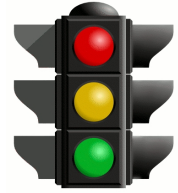


Front View

New York State Driver & Traffic Safety Education Association Bi-Monthly Newsletter

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New York State Driver Education Teachers Now Have A Voice

In February, 2009 a group of interested Driver Education Teachers, Administrators and Driver and Traffic Safety supporters came together in Albany, at the invitation of the Department Of Motor Vehicles and State Education Department, to brainstorm ideas and actions that might be taken to strengthen and further the goals of driver education and also to update the Driver Education curriculum for the youth of our state. Governor Patterson, the previous six months had spearheaded action to see how Driver Education, related to Graduated Licensing, and the Delivery Systems in our state could be improved and serve teenage/young drivers better. It was determined that young drivers continue to need a strong educational foundation provided to them through the schools. See The Report to Governor Patterson on our website.

At this February meeting, the participants decided to resurrect the Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association of New York State (DASEANYS) that had dissolved in the late 80's due to the decline of programs, resulting in fewer actively teaching teachers.

We are happy to announce that as of November our new Association has been incorporated and has been working to put all the components together to make this a functioning Association.

The official Association name is; New York State Driver & Traffic Safety Education Association and will often be referred to as NYSDTSEA, or for those who like to put a name and sound to things Nice-Dta- See Ya.

The new NYS Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association was resurrected to provide a voice for those who deliver driver education program in NYS schools along with the support of various agencies who are interested in working with driver education teachers to promote driver education in high schools.

So many people have an interest in keeping young drivers safe on our roads and NYSDTSEA welcomes suggestions and ideas that can help make NYS driver education programs strong. Volunteers have been working to put together the governing body of the Association and are working to promote membership so that the Association can serve parents and students in driver education programs in our State.

Action Items for the Association

- Ratifying our Association Constitution
- Accepting applications for 2010 membership drive
- Call for candidates for first election as an Association
- Planning is underway for the Spring Conference.
- Continuing to develop the NYSDTSEA Web Site and Front View Newsletter
- Committees

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Special points of interest:

- NYSDSEA is now incorporated
- Web site presence at www.NYSDTSEA.org
- Launched membership drive
- Spring Conference

NYSDTSEA WEB SITE and FrontView Newsletter

In 2009 NYSDTSEA experienced a lot of firsts. We launched our web page in December www.nysdtsea.org.

NYSDTSEA urges all to bookmark this site and visit it as often as you like. Our goal is that this will be a one place shopping site for those who are teaching driver education. We are aiming to provide "News you can use"; forms, resources, dates and times of various driver and traffic safety events as well as news about programs around the state

Each month we will bring you new information. We will feature Regional news and also have a blog on our site for members.

We invite you to promote your DE program by letting us know what special events are occurring with your driver education programs. We want to highlight how our New York Driver Education programs are making a difference in young driver's lives.

Send information to info@nysdtsea.org.

REGIONAL NEWS

If you have an interest in bringing people together, especially driver education teachers, and would be willing to bring ideas and concerns from your region and represent the teachers in your area, please contact us.

In the next few months leading up to the Spring Conference we are hoping to grow our membership from all corners of the State

One of the first things we

will be doing is working to help update the NYS Driver Education Curriculum. We also need help working on grants and putting an agenda together so that we might meet with legislation bodies as well as other agencies to see how we might work with these groups to promote traffic safety with our youth. Your ideas regarding funding and identifying other problematic issues that have been dormant can now

be addressed.

Think about serving the NYSDTSEA by first being a member, secondly, gathering driver education teachers in your area to share, thirdly, helping to develop a regional chapter and send a representative from your region to represent your voice in the State Association, and lastly, by serving on a committee, so that together we can improve our programs.

"Are you interested in serving as an Officer, Regional Director, on a committee?"

Standing Committees

Constitution
Curriculum
Legislation
Public Relations
ADTSEA/NETSEA

Conference
Membership
Newsletter
Teacher Prep

Resources
DEREC
Historian
Website/Internet

NYSDTSEA ASKED TO REVIEW NYS DE GUIDELINES

One of our first tasks in 2009, as a Driver Education Association was to review and provide information to State Education and Department of Motor Vehicle on the Driver Education Guidelines soon to be released.

We were asked to provide input on how these Guidelines could be improved. The Governor's Report indicated that this was one area that State Education Department

needed to update to help clarify answers to questions about how driver education should be offered around the State.

The State Education Department worked diligently to address Driver Education teachers concerns.

SED/DMV will soon have a final document that they feel will help programs continue to operate and others to be developed. This educational program teaches young people a life long, necessary skill. We urge teachers and program administrators to read over the

Guidelines carefully and make sure that programs are adhering to the spirit of the guidelines, making sure that driver education programs are being delivered properly.

Keep in mind that exposure and experience have proven to help young drivers develop the attitudes and behaviors needed in applying driving skills to real life.

Remember the 24 -24 Rule
Each student must have a minimum of 24 Classroom hours and 24 Laboratory hours.

NEW LAWS!

Don't forget to check out the Resource links on our webpage.

The DMV Website link provides direct access to important information. We will at times direct you to this site for new laws or changes in laws.

You will especially find **RESOURCES FOR THE YOUNG DRIVER** link helpful, as this is a great site for students to go to for

answers to many of their licensing issues.

You may direct students and parents to visit www.DMV.com web site. NYSDTSEA web site is more for members/teachers.

Another great site is SAFENY The Governor's Traffic Safety Committee puts this together and this is a big help in keeping us up to date in a variety of traffic safety issues.

The State Education Dept /SED website looks different from the

past. It has most recently been linked with the Career and Technical Education site, which is a great place to locate our discipline seeing that we are highly associated with life long skills and careers. This site is helpful as it provides all the information and forms that are needed for applying, updating and guidelines for delivery of driver education programs in our schools.



Interesting Driver Safety Resources

Check here monthly for interesting links to stories that might be helpful to your classroom or laboratory delivery. These stories might be on recalls, new products on the market, or interesting websites that students might want to explore.

This month we are featuring a contest that is being conducted for students being sponsored by the NYS Traffic Safety Boards. All information can be downloaded and used to motivate and promote the contest at your school.

Let's see if one of your students can submit a winning entry. We will post the winner in our next issue.

**"SAVE YOUR FRIEND'S LIFE
OVER THE AIRWAVES"**
[Contest Details](#) | [Contest Flyer](#)

LEGISLATIVE NEWS

Report On Driver Education Availability and Curriculum Enhancement.

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DRIVER EDUCATION PRESS RELEASES

One stop source for driver and traffic safety press releases.

[Details](#)

REPORT SUBMITTED TO GOV. PATTERSON 12-08

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REPORT APPENDIX WITH DOCUMENTATION

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