



# PRIDE Insider

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

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## About the PRIDE Insider

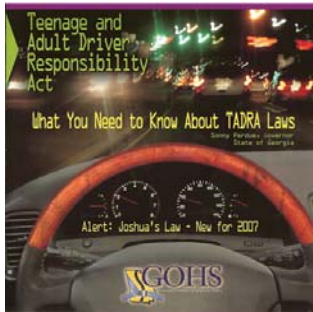
We at GTIPI appreciate all you do as PRIDE Instructors, and we want to support and encourage you by letting you know what's going on with PRIDE around the state. In this newsletter, we'll include updates from our headquarters in Conyers, training and class schedules, and news from other PRIDE Instructors.

We hope that the *PRIDE Insider* will be useful to you. Please let us know if you have questions about anything you read here or suggestions for future issues.

*Francine E. Jones*

## New TADRA Brochure

If you've taught a PRIDE class recently, you may have noticed that the look and contents of the Teenage and Adult Driver Responsibility Act (TADRA) brochure have changed. The Governor's



Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) began issuing these new brochures in early 2007 to reflect changes in Georgia's teen driving laws, particularly the addition of Joshua's Law.

All shipments for upcoming PRIDE classes will contain copies of the new TADRA brochure. You can order additional brochures by visiting our Web site ([www.ridesafegeorgia.org](http://www.ridesafegeorgia.org)) and clicking the Online Safety Store link. You can also view a PDF copy of the brochure from the order page. Orders usually ship within 48 hours.

## Driver Education Grants

On April 11, the Georgia Driver Education Commission issued application information for two grant programs funded through the proceeds from O.C.G.A. § 40-5-22, also known as Joshua's Law. Public high schools can apply for up to \$200,000 to start or expand driver education programs. Public libraries can apply for up to \$2,540 to buy two computers to be used by high school students to take Department of Driver Services (DDS) licensed

online courses that meet the requirements of Joshua's Law.

Grant applications are available online at [www.gahighwaysafety.org](http://www.gahighwaysafety.org) and are due to GOHS no later than 5:00 PM on Friday, June 1, 2007. Please share this information with your local libraries and school systems.

## DARE Award for PRIDE Master Trainer

Sergeant Kenneth Straughter of the Clarke County Sheriff's Office has been selected as DARE America's Hometown Hero for May 2007. Sergeant Straughter has taught DARE for five years, serves on Georgia's DARE Training Staff, and has been a PRIDE Master Trainer since 2005.

Captain Eric Pozen of the Clarke County

Sheriff's Office describes Sergeant Straughter as active "in many Personal/Community organizations that work toward the philanthropic goals of helping every aspect of our community from the young to the elderly and all in between... He exemplifies what it means to be a



Hometown Hero and a shining example for others to follow." The full announcement is available online at [http://www.dare.com/home/hometown\\_hero.asp](http://www.dare.com/home/hometown_hero.asp)

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

## PRIDE Instructor Trainings

May 22.....	New Instructor Certification .....	Conyers
May 23.....	Recertification .....	Conyers
June 13-14.....	Master Trainer (apply now!) .....	Conyers
July 10 .....	New Instructor Certification .....	Conyers
July 11 .....	Recertification .....	Conyers
July 31 .....	New Instructor Certification .....	Rome
August 1 .....	Recertification .....	Rome

Trainings are free, but advance registration is required. Call 800-342-9819 or go to [www.ridesafegeorgia.org](http://www.ridesafegeorgia.org) to register.



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**Scheduled PRIDE Classes  
for Parents & Teens**

