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Media Advisory

CHP East Sacramento Area Offers Free “Start Smart” Classes

The leading cause of death for Americans 15-20 years old is motor vehicle collisions. In an effort to help reduce motor vehicle collisions, the California Highway Patrol (CHP), East Sacramento Area Office, will offer a free Start Smart class. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), mile for mile, teenagers are involved in three times as many fatal crashes as all other drivers.

The CHP's Start Smart program is a driver safety education class which targets new and future licensed teenage drivers between the age of 15-19, and their parents/guardians.

The Start Smart class will cover California's Graduated Driver License Program, collision trends and avoidance techniques, distracted driving laws, and alcohol related driving laws. The program also offers an opportunity for new drivers and parents/guardians to ask CHP Officers clarifying questions. The classes run for approximately two hours.

WHEN: **July 18, 2017** (Tuesday) from 6:30pm to 8:30pm
 August 15, 2017 (Tuesday) from 6:30pm to 8:30pm
 September 12, 2017 (Tuesday) from 6:30pm to 8:30pm

WHERE: CHP East Sacramento, 11336 Trade Center Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742

Parents/guardians interested in signing up the class will need to register for the class by calling **(916) 464-1450 (space is limited)**. It is encouraged that parents/guardians attend the class with their teen driver.

Funding for CHP's Start Smart program is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Administration.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Officer Tommy Riggan at (916) 464-1457, or the on-call public information officer at (916) 802-5372.

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