



HOWARD COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Howard County Police Department will be conducting the Collision Avoidance Training class for Fall of 2012, **September 14-15 and continuing through December 2012.**

The C.A.T. program is an advance defensive driving and vehicle control program for **licensed teenage driver's ages 16-20 years old**. The two day program (12 hours) is designed to provide young drivers with the knowledge and understanding of vehicle dynamics.

The first day of the program is classroom instruction (4 hours). The classroom portion of the program gives students a better understanding of why the vehicle responds the way it does and prepares them for the behind-the-wheel exercise on the driving course. The second day is the behind-the-wheel training course (8 hours). This course provides practical exercises that demonstrate how the vehicle responds in a given situation or how to regain control of the vehicle once it is out of control. The driving skills addressed in the program are: evasive maneuvers, threshold/emergency braking, forward serpentine, cornering, backing, reverse serpentine, and skid and off-road recovery.

During the behind-the-wheel training, students operate their own vehicles. Prior to the start of the training, each vehicle is inspected by an instructor to ensure that the vehicle is in good operational condition. Then each student, accompanied by an instructor (Howard County Police Officer), begins practicing the different driving skills/maneuvers.

Each student must successfully complete each driving skill/maneuver in order to receive a certificate of completion. If the student does not satisfactorily complete the course, they are given the option of coming to another session in order to complete the course. This second session would be at no cost to the student.

The Howard County Police Department prides itself on making a difference and providing quality services to the citizens of this county. One of the goals of this Police Department is to continue to promote traffic safety within the County. The cost to each student is \$ 95.00 for both classes.

Additional dates for Fall 2012 are Oct. 19-20; Nov. 16-17; and Dec. 7-8.

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