

Did you know that Davidson County ranks 4th in the State for teen fatalities for 2005-2008? This is not a statistic to be proud of....something must be done to save our teens. A total of 554 teens were killed across the State during this same time period.

NC Teenage Fatal FY 05-08		
1	ROBES	23
2	JOHNS	22
3	GUILF	20
4	DAVID	19
5	WAKE	18
6	CHATH	15
7	HARNE	15
8	ONSLO	15
9	RANDO	14
10	UNION	14

Every person has the option to make a choice. Decisions have everlasting effects....sometimes you get a second chance...sometimes you don't. Sometimes you can't walk away from a bad decision.



Teen crashes can be prevented...Many teen crashes are caused by distractions (cell phones, other teens in the car, loud music, eating and drinking) alcohol and speed. Other risks are lack of experience, driving at night, and adverse weather conditions.

Research shows that when a parent takes an active role in their teen's driving education, their chances of being in a crash can be reduced by up to one-third.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) is an excellent tool to help educate our teens. By supporting **MADD** you support Public Awareness/Youth Programs, Victim Services, Court Monitoring and many other services.

Become a **MADD** member and help make a difference ([Insert link to join](#)). To become a volunteer or for more information, contact Davidson County Community Action Site (CAS) Leader Pam Kearns heartlands@maddnc.org or call 336-249-0247.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Bat mobile July 18 Davidson County
Heartlands MADD Meeting July 28 6:30 @ Davidson County Community College, Reich Auditorium

Davidson County Highway Patrol Facts:

Charges made for 2008:

DWI: 408	Reckless Driving: 366
Speeding: 6379	Speeding (over 25mph): 312
Seat belt: 3174	Total Charges for 2008: 19618

DWI Facts FY 2007-2008:

- ◆ DWI Charges made in Davidson County by all law enforcement agencies: 888
- ◆ Of these 888 DWI charges 804 have had a disposition by the court.
- ◆ Of the 804 charges, 201 were found not guilty, dismissed, or no probable cause.
- ◆ 73,456 DWI were made in North Carolina for FY 2007-2008 ...11,635 of these charges were under the age of 21.