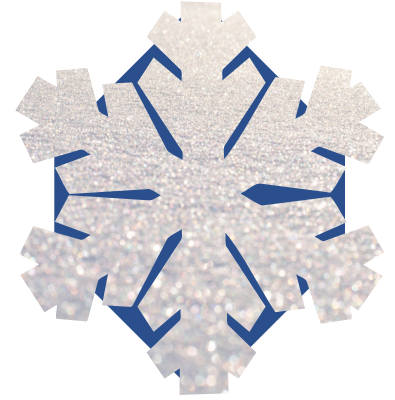


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December is National Impaired Driving Prevention Month

Safe driving requires focus, coordination, good judgment, and quick reactions to the environment. Any alcohol or other drug use impairs the ability to drive safely.



Did you know?

- Teen drivers have a much higher risk for being involved in a crash than older drivers at the same blood alcohol concentration (BAC), even at BAC levels below the legal limit for adults ages 21 years and older.
- Among U.S. high school students who drove in 2019, about 5% drove after drinking alcohol in the prior 30 days. Also, among all high school students, about 17% rode with a driver who had been drinking alcohol in the prior 30 days.
- Among U.S. high school students who drove in 2017, about 13% drove when they had been using marijuana in the prior 30 days.

~ www.cdc.gov

If you or someone you know struggles with addiction:

Call or Text 988

The National Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

UPCOMING CLASSES

Resource Hour - La Plata

Come gather resources for your family and talk with members of local agencies and groups.

Next Class: Tuesday, December 5, 2023

Location: CCSO Headquarter Building

Volunteer Open House - La Plata

Teen Court is looking for Adult Volunteers to help run our bi-weekly court sessions.

Next Class: Monday, December 11, 2023

Location: CCSO Headquarter Building

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A MESSAGE FROM MIKE with CSM ~ Alive at 25

Did you know the number one cause of death for young adults ages 15 to 24 years of age is motor vehicle crashes? Per the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA), 27% of these fatal crashes were due to alcohol-related impairment. December is Impaired Driving Awareness Month and as a National Safety Council Alive at 25 Instructor with the Chesapeake Region Safety Council and the College of Southern Maryland, I wish to offer the following reminders to avoid becoming a statistic this holiday season:

- It is illegal for anyone under the age 21 to purchase, possess, or consume alcohol in any form.
- If indulging in alcohol consumption, it's always best to make alternative plans to getting behind the wheel and driving like call an Uber, Lyft, or Taxi Service, appoint a designated driver, or stay the night.

Remember, the greatest gift you can give your family and friends this holiday season is to be present, and you can only do this if you understand the only driving behavior you can control is your own.

Wishing you a safe and happy holiday season!

Your friendly neighborhood Driver Education/Improvement Instructor!

UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS

Pizza Hotline - La Plata Location

- December 6th
- January 15th
- February 19th



For more information on
Upcoming Class & Fundraisers,
check out our website:



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