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Columbia Police Department Offering the Alive @ 25 Program

The Columbia Police Department's Traffic Safety Unit, along with the South Carolina National Safety Council, is now offering the Alive at 25 Defensive Driving program for young adults.

The Alive at 25 Defensive Driving program is an intervention program for drivers between the ages of 15-24, which is statistically, the group most likely to be involved in fatal traffic collisions.

This course is offered to young drivers, in an effort to help prevent traffic violations, traffic collisions, and/or fatalities. This course places its focus on educating young drivers to adopt safer driving practices, take responsibility for their behavior in various driving situations, and to be aware of many of the typical driving hazards. Unlike traditional driver's education courses that focus on the mechanics of driving, Alive at 25 addresses the behaviors of drivers.

The 4-1/2 hour program is limited to 30 students per class, and will be offered on July 18th at the Columbia Police Department Training Center (1632 Hampton St, Columbia, SC 29201). The class will begin promptly at 4:00 p.m. and end promptly at 8:30 p.m. Participants should arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of class.

If you are a young adult who is interested in improving your defensive driving skills, please contact Sgt. M. Modica with the Columbia Police Department's Traffic Safety Unit

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at (803) 545-3975 or the South Carolina National Safety Council at (800) 733-6185 to receive a registration form. The registration form may also be downloaded from the City of Columbia website at <http://www.columbiasc.net>

The registration fee for the Alive at 25 course is \$35.00; however, this fee is being waived for the first 30 participants.

For additional information, contact Sgt. M. Modica at 545-3975.

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