

## **For those who have teenaged drivers or will soon have teenaged drivers:**

The first Alive at 25 class to be held in Hays County will be held at the Hays County Sheriff's Office on **May 12, 2012 from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm** in Training Room B. If you have someone between the ages of 15 – 24 years old, that needs a defensive driving class, feel free to refer them to the Texas Alive Team website at <http://www.texasaliveteam.org/> to register or to get more information. This class may be used for insurance discounts and ticket dismissal or deferral (please check with your insurance agency or the court prior to attending). I have attached an information sheet to this email. Below are some Frequently Asked Questions regarding Alive at 25.

### **What is Alive at 25?**

Alive at 25 is a video-based 4.5 - hour class specifically designed for drivers 15-24 years old. Developed by the National Safety Council, the program focuses on good decision-making while the driver or passenger in a motor vehicle. In comparison to their peer programs graduates have experienced an over 72% decrease in crash fatalities. Alive at 25 teaches young drivers important decision-making skills for staying safe behind the wheel. In Texas, the course is taught by the Texas Alive Team. The Texas Alive Team is a non-profit multi-agency team of law enforcement and safety professionals dedicated to saving lives. Our goal is to empower young drivers to adopt safer driving habits and reduce injury and death among Texas' young drivers.

### **Alive at 25 Class FAQs:**

Do you need to have a drivers license to take the class? Does my child have to be 16 to take the class?

*No, 15 is fine and even encouraged as the course addresses not only the high risk associated with their driving behaviors but also the risks associated with being a passenger in a vehicle driven by a young driver. One segment of the course allows teens to practice dealing effectively with other teens in avoiding dangerous driving behaviors common to this age group.*

Will this give me a discount on my auto insurance?

*Traditionally, auto insurance companies offer discounts for taking the National Safety Council's driver safety courses that are approved by the courts for ticket dismissal. In Texas, Alive at 25 is one such course but the decision is ultimately*

*that of each individual insurance company.*

Does this count as ticket dismissal?

*In addition to other Defensive Driving Courses, Alive at 25 has been approved by the State of Texas as a tool for ticket deferral where the driver is under the age of 25.*

Will this go toward my community service hours?

*While most schools and school districts allow the classroom hours to be used as community service time every agency has their own requirements; be sure to check with your agency first.*

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me or email me.

Respectfully,

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