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## Teen Safe Driving

### Chapter Highlights:



#### Shenandoah High School (SHS) ~ El Dorado, CA

Shenandoah held a Teen Safe Driving Event on March 28, 2011 which involved a school-wide presentation from the chapter and Officer Steve Klang, a SHS X the TXT pledging activity, and another X the TXT activity at neighboring high school, Union Mine. Posters were displayed around campus and a car plastered with signs regarding texting and driving was strategically parked on campus. Officer Klang provided an excellent presentation on teen safety issues at school, at parties, and on the road. A YouTube short film on personal experiences of actual, tragic events that took place due to teen texting and driving was shown. X the TXT pledges were collected during lunchtime and the X the TXT event was continued at Union Mine High School thereafter, where over two hundred pledges were collected from teens. A SAVE member expressed, "It felt great; it felt like we were saving lives!"

#### Eagle High School ~ Eagle, ID

The Eagle High School SAVE Chapter, advised by Officer Travis Ruby, has conducted multiple Teen Safe Driving activities. Along with volunteers from the Ada County Sheriff's Office, they set up a driving course using cones from the Ada County Highway District, and golf carts from the Banbury Golf Course. Students drove the course twice, once without texting and during the second, students were encouraged to text as much as possible. The event was covered by Eagle High School's broadcasting class. The government classes incorporated the program into their curriculum as "texting laws" and their impact on highway safety.



#### Sun Valley High School ~ Monroe, NC

In February, Sun Valley conducted a Safe Driving Initiative during all four lunch periods. Students viewed a "Safe Driving" video, received related literature and candy, played a safe driving trivia game, and signed a safe driving pledge. The chapter will hold an X the TXT event on Friday, May 13th, with assistance from their local Allstate Insurance representative, Sheena Batson.



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# UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 2011						
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DATE	EVENT	MORE INFO
MAY	NATIONAL YOUTH TRAFFIC SAFETY MONTH (NYTSM)	<a href="http://www.nationalsave.org/PDF/National%20Youth%20Traffic%20Safety%20Month%20web.pdf">http://www.nationalsave.org/PDF/National%20Youth%20Traffic%20Safety%20Month%20web.pdf</a>
NOW - MAY 20	NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SAVE ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2011-2012 NATIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD (YAB)	<a href="http://www.nationalsave.org/main/advisory.php">http://www.nationalsave.org/main/advisory.php</a>
MAY 11	DECADE OF ACTION FOR ROAD SAFETY	<a href="http://www.makeroadssafe.org/Pages/home.aspx">http://www.makeroadssafe.org/Pages/home.aspx</a>
JUNE 20-22	NATIONAL CENTER FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME 2011 NATIONAL CONFERENCE CAPITOL HILL, WASHINGTON, D.C.	<a href="http://www.certain.com/system/profile/web/index.cfm?PKWebId=0x2425938a42">www.certain.com/system/profile/web/index.cfm?PKWebId=0x2425938a42</a>
JUNE 26 - JULY 1	NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS (NASRO) 2011 21ST ANNUAL SCHOOL SAFETY CONFERENCE ORLANDO, FL	<a href="http://www.nasro.org/mc/page.do;jsessionid=5F3906C1A7C3545C493AD28978898D19.mc1?sitePagelId=115971">http://www.nasro.org/mc/page.do;jsessionid=5F3906C1A7C3545C493AD28978898D19.mc1?sitePagelId=115971</a>
JULY 17-22	32ND ANNUAL FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS (FASRO) TRAINING CONFERENCE ORLANDO, FL	<a href="http://www.fasro.net/">http://www.fasro.net/</a>
JULY 17-22	18TH ANNUAL NC ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS (NCASRO) TRAINING CONFERENCE	<a href="http://www.ncasro.org/id5.html">http://www.ncasro.org/id5.html</a>
AUGUST 1-5	6TH ANNUAL 2011 NATIONAL SCHOOL SAFETY CONFERENCE PHOENIX, AZ	<a href="http://www.schoolsafety911.com/event.html">http://www.schoolsafety911.com/event.html</a>

## National Youth Traffic Safety Month (NYTSM)

May is National Youth Traffic Safety Month! The Allstate Foundation and the National Association of Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) have partnered to increase youth safety and promote Teen Safe Driving. This is an important time to focus on teen driving safety with events surrounding the end of the school year, including prom and graduation.

