



The North Dakota Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association is a professional organization for driver and traffic safety educators that promotes safe habits, attitudes, knowledge and instructional tools to develop driving skills for teen drivers.

“SAVE THE DATE”

The annual NDDTSEA Conference is right around the corner. March 27-29, 2014- with a pre-conference scheduled on March 27, 2014 at the Seven Seas and Water Park in Mandan, ND. This year's conference will be entail an updated curriculum and Playbook. If you have attended last year's conference you will have seen the Oregon Playbook that Rich Hanson introduced to NDDTSEA member. Your curriculum team has been working diligently to complete this same process for North Dakota's instructors. It is very important that you attend this conference to receive your Playbook and DVD. The pre-conference is for those that are new to Driver Education, have not switched to the new curriculum and for those that would like a refresher course prior to the driver education season. Rich Hanson will be returning to help guide us through the Playbook process. Dr Shari Willis will also return to give you more information on engaging your students. Other topics this year will be: Website updated, Liability, Record Keeping & Policies, Parent Teen Orientation, Past Present & Future of Driver & Traffic Safety, Drug Recognition, Crash Recognition System, Park Assist, and Advocacy Training.

Make sure you plan to attend the annual NDDTSEA conference in March. Watch for upcoming notices for the conference on the NDDTSEA website at: <http://www.minotstateu.edu/drivered/nddtsea/>

See you there!!!!

Executive Committee Business

The EC has been communicating through electronic mail regularly to keep up-to-date on the running of this organization. Your EC met on Oct 17, 2013 at Century High School in Bismarck. The main topics were the NDDTSEA conference planning, curriculum update/Playbook, and ADTSEA conference. NDDOT sent Boyd Westman and Becky Hardy to Portland, Oregon in October to their annual conference. The topic was the implementation of the Oregon Driver Risk Prevention Curriculum Playbook. When they returned to ND and discussed the changes. It was decided to implement it in ND at our annual conference. A curriculum team was chosen: Thomas Johnson, Boyd Westman, Becky Hardy, Dale Ludwig, Bob Green, Brad Webster and Carol Thurn. The team has submitted the changes to NDDOT and now NDDOT is getting quotes for the cost of the changes and the printing of the books and getting the DVDs copied. The topic that was discussed was the ADTSEA Conference. This year the conference will be in Wichita, KS. It has been discussed to send a few EC members to this conference to see if it is feasible to bring the national conference to ND in the future. Check out the website for the meeting minutes <http://www.minotstateu.edu/drivered/nddtsea/index.htm>

Drive Safe:

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