

# **Dallas Teen Driver Safety Fair interview**

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### BITE 1

Why is it important for families to know about the Teen Driver Safety Fair?

TRT-:18

"So car crashes are one of the leading causes of death for teens. Inexperience of course plays a role in that, but we also know teens are more likely to engage in certain risky behaviors behind the wheel. So this event is designed to be a one stop shop for parents and teens to get some great safety information and also have a lot of fun."

### BITE 2

Why should parents be involved in the learning-to-drive process?

TRT-:20

"research shows it's really important for parents to be involved in the learning-to-drive process. That's what the teen driver safety fair is designed for, for parents and teens. You'll meet with traffic safety experts and you'll also get some take home tools with how to talk to your teens about being a safer driver. And that's not only good for your teen and your family's safety. It's great for everyone who shares the road."

# BITE 3

What are some of the common risky behaviors teens engage in while driving?

TRT-:26

Six out of 10 crashes involving teen drivers involve some form of distraction. Obviously smart phones are play a role in that, but smart phones aren't the only distraction when it comes to teen drivers and risk. And we know that parents also should be aware of this because if they exhibit certain behaviors behind the wheel such as texting and driving or eating, well when their child gets their driver's license, they're more likely to exhibit those same risky behaviors."