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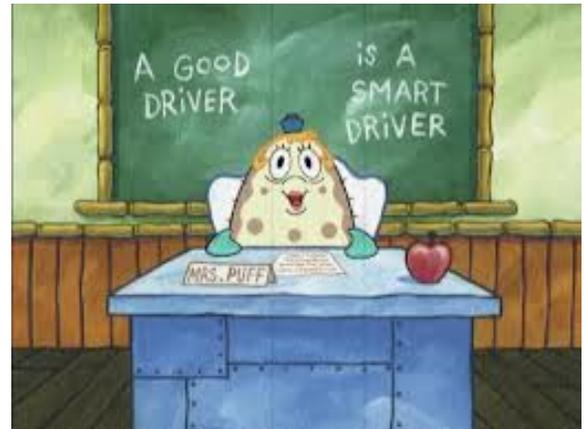
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Driver Education Program Update

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Greetings!

I am very happy to report that driver education enrollment numbers are up over 50% across the state and providers are gearing up for this new reality as fast as we can get new instructors trained. The biggest reason for the upturn is the Drive Test Waiver Program, which has incentivized our program in a big way! Later in the newsletter, you will find a quick reference to help you answer questions related to the waiver.



The "free and reduced" subsidy is still brand new and we haven't had any reimbursement submissions yet, but students who could benefit are out there. As a reminder, ODOT-TSD will provide up to an additional \$75 reimbursement for scholarships you grant to low-income students. What is your school or company doing to promote this new additional subsidy? Have you added a bullet point to a presentation or a text box on your advertising offering this additional way to bring the cost down? Remember, families won't use what they don't know is out there so you are encouraged to really highlight this important family-based subsidy.

For the fifth straight year, DHS has increased the student participation in the "parent portion" of the cost of driver education for foster teens. It is very difficult to get a teen into the program, that they need to prepare them for driving which enables them to find better jobs. In addition to birth certificate and other documentation issues, coming up with the required insurance to be in a vehicle continues to prove difficult for these deserving teens. Thanks to Rosemary and Luke over at DHS for all they do for our future roadway users!

Finally, we are coming to an end of a chapter in driver education.

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Angela Hendrickson announced a few weeks ago that she is leaving Western Oregon University to be more available for her family's business and other ventures she currently pursues.

Many, if not all of you know Angela. She is in the picture because ODOT provides a grant to WOU, which Angela manages. You know her through the Pacific Northwest Driver and Traffic Safety Conference that she coordinates each March. Our regional conference is one of the best in the country, due largely, to Angela's leadership and professionalism.

You might also know her through the Train the Trainer program and the State Instructor Certification program that she implemented and manages. But did you know she was also the person who coordinated several of the other large projects we have completed over the past several years? Angela is responsible for the curriculum team that drafted several iterations of the ORPC including the Playbook® and the Instructor DVD Interface, as well as the Instructor Training Curriculum, and the online "hybrid" course for instructor training unveiled this past April! She has earned her "Professional Cat Herder" degree many times over!!



Angela and Harv with LTs in May of 2009

There are many things I have left out, mostly because I can't keep track of all the things she does for driver education and the State of Oregon. There is one thing, however, that sticks out in my mind when thinking about Angela: her quiet determination and strength. We used to tease about the "new kid" when she took over the WOU program. It's been 10 years now since the "new kid" began as Program Manager for Western, which means she has been an integral part of driver education much longer than many of our teachers or even ToTs. She not only gets what we do, but made us all better for her involvement in driver education.

We will miss you, Angela, and we wish you continued success in all ventures forward!!

Bill

Changes at WOU

As Angela Hendrickson leaves Western Oregon University and moves on to other business ventures, the management of the ODOT Traffic Safety Education Program is being transferred to the Teaching Research Institute at WOU. Aaron East and Bonnie Morihara will be managing the program and wish to let everyone know that they are working closely with Angela to ensure a smooth transition. They are eager to begin working with ODOT and the Traffic Safety Education Program. The new e-mail address for the TSE program is trafficsafety@wou.edu.



