



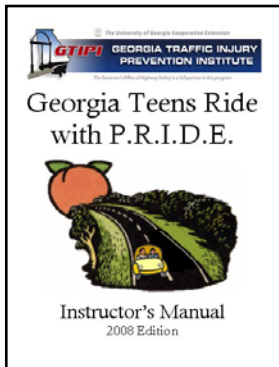
PRIDE Insider

The newsletter for Georgia Teens Ride with P.R.I.D.E. (Parents Reducing Incidents of Driver Error) Instructors

June 2008

New PRIDE Curriculum

In June, the newest version of the PRIDE curriculum shipped to currently active instructors and new instructors who have observed a class. The shipment includes new instructor manual inserts for 3-ring binders and a new CD. If you have not received the new curriculum (or to learn how to bring your instructor status to "current"), contact Katrina Pittman at katrinap@uga.edu or 678-413-4284.



The process for ordering class materials – folders, brochures, and handouts – will not change. Materials will be shipped just prior to a scheduled class, as soon as we receive an R&A form with the number of registrations.

Once you receive your new materials, please destroy the contents of

your existing manual, including earlier CDs. You should also destroy the contents of any PRIDE folders you have on hand. Some of the brochures may be current, but all of the PRIDE documents are now obsolete. The UGA folders can be recycled.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication as PRIDE Instructors. Your time and efforts have not gone unnoticed. You are making a difference!

Top PRIDE Programs Honored

GTIPI recently recognized three departments for bringing PRIDE to local communities. In 2007, Chatham, Coweta, and Dougherty Counties had the highest number of families in the state attending PRIDE classes. GTIPI director Frankie Jones presented awards to the following departments for leading county-wide programs:

- Coweta County Sheriff's Office
- Dougherty Police Department
- Savannah-Chatham Metro Police Department

"Their involvement in the program, offering the classes on a regular basis, has just made a tremendous impact," said Jones. All three counties have groups of trained instructors who share the teaching responsibilities. They also offer the class

on a regular schedule on the same day of the same week every month.

However, each county's success is also due to an individual approach. The Dougherty Police Department makes use of local publicity over WALB-TV, the local NBC affiliate that serves a large viewing area in southwest Georgia. The instructor team at Coweta County Sheriff's Office is a collaboration between the traffic division and school resource officers, allowing the program to reach students through the schools.

The Savannah-Chatham Metro Police Department has a long-standing partnership with the local traffic court to refer teen drivers to their classes. Not content to rest on that success, though, the department has recently strengthened ties with the UGA-Chatham County Cooperative Extension office and the Coastal Health District to expand PRIDE to even more families.

At GTIPI, we applaud the instructors and supporters in these three counties for offering the program to so many families. We also recognize that many of you are working in less populated areas or with smaller instructor teams; please know that your efforts are appreciated also. Keep up the good work!



PRIDE Instructor Trainings

July 15	.....	New Instructor Certification	....	Ft. Oglethorpe
July 16	.....	Re-certification	.....	Ft. Oglethorpe
August 5	.....	New Instructor Certification	....	Elberton
August 6	.....	Re-certification	.....	Elberton
August 20-21	..	Master Trainer (apply now!)	...	Conyers
September 9	...	New Instructor Certification	....	Conyers
September 10	..	Re-certification	.....	Conyers
September 23	..	New Instructor Certification	....	Dublin
September 24	..	Re-certification	.....	Dublin

Trainings are free, but advance registration is required. Call 800-342-9819 or go to www.ridesafegeorgia.org to register.



