The Fairfax County Police Department

Youthful Driver Program

The Fairfax County Police Department recognizes the need for advanced driving skills for our youthful driver population. Teenage drivers are at a higher risk than any other age group of being involved in fatal crashes. Inexperience, peer pressure, and the increased risks that our younger drivers take is a recipe for disaster. In an effort to reach out to this very specific population group, (teens aged 16-18) we have undertaken a partnership with the community to address this issue.

The FCPD's Youthful Driver Program is a one-day, hands-on course developed to provide advanced driver training techniques to these younger drivers. Subjects that will be covered are:

- Basic vehicle dynamics
- Proper seating positions (forward & reverse)
- Proper steering techniques (forward & reverse)
- Anti-lock & threshold braking techniques
- Skid recovery techniques
- Crash avoidance
- Controlling weight transfers
- Off-road recovery techniques

These techniques are some of the same skills taught to FCPD officers. The instructors are law enforcement officers who teach driver training skills to their peers. They are ranked among the best in the nation. Trial courses have already taken place and all students were extremely pleased with the program.

Training takes place on Saturdays from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The training is conducted at the Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy's Emergency Vehicle Operations Center located at 3725 Stonecroft Blvd, Chantilly, Virginia. It is a secured facility located just off Route 50. The track is a 1.1 mile circuit and is one of only a handful in the country built specifically for law enforcement driver training. Students will drive front-wheel drive, four-door Chevrolet Malibu's.

Cost to attend the class is $200. Accommodations can be made on a case-by-case basis for a youthful driver who meets the target criteria but does not have the funds to attend the training.

Class Requirements

- 16 to 18 years old
- Fairfax County resident
- Possess a valid drivers license (not a learner's permit)
- Authorize a DMV record check (status only)

How to Sign Up

Contact the School Resource Officer in the high school the applicant attends. They will supply a registration form to be completed by the applicant and his/her parents or legal guardian. The completed form (must include required signatures) is returned to the School Resource Officer who will conduct a DMV check and verify the applicant meets the class requirements. They will then forward the completed registration form to the Emergency Vehicle Operations Center which will assign a class date and notify the applicant.

If the applicant attends a private school, access the Police Department's website, www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police . You should see a link "Youthful Driver Improvement Program Registration Form" on the home page.

Download a copy of the registration form and mail the completed form (must include required signatures) to:

Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy
Attention Emergency Vehicle Operations Center
3725 Stonecroft Blvd.
Chantilly, VA 20151-1008

Any questions may be directed to the Emergency Vehicle Operations Center at 703-818-1924

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Youthful Driver Improvement Program
Registration Form

Participant's Name and Date of Birth				Participant's Operators License	
LAST	FIRST	MI	DOB (MM-DD-YYYY)	NUMBER	STATE

Participant's Address

STREET ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP

Participant's Contact Information

HOME PHONE	CELL PHONE	EMAIL

Parental Information

MOTHER'S LAST NAME	MOTHER'S FIRST NAME	MOTHER'S WORK OR CELL PHONE	MOTHER'S EMAIL
FATHER'S LAST NAME	FATHER'S FIRST NAME	FATHER'S WORK OR CELL PHONE	FATHER'S EMAIL

Participant's Consent

By signing your name below you acknowledge your desire to participate in the Youthful Driver program. You also agree to comply fully with all rules and regulations while attending this training. You also grant permission to have your driving record checked through DMV.

PRINT NAME	SIGN NAME	DATE

Parent or Legal Guardian's Consent (Mandatory if participant is under 18 years old)

By signing your name below you acknowledge that you are the parent/legal guardian of the above listed driver and give your permission for them to participate in this training. You understand the cost of the class is $200.00 and agree to make payment upon the start of the class.

PRINT NAME	SIGN NAME	DATE

Police Officer (Only Departmental personnel should complete information below this line)

Please collect the above information from the participant and their parents. Upon retrieval, conduct a driver's record check through DMV for license status. If the applicant fits the criteria mail this form to the track and provide a copy for the applicant.

OFFICER'S NAME	EIN	STATION	SHIFT / SECTION / SCHOOL

OFFICER'S SIGNATURE	TODAY'S DATE	DMV Record Check Completed? ☐ YES ☐ NO

OFFICER'S COMMENTS: Include reason for referral i.e. traffic stop, accident, friendly referral