Utilizing Allstate Teen Safe Driving materials and SAVE materials, SAVE chapters are educating and empowering teens with Teen Safe Driving skills and youth safety strategies. With support from Allstate agents and employee volunteers, they are providing leadership in their schools and communities to ensure that all students will be encouraged and empowered with healthy life skills while engaging in educational activities and opportunities to promote teen safe driving and youth safety.



Students conducting an Allstate X the TXT pledge at Walter Williams High School in Burlington, NC.

## National Association of SAVE Accepting Applications for 2011-2012 National SAVE Youth Advisory Board (YAB)

**Deadline: May 20, 2011**

The National Association of Students Against Violence Everywhere will select SAVE members for the 2011-2012 National SAVE Youth Advisory Board (YAB). The YAB will be composed of high school students from across the nation who have demonstrated leadership skills and service in their school and community, as well as having experience and service with the SAVE program. These students should also possess a commitment to the ideals of SAVE. Creative and energetic students are needed to create new materials, plan and attend National Workshops and provide the youth voice necessary to propel SAVE to greater achievements. Rising freshmen through juniors are encouraged to apply.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/advisory.php>

### Monthly Focus: Teen Safe Driving

Thanks to a generous grant from the Allstate Foundation, SAVE has been working with teens to learn wise decision making skills in regards to Teen Driver Safety. May is an important month to focus on driving safety with all the events surrounding the end of the school year such as graduation and prom.

SAVE is a peer to peer organization that strives to increase youth involvement in their own safety efforts. SAVE believes in the power of positive peer influences.

The obstacles faced by today's students are daunting. More than previous generations, today's youth are faced with choices that have true life and death ramifications. Car crashes take a tremendous toll on the emotional and physical health and well-being of our nation's young people, parents, school officials, and law enforcement. One of the most valuable resources that schools and communities often overlook when addressing school and community youth safety is student involvement. By encouraging youth-led solutions, we can empower students to play a key role in fostering safe and smart decisions that will protect the health and lives of our nation's youth. The good news is, as the growing number of students involved in SAVE attests, students are willing to step up to the plate and actively participate in solving this complex problem.

For suggested activities and downloads, visit: <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/teendrivingfocus.php>

For additional information on upcoming monthly topics, visit: <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/calendar>

### SAVE Question of the Month:

Please share the SAVE Question of the Month with your SAVE members. The Youth Voices section of the forum is a place for students to ask questions and get responses from SAVE members across the country.

**May QoM: "May is National Youth Traffic Safety Month. How is your SAVE chapter promoting Teen Safe Driving? Are you conducting Teen Safe Driving activities leading up to prom and graduation? How are you encouraging smart decisions before and after prom?"**

Please send your responses to: [forum@nationalsave.org](mailto:forum@nationalsave.org)

Check out: <http://www.nationalsave.org/forum/index.php> to see your response posted!



## Center for Civic Education's National Youth Violence Prevention Week Digital Mosaic

The Center for Civic Education's School Violence Prevention Demonstration Program has created a digital mosaic, in which students from across the country depict relationships between key democratic principles and bullying. The mosaic, can be viewed at <http://www.civiced.org/mosaic/mosaic2011.php>.

Students focused on the concepts of authority, privacy, responsibility, and justice. Here's a taste of what they had to say:

- "We know that people with authority help us know what to do (follow rules) and keep us safe from people who might try to use power without authority." —Kindergarteners, Rhode Island
- "Privacy is such an important right for us and covers such a large part of our lives. When you violate others' privacy, you're violating the things that they believe to be secure and personal to them." —Twelfth-graders, Kentucky
- "If we are responsible we will not bully and will also stand against bullying. By being responsible in this way, bullying will become extinct." —First-graders, Pennsylvania
- "Our poster is about social justice. We picked this topic because bullies are mean, rude, and never fair. Social groups have so many ways to hurt people. Sometimes a group goes against one person or rumors spread about a person." —Seventh-graders, Michigan

To submit a poster to the mosaic, or to learn more about the project, please visit <http://www.democracymosaic.net/>. For other activities relating the concepts of authority, privacy, responsibility, and justice to bullying, please visit <http://new.civiced.org/programs/svdpd>.

