



CITRUS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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## TEEN DRIVER CHALLENGE

Statistics show that the number one killer of teenaged drivers is car crashes. A teen driver is more likely to be killed in a car wreck than in any other way. To combat this problem, the Florida Sheriffs Association created a hands-on course for teens called the "Teen Driver Challenge."

The Citrus County Sheriff's Office is bringing the Teen Driver Challenge program to Citrus County high schools to help teens stay safe on the road. "This course will provide our teenagers with the knowledge and hands-on experience they need to reduce their chances of getting in a traffic crash," said Sgt. Joe Palminteri, a member of the FSA Committee on Teen Driving and lead instructor for the Sheriff's Office.

The course is a combination of 4 hours of classroom instruction and 8 hours of hands-on driving on the driving range.

### Classroom instruction covers:

- Vehicle dynamics \*      • Safe driving habits
- Human factors              • Responsibility
- Drug and alcohol use      • Night driving
- Aggressive driving/road rage

### Driving range instruction covers:

- Forward/reverse serpentine
- Threshold, anti-lock and emergency braking
- Figure 8                      • Evasive maneuvers
- Cornering                    • Backing
- Skid recovery                • Off-road recovery
- and more.

The course is designed for teens who are 16 to 19 years of age and currently have a valid driver's license.



Thanks to a partnership between Citrus County Schools and the Sheriff's Office, Teen Driver Challenge courses will be held monthly at all three area high schools. Classroom instruction will be held on site at each school from 3 to 7 on selected days. Driving range instruction will be held at the WTI driving range (behind L.H.S.) from 8:00 to 2:00 on selected days. **For dates and to register for an upcoming course, please contact your School Resource Officer.**

"Driving is a lifelong experience in learning," said Sheriff Jeff Dawsy, "and instilling favorable driving skills and behavior in our youth today will last a lifetime."

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