May 15	..... Columbia County / Evans	.....6:00 pm
May 17	..... Bibb County / Macon	.....6:30 pm
May 17	..... Coweta County / Newnan	.....6:30 pm
May 19	..... DeKalb County / Atlanta	.....1:00 pm
May 22	..... Decatur County / Bainbridge	.....6:00 pm
May 22	..... Gwinnett County / Snellville	.....6:00 pm
May 22	..... Rockdale County / Conyers	.....6:30 pm
May 23	..... Lamar County / Barnesville	.....6:00 pm
May 24	..... Butts County / Jackson	.....6:00 pm
May 24	..... Clarke County / Athens	.....7:00 pm
May 24	..... Colquitt County / Moultrie	.....6:30 pm
May 24	..... Forsyth County / Cumming	.....7:00 pm
May 29	..... Cobb County / Acworth	.....6:30 pm
May 31	..... Chatham County / Savannah	.....6:30 pm
May 31	..... Thomas County / Thomasville	.....6:00 pm
June 12	..... Rockdale County / Conyers	.....6:30 pm
June 13	..... Bibb County / Macon	.....7:00 pm
June 18	..... Carroll County / Carrollton	.....6:00 pm
June 21	..... Forsyth County / Cumming	.....7:00 pm
June 23	..... DeKalb County / Atlanta	.....1:00 pm
June 26	..... Lamar County / Barnesville	.....6:00 pm
June 28	..... Thomas County / Thomasville	.....6:00 pm

Check [www.ridesafegeorgia.org](http://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.

**2007-2008 PRIDE Curriculum**

We're planning to finalize and distribute this year's version of the 2007-2008 PRIDE Curriculum in June 2007. The updated curriculum will include the changes made to Georgia's teen driving laws from the latest legislative session. Watch the PRIDE Instructor listserv and the *PRIDE Insider* for more details.

**Looking Ahead... PRIDE, Part II**

At GTIPI in Conyers, we read all (yes, ALL) the comments that PRIDE participants write on their course evaluations. One recurring theme is that parents would like even more information about driving lessons they can use to teach their teens.

Pending approval from our funding agency, we plan to develop a second part to the PRIDE course – for parents only – that will go more in depth about how to coach new drivers. Parents will be able to use this knowledge to complete the 40 hours of state-mandated supervision of their new drivers (now required of all teens, regardless of whether or not they complete driver education) and to provide on-the-road instruction if they choose to complete the parent-taught method of driver education. (See [www.gateendrivereducation.dds.ga.gov](http://www.gateendrivereducation.dds.ga.gov) for more information about driver education options under Joshua's Law.)

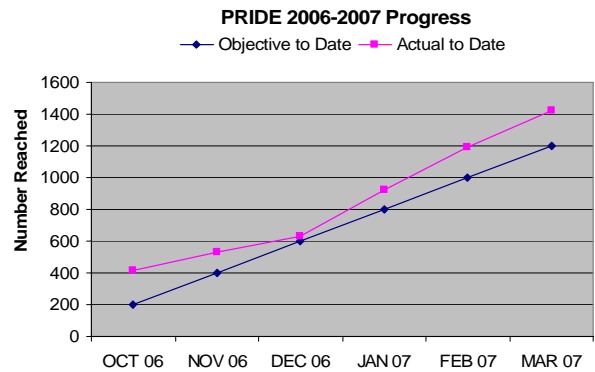
We plan to offer PRIDE, Part II (its official name has yet to be determined) as an add-on option to

your PRIDE Instructor certification. If you choose to become certified to teach this class, you'll need to participate in a two-hour training that will be held in the afternoon following a regular PRIDE recertification.

If this sounds like a class you'd be interested in, stay tuned. We plan to roll out the new PRIDE course sometime during or after October 2007.

**PRIDE Ahead of Goals for 2006-2007!**

Each year, we set a goal for the number of people we strive to reach with PRIDE classes. For the period of October 2006 through September 2007, that goal is 2,400 parents and teens – on average, 200 each month. Thanks to dedicated PRIDE instructors throughout the state (that's you!), we are running ahead of that goal for the first six months of this year. As of the end of March, 1,425 individuals have participated in PRIDE classes.



But, we need your help! Attendance traditionally tends to be lower during the months of June and July, when parents, teens, and PRIDE instructors are away on vacations. However, August and September are ideal for reaching families before the school year becomes too busy. We encourage you to plan a PRIDE class for these months; let us know the dates, and we'll list them on our Web site.

We at GTIPI truly appreciate all of your hard work scheduling, coordinating, and teaching these classes. Meeting this goal is not just a number – it means that thousands of families will receive life-saving education, and it makes it possible for us to continue providing PRIDE materials and trainings in future years.

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