Aaron East's expertise is in administration, training, and budget management. He also has 20 years of military and criminal justice experience, including seven years as Executive Director of the Oregon Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision. Aaron has a BS in Law Enforcement with a minor in Business Administration from Western Oregon University. Aaron can be reached at east@wou.edu or 503-838-9237.



Bonnie Morihara has worked as a Project Director at Teaching Research Institute for the past 10 years. She has extensive experience in K-12 teaching, educator professional development, program coordination and online instruction. Bonnie has a BA from the University of Michigan and Ed.M. and Ph.D. degrees in Education from Oregon State University. Bonnie can be reached at moriharb@wou.edu or 503-838-8413.

Compliance Visit Preparation

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The guidance document, *How to Prepare for Compliance Review*, has been updated to incorporate the March 2014 OAR revision. Find it on the ODOT-TSD website, under Resources for Providers at <http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TS/Pages/Driver-Education-Provider-Resource-Page.aspx>.

A Provider's Quick Reference for DMV Skills Test Waiver

Keep this as a handy reference when parents contact you with specific questions about the test waiver.

A plastic completion card waives a student's DMV driving test

- Only an "eligible student" (under age 18) may receive a plastic completion card. (A student who completes the course at age 18 or older cannot receive a plastic card, and therefore cannot receive the test waiver.)
- The plastic card is valid for 2 years. So if a student received it while under age 18, he could use the card to waive the DMV drive test if he applies for his license at age 18 or older.
- A provider may issue a certificate from their school certifying that a student 18 or over has completed driver education, even if that student is not eligible for the plastic card or DMV waiver. (Good for Insurance discount). ❖

May 3rd in History...



1494 - Jamaica discovered by Columbus; he names it "St Iago"

1765 - 1st US medical college opens in Philadelphia

1802 - Washington, D.C. is incorporated as a city

1936 - NY Yankee Joe DiMaggio makes his major-league debut, gets 3 hits

1971 - National Public Radio begins programming

1999 - The Dow Jones Industrial Average closes above 11,000 for the first time in its history at 11,014.70

2000 - The sport of geocaching begins, with the first cache placed and the coordinates from a GPS posted on Usenet

***2013** – HB 2264 passed in the Oregon State Legislature authorizing Department of Transportation to increase rate of reimbursement for reduced-tuition traffic safety education courses provided to low-income students by public school, commercial driver training school or county

Annual Driving Record Q & A

Q: Does a provider still need to request an annual driving record for instructors?

A: A provider must annually obtain the driving record for instructors who live outside of Oregon, but use your own judgment for in-state instructors. See discussion:

- OAR 737-015-0070(4)(d) Out-of-state instructors must annually provide to their employer a certified driving record. This is required because their driving records cannot be monitored through ODOT-TSD's agreement with DMV. An employer must carefully review the driving record for compliance, and maintain with instructor qualification records.
- A provider is no longer required to annually obtain a driving record for instructors who are Oregon residents, because DMV notifies ODOT-TSD of any convictions. However, it may be in your best interest to have an internal policy to monitor all instructor driving records by obtaining an annual record.

As an employer, it may be valuable to know if, for example, an instructor annually receives a traffic conviction, just barely meeting minimum qualifications. Are your instructors modeling the behavior you want students to follow? A driving record may help you answer that question. ❖

Exam Corrections

We noticed a couple of errors on the exams after we pressed the DVDs. Here are the corrections:

1. Chapter 4 Exit Exam Key:
 - Question 19 answer should be F.
 - Question 20 answer should be "6-8 feet of side space"
2. Final Exam B: Answers are showing on questions 59-62.
3. Chapter 6 Exit Exam and Key: Question 24 should say: When pedestrians are crossing at a traffic light, drivers [turning right] must wait until the pedestrian has crossed out of the driver's lane and half of the next lane.
4. Final Exam A: Question 82 has an unnecessary "e" and Key has a missing space after same question. ❖

