat belt use among young drivers. In 2020, there were 14 teen drivers killed, and only 4 of those teen drivers were wearing seat belts. There were also 8 teen motor vehicle passengers killed in crashes, and only 2 of them were wearing seat belts. Seat belt use can reduce your risk of fatal injury by 50%, and the Office of Highway Safety is committed to helping teens recognize the importance of buckling up – every trip, every time.

Below is a scholarship opportunity for both students and schools to compete in the *Idaho Battle of the Belts* competition. I request that you please share this opportunity with your students. The deadline for submissions is **February 28, 2022**.

Idaho's Battle of the Belts Seeks 2022 Entries

The Office of Highway Safety, in partnership with State Farm Insurance, is pleased to present the Idaho Battle of the Belts competition! In this competition, we invite high school students across Idaho to develop plans for increasing seat belt use in their high schools and their communities and the opportunity to compete for up to \$2,500 in student college scholarship awards!

[Click here](#) to learn more about the competition and to submit your application. Questions on the Idaho Battle of the Belts may be submitted to Tabitha Smith, Occupant Protection Program Manager—Phone: (208) 334-8104 - email: Tabitha.Smith@itd.idaho.gov. The deadline for applications is February 28, 2022.

What Drives You?

Idaho Students, select your region to apply:

IDAHO
Boise, Caldwell, Eagle, Fruitland, Nampa & Meridian

IDAHO
Magic Valley/
Greater Twin Falls area

IDAHO
Eastern Idaho/ Idaho Falls, Pocatello, Blackfoot areas

<https://yourturn2apply.com/>

Scholarship Overview:

Finalists in each area will be selected from the 500 word "What Drives You?" essays submitted. Each finalist will be guaranteed a minimum \$1,000 award if they create and submit a 1-2 minute video that expands on their essay in their own candid words, visuals, etc. The overall scholarship winners will be chosen from these videos in their respective areas and the overall award varies by area. Last year's scholarship winners and the videos they submitted are posted on our site!

Deadline is March 14th, 2022