### West Texas SAVE Summit ~ Ira, TX

The Ira High School SAVE Chapter hosted the West Texas SAVE Summit on Friday, March 25, 2011, where other area high schools came to learn more about the organization and how to organize a chapter at their school. The event was sponsored in part by a grant from the Allstate Foundation. National SAVE Youth Advisory Board (YAB) members Candy Gonzalez, Ira senior and YAB secretary, J.P. Wilson, and Shadezja Garrett presented. The National Association of SAVE's executive director, Carleen Wray, was the keynote speaker and lead the event's activities along with Ira SAVE Chapter advisor Katrina Reynolds. Activities included ice breakers that allowed attending students to get to know each other. They learned what SAVE is, how they can make a difference, and how to start their own chapter. During group sessions, summit attendees broke into smaller groups, lead by Ira SAVE members, and discussed leadership, awareness, communication, empowerment and engagement.



## Beth's Blog: 2010 SAVE Advisor of the Year - Beth Scheirer, Laney High School (NC)

Merriam Webster Online shares this definition:

ac•ci•dent noun \ˈak-sə-dənt, -dənt; ˈaks-dənt\:

an unfortunate event resulting especially from carelessness or ignorance

The focus for this month is Teen Driver Safety. According to the Centers for Disease Control, motor vehicle crashes (also known as “accidents”) account for more than one in three deaths for US teens and are the leading cause of death for this age group. A special focus on this during the month of May is extremely important considering the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety has found that over the past five years, May 20 has served to claim 63% more young lives in car accidents than the average day.

Why do we see so many tragedies with teen drivers? In a recent survey, the Allstate Foundation found that more than 60% of young people report they worry about getting into a car accident, but still admit to practicing distracting or harmful actions while driving. Forty nine percent of teens report texting while driving, 82% of teens report using cell phones while driving, and 23% admit to drinking and driving. These distractions directly contribute to the figures being so high. Could these unfortunate events be avoided if greater importance, understanding, and attention was given to the serious responsibility it requires to get behind the wheel?

SAVE Chapters can help to decrease teen driving incidents by working with other teens. Help your peers role play ways to avoid distractions while driving and how to speak up if they feel unsafe with another teen’s driving. Create public service announcements and/or note cards to be placed on tables reminding students to be responsible and drive carefully. SAVE Chapters could even host an after-prom event with safe, fun activities. It is also very important to share with parents current information on teen driver safety issues and reiterate the importance of being a good role model for safe driving.

Here is the bottom line: Your life matters to those around you. Being careless or ignorant behind the wheel may cost you precious time on this earth and great pain to those who you leave behind. Every time you turn your key in the ignition, take a deep breath and think about safe driving behavior. Be aware of the responsibility you have been given when driving and as one unknown author shared, “Leave sooner, drive slower, live longer.”

As always, feel free to contact me with questions, comments, and topics for future articles at: [beth.scheirer@nhcs.net](mailto:beth.scheirer@nhcs.net), 910-350-2089 ext. 439.



## YABer Yak: National Youth Advisory Board Member Morgan Kowitz ~ Wilmot Union High School (WI)

With Prom around the corner, the month of May has the potential to be the most deadly month of the year for teens across the US; not that that’s what’s crossing the minds of most seniors, juniors and some sophomores that get into the car and drive off. After all we’re invincible aren’t we? Even with the teen mentality, we are still vulnerable to the temptation of a night without supervision!

This year, the Wilmot Union High School SAVE Chapter combined with the SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) Chapter. As a chapter, we have addressed this issue by hosting a bi-annual accident re-enactment at the school during the month of May.

This is just one of the things that schools across the country do to raise awareness of safe teen driving! Other activities include the Grim Reaper Day, a day where students who are made to look like they had been in a crash, represent youth who lost their lives in auto accidents.

This year, our chapter is also focusing on next year’s Freshmen. We are doing presentations to the feeder school 8th graders about how to make educated choices when they come to high school, including those regarding drugs/alcohol and driving. Regardless of what your school does, make it interesting and shocking and it should get its point across!

Doing shocking displays is just one way to get the statistics out, and while it is effective you have to remember that it isn’t statistics that really help teens to act safe, ITS YOU! Be a good role model, drive safe and remind your friends that safe teen driving isn’t just extra credit, it’s required!



