

## **For Parents of Teen Drivers – Information You Should Know**

As a parent, you can help your teen develop a responsible attitude about driving. And you can help your teen gain the experience they need to stay safe on the road. Here are some Howard County programs to help you:

### **Critical 60 Program educates parents how to teach their teen how to drive during the 60 Hours of supervised driving**

Howard Community College's Critical 60 Program may be just what you are looking for to help your teen to be a better and safer driver. Maryland Law requires that an adult supervises a young driver for sixty hours before they can earn a provisional license. This is a critical time for helping the new driver to learn to drive well. Critical 60 uses a structured set of lesson plans (that are called "learner plans"). You'll be able to:

- know what your young driver ought to be learning,
- determine if you think they've learned it,
- keep track of progress and to know when you've finished,
- avoid tension and stress,
- actually be able to enjoy yourself.

For more information go to <http://critical60.com/>

### **Collision Avoidance Training Teaches Defensive Driving & Vehicle Handling**

This program (CAT) is designed for new drivers who want more specialized experience on the road. The Howard County Police Department teaches teen drivers hands-on techniques for evasive maneuvers, emergency braking, cornering, backing, skid recovery, steering, acceleration, and more. CAT is for licensed drivers who are 16 to 19 years of age. Participants must bring a vehicle to drive during the practical exercises.

You can find more about CAT by going to the Howard County Police website [www.HCPD.org](http://www.HCPD.org), and clicking on the Collision Avoidance Training link on the right side of the webpage. Or, to find more about upcoming classes, call 410-313-3758.

### **Courtesy On the Road Program Rewards Safe & Courteous Teen Drivers**

Through this program, a winning "safe driver" is chosen each week from among students registered with the program who are "caught in the act" of following speed limits, using turn signals, and demonstrating other safe, courteous driving habits. Winners receive a variety of prizes donated by local businesses. Each high school sponsors a school-based Courtesy on the Road chapter to promote program membership. Sign up for Courtesy on the Road at the required parking permit meetings/ "You Are Responsible" program, at all high schools.

### **Motorcycle Rider School at Howard Community College**

The Rider School at Howard Community College has motorcycle classes for: Basic Rider, Absolute Beginner, and Alternate Basic Rider. Courses are approved by the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) and Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF). All instructors are MVA and MSF certified. Successful completion qualifies you for a Maryland motorcycle license. For more information on HCC's Rider School, go to [www.riderschool.org](http://www.riderschool.org).

**“You Are Responsible”** program is conducted by the Howard County Police Department at each high school at the beginning of the school year to promote teen driver safety. Watch for more information about the dates of your high school's “You Are Responsible”/Parking Permit program late summer and fall.