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Beaufort County Police Department, Sheriffs Department and the Solicitor's Office receive the South Carolina National Safety Council's Alive at 25 Take Charge! Award

The South Carolina National Safety Council held the First Annual "Alive at 25" Coalition Benefit Dinner on November 7, 2007 at the Corley Mill House and Garden located in Columbia, South Carolina.

The "Alive at 25" Coalition Benefit Dinner offered the opportunity to bring together community leaders, law enforcement, businesses and families to raise the awareness about the "Alive at 25" program and the benefit the program hopes to offer to all communities around the State of South Carolina.

The Alive at 25 program is designed to be an early intervention course to help prevent traffic violations, collisions, and/or fatal fatalities. The focus is to help educate young drivers to adopt safer driving practices, take responsibility for their behavior in various driving situations, and to be aware of many of the typical driving hazards.

The South Carolina National Safety Council and the Alive at 25 program has received an overwhelming showing of support and endorsement from South Carolina's local government officials. We were pleased to have the following government officials attend and show their support: Mayor Charlie Haggard of Pelion, Chief Chris Garner from Pelion Police Department, Chief Brian Buck from Irma Police Department, Chief Jeff. P. Dowling and Officer Billy Lewis Beaufort Police Department, Major Marvin Morrison and Sergeant Tim Slupski Beaufort County Sheriff's Office, Tina Snow Beaufort County Solicitors office, Sheriff Herman Young from Fairfield County Sheriff's Office, Sergeant Steve Deibel from Aiken County Sheriff's Office, and Sheriff James R. Metts and Chief Bruce Rucker Lexington County Sheriffs Department.

During the First Annual "Alive at 25" Coalition Benefit Dinner the Beaufort County Police Department, Sheriffs Department and the Solicitor's office were honored for their creative partnerships, and traffic safety innovations pertaining to educating young drivers within their community in the hopes of reducing teen fatalities. They were recognized and received the South Carolina National Safety Councils, Alive at 25 Take Charge! Award.

The South Carolina National Safety Council congratulates Beaufort County and is proud to shine a spotlight on the forward-thinking of the Committee Leaders within Beaufort County and we encourage other communities to become as pro-active as they have become within their Community.

Motor vehicle crashes are the #1 killer of teens today in the United States

Unlike traditional driver's education courses that focus on the mechanics of driving, Alive @ 25 addresses the behaviors of driving. Alive @ 25 rewards good decision-making and provides tools on how to make good decisions when in a peer-pressure environment.

More information on SCNSC and the program described in this press release can be found at www.scnsc.org.



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