### Special pricing on Unmasking the Violence T-shirts!

Purple “Unmasking the Violence for 20 Years!” T-shirts now available at special reduced price: **\$5 each**. All sizes S-3X available. <http://nationalsave.org/order/unmasking.php>  
*Stock up now before they’re gone!*

**GOING FAST!**

## Prevention Resources:

### A New Survey by The Allstate Foundation

A new survey by The Allstate Foundation found that teens believe there should be stronger laws related to earning driver licenses, indicating young people support policies likely to lead to reductions in teen crash rates and make the roads safer for all American families.

Check out the survey results: <http://library.constantcontact.com/download/get/file/1101808979916-658/Teen+Licensure+Survey+Press+Conference+FINAL.pdf>

and fact sheet: <http://library.constantcontact.com/download/get/file/1101808979916-659/Teen+Licensure+Survey+Highlights+Fact+Sheet+-+FINAL.pdf>

### Cyber-Bullying: Creating a Culture of Respect in a Cyber World

In the 1990s, many incidents revolved around student-on-student violence, usually involving guns. Schools implemented many programs to keep guns and gangs out of schools. In the 21st Century, school violence is taking on a new and more insidious form. New technologies have made it easier for bullies to gain access to their victims.

Read the full article: <http://bx.businessweek.com/educational-change/view?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.crisisprevention.com%2FWeb-Resources%2FCyber-Bullying--Creating-a-Culture-of-Respect-in-a>

### '1 Teen Death by Suicide is Too Many'

Bullying by another girl at school was the catalyst that led an Orange County high school sophomore to want to end her life, but the underlying causes were much more complicated.

Read her story: <http://www.recordonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20110323/HEALTH/103230328/-1/SITEMAP>

### How to Protect Your Child From Cyber-Bullying

Cyber-bullying is basically harassing or tormenting another person through an online medium like Facebook or texting.

Find out what parents can do: <http://middletown-ct.patch.com/articles/how-to-protect-your-child-from-cyber-bullying-2>

### There are Things You Can do to Make it Stop

StopBullying.gov provides information from various government agencies on how kids, teens, young adults, parents, educators and others in the community can prevent or stop bullying.



Visit the website: <http://www.stopbullying.gov/index.html>

### Bullying: Lasting Psychological Effects on the Brain During its Most Formative Years

The subject of "bullying" has been gaining momentum, replacing a nonchalant attitude driven by a nonchalant label. Evidence emerges on the psychological front that bullying has lasting, debilitating effects on mental health and self-image, as evidenced by a surge in eating disorders, body dysmorphia, and suicides. Bullied children often spend their adulthoods casting themselves in similar roles, perpetuating the cycle.

Check out the stats: <http://www.business2community.com/health-wellness/bullying-lasting-psychological-effects-on-the-brain-during-its-most-formative-years-020331>

### Measuring Bullying Victimization, Perpetration, and Bystander Experiences: A Compendium of Assessment Tools

Bullying, particularly among school-age children, is a public health problem both domestically and internationally. In a 2009 nationally representative sample of youth in grades 9–12, 20% reported being bullied at school in the previous year. Five percent of students did not go to school because they felt they would be unsafe at school or on their way to or from school at least once in the previous 30 days.



CDC's Injury Center is pleased to announce the release of *Measuring Bullying Victimization, Perpetration, and Bystander Experiences: A Compendium of Assessment Tools*. This compendium provides researchers, prevention specialists, and health educators with tools to measure a range of bullying experiences.

View, download or print the compendium: [http://www.cdc.gov/ViolencePrevention/pub/measuring\\_bullying.html](http://www.cdc.gov/ViolencePrevention/pub/measuring_bullying.html)

### Stronger DUI Laws Proposed

After Frank Blair of Tacoma lost his 24-year-old daughter to a head-on collision with a drunken driver last year, he vowed to take his cause to the Legislature and try to convince lawmakers that they need to toughen penalties for drinking and driving in Washington.

See what the bill would include: <http://www.thenewstribune.com/2011/03/23/1596033/stronger-dui-laws-proposed.html>

### Kids and Alcohol: Is Your Teen Drinking?

In a recent poll on Empowering Parents about teen substance abuse, 70% of parents surveyed said they'd caught their child drinking.

