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|  |  | Month/20XX  **TRAFFIC SAFETY TIMES**  Region xx Target Zero Coalition Updates and Activities |
| **UPCOMING EVENTS**  **TZ Coalition Meeting**  Location  Date  Time  **Seat Belt HVE Patrols**  Location  Date  Time  **DUI HVE Patrols**  Location  Date  Time  **Teen Target Zero**  Location  Date  Time  **ARIDE Training**  Location  Date  Time |  |
| **Buckle Up with Teens in the Driver Seat at Jefferson High School**  Forget the droning lectures and dry pamphlets – at Jefferson High School, the keys to safe driving are held by your fellow classmates! Jefferson's Teens in the Driver Seat (TDS) program empowers students to become certified peer instructors, transforming driver education into a relatable, engaging experiences.  Imagine ditching the textbook to learn from Sarah, your friendly senior who just aced her license test. She's not just sharing facts and figures; she's swapping real-life stories about the importance of buckling up, the dangers of texting while driving, and the unexpected situations that can arise on the road. Suddenly, safe driving isn't just a rule, it's a conversation, a shared understanding between peers who "get it."  TDS fosters a culture of safety throughout the school. Students aren't just learning; they're becoming advocates, spreading the message of responsible driving through interactive workshops, peer-to-peer campaigns, and even friendly competitions.  As Jefferson's Teens in the Driver Seat program gains momentum, it's clear that the future of driver education is bright. Students are no longer passive learners; they're active participants, taking control of their own safety and inspiring others to do the same. So, Jefferson students, remember, when you get behind the wheel, you're not just driving a car; you're leading the way towards a safer future for everyone. Buckle up, Jefferson – the road ahead is full of possibilities! |

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| **TRAFFIC SAFETY TIMES** | | | | |
|  | | |  | **Bill Proposes .05 BAC Limit (again)**  A safer driving future might be just around the corner. Legislators are once again proposing a decrease in the legal blood alcohol content (BAC) limit for driving from 0.08% to 0.05%.    Studies show a potential 25% reduction in alcohol-related fatalities, demonstrating that it's a life-saving move.  "Every life lost is a tragedy," says Senator Emily Hansen. "A 0.05 BAC limit deters drunk driving and makes our roads safer."  Washington is not the first state to consider a 0.05 BAC limit. Utah, which implemented the lower limit in 2018, has seen a significant decrease in alcohol-related fatalities since then.  Utah's success as evidence that the policy can be effective in saving lives and reducing crashes. |
| **Holiday Patrols Reduce Impaired Driving**  Holiday revelry shouldn’t mean road tragedy. From Thanksgiving to New Year local law enforcement agencies committed extra patrols to removing impaired drivers from our roads.  Officers from Mytown, Smalltown, Bigtown, and Smallcity, and Hazard County worked together to focus on areas known for holiday festivities like bars, restaurants, and shopping districts.  Their combined efforts resulted in 42 DUI arrests. In addition, they issued over 200 infractions for other high priority traffic violations, including speeding, distracted driving, and not wearing a seat belt. | | |
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|  |  | **Sue Smith Receives Community Safety Award**  Sue Smith, a name synonymous with child passenger safety in our community, recently received the Community Safety Award, recognizing her efforts in ensuring our children travel buckled up and safe.  As a certified car seat technician, Sue doesn't just advocate for proper car seat use; she champions it. Holding the record for the most car seat checks in a year – a staggering 823! – Sue embodies dedication. "Every check isn't just a statistic," she says, "It's a child potentially spared from harm, a family empowered with knowledge, and a community building a safer future." | | |