



Driver Education Newsletter

May 2021

Greetings Idaho Instructors,

May is a busy month for teachers and traffic safety. I know you are working on finishing up another difficult year of teaching and the end is in sight. Congratulations! For traffic safety, May is National Bicycle Safety Awareness, Motorcycle Safety Awareness, and Youth Traffic Safety Awareness month. We all know that these groups represent the most vulnerable roadway users. So we could call May Vulnerable Roadway User Month, however, it doesn't roll off the tongue as well. As the weather warms up, we are going to see more people riding their motorcycles, biking to work, or heading to the park



to play. We need to protect these people by being engaged drivers. We also need to teach our students what being engaged *truly* means. Focusing on driving, putting our phones away, using our turn signals, and buckling up every time we get behind the wheel will help keep Idaho's youth, bikes, and motorcycles safe this summer.



Memorial Day is the start to Idaho's 100 Deadliest Days. Using the ITD Safety Dashboards, here are Idaho's fatality counts for the last 5 years: 2016—94, 2017—91, 2018—104, 2019—92, 2020—88. Please share this information with your students and let's work together to keep this number low in 2021.

Please Watch the Driver Ed Trainings

2021 Idaho Driver Education Instructor News and Updates Training

Click [here](#) to watch the video. After watching the video, complete the [SURVEY](#).

This counts towards 1 hour of Professional Development. At the end of the survey, you will have the option to save your responses to a PDF. Do this for your records and proof you completed the survey. You **do not** need to email the PDF to me. I will record your hour from the list of names of instructors who completed the survey. Please contact me if you have questions about the content delivered.

Instructor Profile Training

Click [here](#) to watch the video.

DRIVER EDUCATION
APPLICATION

This counts towards 1 hour of Professional Development and **is required by all instructors**. The video is about 30 minutes and I will walk you through how to Register with the SDE to gain access to the Driver Education Application. After you register and verify your address, you can click [here](#) or use the link from the Instructor website to begin filling out your profile and uploading your documents. The completion certificate for you to upload is attached to the email notification of the May Newsletter. If you have questions or issues contact me at 208-332-6984 or ekormylo@sde.idaho.gov.

2021 NNU Professional Development Credit now available.

[Click here](#) for more information or to purchase your credit.

You must use your 19-20 and 20-21 professional development hours to make this 1 credit. Only 3 driver education credits may be used for your state teaching license recertification. These must be approved by your district's superintendent. If you got the credit last year, you are not eligible again this year. If you are unsure if you qualify for this credit, please contact Emily prior to purchasing the credit.



Professional Development Options (in addition to the News & Updates and Instructor Profile Trainings)

Links to these trainings can be found on the [SDE Instructor page](#) under the blue Events & Training tab

Safety Dashboards—Online data on Idaho crashes through ITD and Numetric. See almost up-to-date data on Idaho crashes from 2016 to May 2021. This program allows you to filter specific information or look at just your city or neighborhood. It is a great tool for students to see the causes of crashes on the roads they drive. Instructors have told me they are adding this data in their classes and parent nights. Complete the assignment for 2 hours of Professional Development.

2020 Virtual Highway Safety Summit—Videos are still available to view on YouTube. Colonel Wills of the Idaho State Police gave the keynote address "Can I Make a Difference?". This was a very engaging and motivating presentation and I highly recommend you watch. His brother and other officers presented "Positive Communities" and what they are doing to keep involved and active in their communities across Idaho. Our State Traffic Safety Prosecuting Attorney, Jared Olsen, presented a 2020 Traffic Case Law Update. This will give you a different point of view about traffic stops and the job our law enforcement officers have to complete to keep our roads safe. There are a few other videos available for a total of 5.5 hours of Professional Development. Complete a short summary of the videos you watch and answer the question "How could I use this in Driver Ed?"

2021 Virtual Utah Conference—Videos are available on the Utah State Board of Education YouTube page. For those of you that were unable to attend the live event, the videos have been shared with us to view for free. Write a brief summary of the presentations you watch. Include title of presentation, length of video, 3 things you found interesting, and how you could use this in your Driver Education classes. 1 hour video equals 1 hour of Professional Development.

Alive at 25—Ever observed the next step beyond Driver Education? View the available courses at <https://aliveat25.us> and contact the instructor directly to ask if you can audit the course (if space allows). Here's the contact list for the agencies currently offering courses:

Meridian Police Department: Sgt. John Gonzales jgonzales@meridiandcity.org
Nampa Police Department: Capt. Curt Shankel shankelc@cityofnampa.us
Caldwell Police Department: Corporal Crystal Giambo cgiambo@cityofcaldwell.org
Pocatello Police Department: Officer Kristen Matthews kmatthews@pocatello.us
Rexburg Police Department: LT Joshua Rhodes joshua.rhodes@rexburg.org
Blackfoot Police Department: Officer Greg Austin gaustin@co.bingham.id.us
Ask the instructor to send you an email to verify your attendance for 4.5 hours of Professional Development.

2021 Idaho Fatality Count:

43

Data is preliminary and subject to change.



Presentation for your Summer Driver Ed Classes

Idaho STAR has completely revamped the old Driver's Education Motorcycle Awareness presentation. Contact Carlos Teixeira at Carlos@idahostar.org to schedule your 1 1/2 hour presentation today.



HELP WANTED

at Vallivue School District
Contact Gary Ward 208-467-3640 if you are interested in teaching Behind-the-Wheel for Vallivue School District this summer.