View the statistics: <http://www.prweb.com/releases/empoweringparents/poll/prweb8210182.htm>

## Funding/Contest Opportunities:

### Allstate Foundation Mini Grants Available for Teen Safe Driving Activities!

Many schools and community agencies are planning activities to encourage Teen Safe Driving during key times including back to school, America's Safe Schools Week, holidays, National Youth Violence Prevention Week, National Youth Traffic Safety Month, Prom and Graduation. The National Association of Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) has mini grants available for schools and community agencies who are conducting activities this fall in the following states: AK, DC, DE, HI, ID, MD, NC, OR, TX, VA, WA, and WV. Mini grants range from \$500 - \$1,000 and include educational items, materials, Teen Safe Driving Toolkits and a free SAVE Chapter affiliation.

For a very brief (less than 2 pages) grant application, contact: [info@nationalsave.org](mailto:info@nationalsave.org)



### ATTENTION ALL SAVE CHAPTER MAIN ADVISORS

The National Association of Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) seeks to maintain accurate and up to date information on SAVE chapters across the country. We appreciate your participation in this effort by having SAVE Chapters' main advisors update their chapter's information in the Survey Monkey Information Profile - he/she will receive a free t-shirt for doing so! The survey: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BFRQD2J>

### NATIONAL SAVE CALL FOR PHOTOS (Deadline: May 20th, 2011)

Submit photos of your chapter in action now through May 20th, and they may appear in the National Association of SAVE 2011-2012 School Year Calendar!



Submit to: [pobrien@nationalsave.org](mailto:pobrien@nationalsave.org)



### WaysToHelp.org Grants (Deadline: Ongoing)

WaysToHelp.org invites teens in the United States to apply for grants to fund their community service ideas across any one of 16 issue areas. You can apply for a grant by visiting <http://waystohelp.org/> and for any issue area, selecting "See Ways To Help" followed by "Apply for a Grant." Applications are short - just 5,000 words or less - and should summarize: how the project will involve others, who it will help, what effect it's expected to have, when it will start, and how the funds will be used. Grant requests are reviewed and responded to on a monthly basis.

### Youth-Turn it Around Awards (Deadline: May 31, 2011)

YOUTH-Turn is an online tool available through National Organizations for Youth Safety (NOYS) and sponsored by the Casey Feldman Memorial Foundation with the support of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). The tool is totally focused on helping teens and community members turn adversity into educational and constructive opportunities that may prevent similar tragedies from happening to someone else. Traffic Safety:



Has a traffic tragedy occurred in a community near you? You can create an educational and sustainable project to help prevent the tragedy from happening again by:

1. Utilizing the YOUTH-Turn resources available on: <http://noys.org/youthturn.aspx>
2. Sending your project proposal to YOUTH-Turn
3. Implementing the project in May 2011 for National Youth Traffic Safety Month

Please note: There is no timeline required of when the tragedy occurred.

Find out more at: <http://noys.org/youthturn.aspx>

### NOYS/CDC Traffic Safety Leaders College Scholarships (Deadline: May 31, 2011)

The National Organizations for Youth Safety (NOYS)/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Traffic Safety Leaders Scholarship was established to recognize youth who have taken the lead to address traffic safety. This scholarship provides awards for U.S. high school students who are currently high school Juniors or Seniors and planning to attend a two-year or four-year college or university and continue their efforts to address traffic safety. Three scholarships are available. Two (2) \$1,000 scholarships, and one (1) \$500 scholarship will be awarded based on peer review of applicant information.

Apply now: [http://noys.org/mydocuments/noys\\_cdc\\_traffic\\_safety\\_leaders\\_2011\\_college\\_scholarships.pdf](http://noys.org/mydocuments/noys_cdc_traffic_safety_leaders_2011_college_scholarships.pdf)

### 2011 ClipsByU Anti-Bullying Video Challenge (Deadline: May 31, 2011)

ClipsByU is powered by the Great Minds Foundation. Their primary focus is to provide an outlet for students to inform and inspire each other to act responsibly and reach their highest potential. This year their video challenge is focusing on the topic of Anti-Bullying. Students will create a short video about bullying and submit it to their website: <http://www.clipsbyu.com/> to be entered into the contest. The prize for best video is \$2,000, along with 5 runner-up prizes.

