2018 YOUTH CRASH MAP

The map shown below displays the locations of 932 crashes reported by the Fairfax Police Department (FCPD), where the at-fault drivers were of the ages 15-20 years. The FCPD responds to reported crashes occurring on roadways within Fairfax County, crashes occurring on interstate highways within Fairfax County are routinely handled by the Virginia State Police and are not included in this crash map.

Highlighted on this map were the top three most dangerous areas for young drivers in 2018. Crashes involving fatalities and distracted driver crashes are also highlighted.

It is now easier than ever for drivers to be distracted from the road. Distracted driving does not only deal with cell phone usage and texting, although that is the most common form of distraction experienced by drivers. Eating, adjusting the radio and other vehicle controls and even talking to passengers inside the vehicle all can distract drivers.

Teenage passengers pose a major distraction to young drivers. According to an AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety study, 15% of all teen crashes happened due to the teen driver interacting with one or more teen passengers. All of these distractions combined with the relative inexperience of young drivers, greatly increases the risk of teen crashes.

Don't become a dot on our 2019 map. Put the phone down. Pay attention to the road. Enjoy the new freedom and opportunities your driver's license provides, but also realize the great responsibility that comes with it. Drive Safely.

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