



The Hard Truth

- Traffic crashes are the #1 cause of death among young U.S. adults (21 years old and under).
- Teens make up about 7% of total drivers, yet cause 18% of total fatalities.
- A teen's risk of being in a car crash is at a lifetime high in their first 12-24 months of driving.
- Main factors for teen accidents: lack of experience and distractions (cell phones, friends, etc).
- Teens driving at night with passengers are 4-5 more times likely to have an accident than when driving alone during the day.

National Safety Council; American Automobile Association



Georgia's Graduated Drivers License Program

- Instructional Permit (ages 15+): Pass written exam. Accompanied by passenger (at least 21, with a valid Class C license) at all times while driving.
- Intermediate/Class D License (ages 16-18): Hold Permit for one year and pass driving test.
 - Can't drive between midnight and 6 am.
 - Only family member passengers for first six months.
 - Only one non-family member passenger under 21 during second six months.
 - No more than three non-family member passengers under 21 after second six months.
- Full Class C License (ages 18+): Hold Class D license and incurred no major traffic convictions during previous 12 months.

JCPD's Community Services Division is dedicated to keeping residents informed about safety and criminal issues and aspires to collaborative and helpful community relations.



Police Department/Municipal Court
11445 Johns Creek Parkway
Johns Creek, GA 30097

Police: 678-474-1600
Court: 678-512-3444

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STOP

Solicitor. Teen.
Officer. Parent.



A Teen Driver Intervention Program



JCPD
Johns Creek Police Department



Basic Facts

STOP, a Teen Driver Intervention Program from the Johns Creek Police Department and Municipal Court, educates young traffic violators on driver safety and promotes direct communication between police and parents about their teens' driving habits and traffic violations.

Created because of a disproportionate number of young traffic violators in Johns Creek, the intervention program is open to all drivers (17-20 yrs old) who have received a traffic violation from a Johns Creek police officer.

Mandatory Attendance

The City Solicitor or Municipal Judge orders a violator to attend the program and may order completion of other times as part of a sentence or Solicitor's Pre-Trial Intervention.

The program lasts approximately 1½ hours and features videos and presentations by the police and the court.

The 90 minute presentation covers:

- Joshua's Law, establishing driving curfews and passenger limitations
- Ways to legally lose your license
- The high fatality count among young drivers and their passengers
- Causes of traffic accidents among young drivers
- Caleb's Law prohibiting texting or using cell phones while driving

Parents are strongly encouraged to attend with their teen violators.



If you have not been sentenced to appear on a traffic violation, but are interested in attending the program, please call Court Services for details at 678-512-3444.

The program is only offered once a month. Online registration is required, please visit www.johnscreekgov to register for available dates and time.

“On any given court date, at least a third of our traffic violators are under 21. Most have been driving less than two years. Half are accidents and half of those charged have prior violations.”

- Municipal Court Judge Donald Schaefer

Sign Up, Get Notification If Police Stop Your Teen Driver

Parents may voluntarily register with the JCPD any motor vehicle that will be driven by a family member under the age of 21. Upon providing contact information, parents receive an unobtrusive STOP decal, like the one pictured at right, to place on the upper left corner of the rear window of each car registered.



If the registered vehicle is stopped by a JCPD officer while operated by a driver under the age of 21, the parents receive an email or telephone call with details of the stop (time, location, passengers, reason, whether a citation was issued).

If you are interested in registering your vehicle in the STOP vehicle notification program please visit www.johnscreekgov/police. You may then pick up a decal by visiting the Johns Creek Police Department at 11445 John's Creek Parkway.

“Our community has historically valued our children. This is another step in taking care of our most precious assets.”

- City Solicitor William Riley

