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Forum Empowers Parents and Teens How to Drive Smart and Save On Insurance
Symposium Focuses On New Junior Operator Licensing and Impact of New Anti-Texting Law
Discount for Defensive Driving Program Available for Teens

Lexington, MA — Teen drivers cause the most accidents compared to any other age group in our state. In an effort to combat this dire statistic and empower teenaged drivers and their parents on how to drive smart as well as ways to save on their auto insurance, a first of its kind forum is being held at **Lexington High School on Monday, January 24 starting at 7:00 PM.**

The event will bring together members of law enforcement, the Registry of Motor Vehicles, defensive driving schools, and Lexington-based insurance agency Tonry Northwest. In addition to providing advice to parents on saving on insurance costs for teens, Tonry has developed a partnership with In Control to offer a \$200 discount to Lexington area teens who take In Control's crash prevention training program. Graduates of the program are eligible for a discount on their insurance. To sign up for the discount, please visit www.DriveInControl.com/lexington.

"Tonry Northwest's roots are based in helping Lexington area residents have the best insurance choices to ensure a happy motoring experience. Our partnership with In Control to give discounts to area teen drivers and this forum helps achieve our mission of being a good neighbor. There are several ways parents can save on their insurance costs, but they must be careful to have adequate coverage in case of an accident," said Carl Traina, President of Tonry Northwest.

Speakers for Monday's forum include:

- **Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles:** Bob Peters will discuss the new regulations concerning the Junior Operator's Licensing and the new anti-texting law.
- **Tonry Northwest Insurance:** Carl Traina will discuss ways parents can save on insurance costs for teens as well discuss the discount program offered for area teens.
- **In Control:** The defensive driving course is nation's first state certified crash prevention training to drivers of all ages and graduates can receive a discount upon completion by some insurance carriers.
- **Safe Roads Alliance:** Jeff Larson will discuss how the not-for-profit organization dedicated to promoting safe driving can help teens about to take the test for their learner's permit.

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