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**Scheduled PRIDE Classes
for Parents & Teens**

July 9.....	Dougherty County / Albany.....	6:30 pm
July 12.....	Gwinnett County / Suwanee.....	2:00 pm
July 15.....	Columbia County / Evans.....	6:00 pm
July 22.....	Crisp County / Cordele.....	6:00 pm
July 22.....	Gordon County / Calhoun.....	6:00 pm
July 22.....	Lamar County / Barnesville.....	6:00 pm
July 31.....	Chatham County / Savannah.....	6:15 pm
July 31.....	Thomas County / Thomasville.....	6:00 pm
August 6.....	Dougherty County / Albany.....	6:30 pm
August 7.....	Bulloch County / Statesboro.....	6:00 pm
August 12.....	Cobb County / Acworth.....	6:30 pm
August 12.....	Crisp County / Cordele.....	6:00 pm
August 12.....	Rockdale County / Conyers.....	6:30 pm
August 14.....	Chatham County / Savannah.....	6:00 pm
August 22.....	Lamar County / Barnesville.....	6:00 pm
August 28.....	Coweta County / Newnan.....	6:00 pm
August 28.....	Chatham County / Savannah.....	6:15 pm
August 28.....	Thomas County / Thomasville.....	6:00 pm

Check www.ridesafegeorgia.org for updates.

Don't see your PRIDE class listed?

Fill out an [R&A Form](#) and fax it to us at 678-413-4293.

Save Time and Money!

Re-certify Online in 2008-2009

As fuel prices rise, we're continuing to look for ways to make GTIPI trainings as convenient and cost-effective as possible for you. Pending approval of our 2008-2009 grant application, we're planning to offer the PRIDE re-certification course online beginning in October 2008. These scheduled Webcasts, led by GTIPI instructors, will be patterned after our traditional face-to-face re-certification classes, but you'll be able to "attend" without leaving your home or office. You will need access to an Internet-connected computer and speakers OR an Internet-connected computer and regular telephone phone line. We recently piloted the online re-certification course for a small group of instructors, and they were very pleased with how it saved travel time and money.

We do plan to continue the face-to-face re-certification trainings at our office in Conyers for those who prefer the traditional course. The 6-hour new instructor certification will continue to be available on a regional basis throughout the state.

AAA: Teen Crashes Cost \$34 Billion

A new study commissioned by AAA estimates the annual cost of teen crashes to society at more than \$34 billion. These costs include lifetime medical expenses, lost work, property damage, quality of life loss, and other related expenses. The study looked at drivers ages 15 to 17 and found that in 2006 they were involved in nearly 1 million crashes that injured 406,427 and killed 2,541.

"The impact of a teen crash extends beyond the emotional tragedies and physical injury at the crash scene, with costs that can extend to employers, families, the government and society overall," said AAA President and CEO Robert L. Darbelnet.

The study also breaks out costs by state. In Georgia, teen drivers were involved in 38,023 crashes that injured 15,866 and killed 105. The total cost of these Georgia crashes was estimated at \$1.25 billion for that year.

The states with the largest teen populations had the highest costs from crashes. However, the three states with the highest cost *per teen driver* – Wyoming, Alabama, and Mississippi – were states that do not have graduated driver licensing like Georgia's TADRA.

You can read the press release at the [AAA Newsroom](#) and download the full analysis and state-by-state data.

Promotion for PRIDE Instructor

Roger Slaughter, a 15-year veteran of Griffin Fire-Rescue and PRIDE Instructor since 2006, has been named battalion chief.

"The biggest difference is that I'm not going to fight fires anymore - I'm now considered administration," Slaughter said. "I'm in charge of the fire-ground, meaning I'll be running the fire and emergency scenes - I'm the shift commander." This includes the added responsibility of supervising the 20 A-shift firefighters at the department's three stations.



As he settles into his new leadership role, Slaughter enjoys the full support of Chief Tommy Jones. "Roger has always been a really great team player," Jones said. "One thing about Roger - you always know that no matter what his circumstances, he's always going to have a positive attitude." Jones spoke confidently of Slaughter's ability to tackle the challenges associated with the changes he faces in the near future. "In addition to battalion chief, he will also be the director of training," Jones said.

Jones went on to describe the role of battalion chief as a "visionary, supervisor, fire-ground and rescue scene commander, coach and motivator," saying, "They wear a pretty big hat. With that said, Roger was who we thought at this point would be the best for that position. We know Griffin will be safer because Roger is in that job." (Condensed from an article by Sheila Marshall, City Editor, Griffin Daily News)

Do you have good news to share concerning yourself or a fellow PRIDE Instructor? E-mail it to bbartlet@uga.edu so it can be included in the next PRIDE Insider.

