



"Alive at 25"

## **Sheriff's department vehicle to promote safe driving for teens**

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LEXINGTON COUNTY, SC (WIS) - There's a new tool to keep young drivers safe. Monday, W. Harold Wray presented a new 2007 Mazda CX-7 sports utility vehicle to the Lexington County Sheriff's Department.

The vehicle will be used to promote a driver safety program for teens. The program is called "Alive at 25." It's a four hour driver safety class that costs \$35 per student.

The sheriff's department has received a \$1,000 grant from Wal-Mart that will enable the agency to pay the \$35 fee for 28 students from Lexington County to attend the four-hour driver safety program, Metts said. Parents and students who want additional information about the grant can call Lt. Jim Crawford, supervisor of the department's traffic division, at (803) 785-8230 or e-mail Crawford at [jcrawford@lex-co.com](mailto:jcrawford@lex-co.com).

Lexington County is a statewide coordinator for the program. Sheriff James Metts thinks the program will have an impact. He says, "next year at this time, we'll be able to say we have saved lives."

According to the National Safety Council, teenagers who complete the program are 96 percent less likely to be killed in a vehicle crash than those who don't enroll in the program.

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