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Driver Improvement Program

In Scouting, motor vehicle accidents rank as No. 1 in terms of frequency (how many) and severity (cost). What can we do to try to reduce the frequency and severity of accidents?

Posted on Scouting Safely is the [Risk Zone Transporting Scouts Safely program](#).

New for 2017 is the Hartford Insurance Cos. Driver Improvement Program, which can be found on the BSA Learn Center under Expanded Learning. You may self-register for this course. The course will take approximately 35 minutes to complete and is based upon the concepts of defensive driving—recognizing hazards and preventable collisions. Once the course is completed, a certificate will be available and the participant's training record will be updated.

In addition, there is a USI 15-Passenger Van PowerPoint presentation on Scouting Safely for your use. **Please recall that pre-2005 15-passenger vans are not authorized for Scouting activities.**

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in 2015 alone 35,092 lives were lost in motor vehicle accidents across the country. Distracted driving contributed to 3,477 deaths. In 2014, drowsy driving claimed 846 lives, while speeding killed 9,262 people. On a positive note, more than 13,000 people were saved in 2014 due to the wearing of seat belts.

Please make the above information available to your volunteers by promoting Scouting Safely, which is accessed via www.scouting.org.

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