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## **Defensive driving course offered at Police Department**

**Pelion, SC** – The Pelion Police Department is looking for young adults interested in improving their defensive driving skills. This young driver intervention program zeros in on drivers between the ages of 15 and 24, the group most likely to be involved in fatal collisions.

Applications are currently being accepted for the **Defensive Driving Course Alive @ 25**. The course is offered to drivers 15-24, and is designed to be an early intervention program 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 four and one half– hour program will be offered on the following dates and is limited to 30 students per class. Class will start at 4:00 p.m. on **September 25**. The course is free to participants.

To register for Alive @ 25 the form can be obtained from the Pelion Town Hall or the South Carolina National Safety Council website. **Fax registration form to National Safety Council at (803) 732-6757**

DDC-Alive at 25 teaches young adults that:

- People in their age group are more likely to be hurt or killed in a vehicle crash.
- Inexperience, distractions, and peer pressure cause unique driving hazards.
- Speeding, alcohol, and “party drugs” greatly increase their risk of injury or death.
- As a driver or passenger, they can greatly reduce their risk by taking control.
- Committing to changing their driving behavior makes personal, legal and financial sense.

Alive @ 25 is offered at:

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