

**FY2022 Highway Safety Grant Report
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FATAL CRASHES			
	<u>FFY2022</u>	<u>FFY 2021</u>	<u>% of Change</u>
Total			
Statewide	115	140	-17.9%
Spink County	0	2	-100.0%

**STATEWIDE CRASHES
TEEN DRIVERS (AGE 14-19) IN MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES
(FFY2021) 10/01/2021 thru 09/30/2022**

	All Crashes		Fatal Crashes		Injury Crashes		PDO Crashes	
Teen Drivers	3630	13.7%	12	8.3%	803	14.5%	2815	13.5%
Teen Drinking Drivers	103	10.0%	0	0.0%	51	11.5%	54	9.0%
Teen Speeding Drivers	315	26.3%	9	19.6%	133	25.6%	173	27.3%
Teen Distracted Drivers	204	26.7%	3	50.0%	54	26.7%	146	26.3%

**TEEN DRIVERS (AGE 14-19) IN MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES
(FFY2021) 10/01/2021 thru 09/30/2022**

	All Crashes		Fatal Crashes		Injury Crashes		PDO Crashes	
Teen Drivers	29	11.3%	0	0.0%	3	14.3%	26	11.1%
Teen Drinking Drivers	1	12.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	20.0%
Teen Speeding Drivers	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Teen Distracted Drivers	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

SPINK COUNTY
AGE OF DRIVERS IN CRASHES by SEATBELT USAGE
(FFY2022) 10/01/2021 thru 09/30/2022

AGE GROUP	ALL CRASHES			FATAL CRASHES			INJURY CRASHES			PDO CRASHES		
	USED	NOT USED	UNKNOWN	USED	NOT USED	UNKNOWN	USED	NOT USED	UNKN OWN	USED	NOT USED	UNKN OWN
14	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
15	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
16	4	1	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	3	0	3
17	3	0	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	5
18	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
19	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	11	2	16	0	0	0	2	1	0	9	1	16

Reducing the number of drivers aged 20 or younger involved in fatal crashes was the grant target. The objective was to increase youth safe driving education events in Spink County from 4 to 6. The SD Dept. of Public Safety Crash Records show the Spink County Coalition (SCC) successfully met the grant objective with no teen fatal crashes. Also, there were no teen speeding or distracted drivers involved in crashes during this past year, while the state rate for teen drivers in those designations is at 26.3% and 26.7% respectively. Teen seatbelt safety data was evaluated and showed that out of 29 crashes, 11 were wearing seatbelts, 2 were not, and 16 were unknown. The Spink Co. Sheriff was contacted and encouraged to record youth seatbelt use more accurately to collect better data.

The objective of increasing youth safe driving events from 4 in 2021 to 6 in 2022 was exceeded. 8 events were completed, and several other activities were promoted throughout the year. A Christmas tree was decorated with a safe driving pledge card theme and displayed at the Courthouse. SCC partnered with local Highway Patrol Officers to judge a safe driving poster/video contest. Winners had lunch with the Officers. In partnership with the school, the Sheriff's Office and the SADD Chapter, we hosted an event during a basketball game. Approximately 250 participated in activities, used the simulators, and picked up materials. In March the SCC staff presented a safe driving lesson and interactive activities with the drunk goggles to 22 students in the Redfield Drivers Ed class. In March, the Highway Patrol presented a speed crash demonstration to 75 middle school geometry students. They learned how speed can impact safety while driving. SCC staff participated in a 2-hour presentation at the Tulare Drivers Ed class in May. Following the lesson, students were divided into center groups with the drunk goggles and had the opportunity to use the simulators. Officer Joelle also demonstrated field sobriety checks. Also in May, SCC hosted a youth safe driving event on the last day of school with a presentation from the SD Highway Patrol. Students used the driving simulators and participated in additional activities with the drunk goggles. SADD students created a youth safe driving campaign and event for Redfield's 4th of July celebration. The campaign started off with displaying posters in the community, a newspaper article, social media posts, and PSAs on the local radio station. They also created posters to display on a float for the 4th of July parade where hundreds of parade attendees were exposed to safe driving messages. Following the parade, a resource table of safe driving information and impairment simulation activities were set up in the park, during the community event. Approximately 100 people participated. Unfortunately, we were not able to bring the driving simulators due to heat and dust conditions down at the park, but we were able to speak with interested parents about the benefits of the simulator and encourage them to come to future events. September's focus was for everyone to drive safely as school resumes. The local radio station also ran PSAs created by local youth with a safe driving message.

To spread safe driving messages further in the community, a new billboard was constructed. and many social media posts from Drive Safe SD and our local Sheriff's Office were shared on the CARD and SCC's Facebook pages.

Our partnerships with the Sheriff's Office, school, driver's ed instructors, and community partners were utilized to spread greater awareness and increase efficacy of our messages. We feel very positive about our events and provided consistent messaging in our campaigns and efforts to increase youth driving skills and decrease unsafe practices like speeding, distracted driving, impaired driving, and inexperienced driving. Thank you for this opportunity to implement these vital programs into our county.