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Goodbye from Jill Cochran

After 30 years of service to the state of Ohio, I will be retiring on August 2, 2002. I would like to thank you for your support and patience in the implementation of the Graduated Driver License (GDL) law. Together we have made a difference, and we should be proud of Ohio's Driver Training Programs.

There is much yet to be done, and ODPS will continue to work with you in your efforts to provide quality education. Remember that you can make a difference in the lives of each of your students. You are the key to their future.

The memories of us working together will stay with me forever. Thank you for some GREAT memories.

The following is a partial listing of some of our accomplishments:

- A new Driver Training Curriculum
- An Administrative Guide for Driver Training Schools
- New Driver Training School Administrative Rules and Renewal Process/Forms
- The teen/parent packet of materials

- **Development of the following workshops:**
  - New School Orientation
  - Training Manager Course
  - Car Control Clinic at Mid-Ohio Race Track
  - Driver Training for Instructors of Persons with Disabilities
  - Continuing Education Course for DTIPD Certified Instructors
  - Behind the Wheel Advanced Instructor Methods Course
  - Driver Training Content Course
  - Juvenile Driver Improvement Program Certification Course
- Development of an instructor assessment tool and the piloting for a regional quality assurance program
- Development and Implementation of the Juvenile Driver Improvement Program (JDIP) including the new curriculum
- The 2002 "Driving for a Safer Ohio" statewide conference
- Driver Training Program logo, poster, and related materials
- The Driver Training Professionalism Task Force
- Improved networking between ODPS and the driver training professionals, including the Driver Training Update newsletter
- Driver Training School Web site
- GDL Evaluation Report

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Visit ODPS at:
http://www.state.oh.us/odps
See Driver Training

Bob Taft, Governor
Lt. Governor Maureen O'Connor, Director

Things to Know

Owner/ Manager Driver Training Certification Courses
September/2002 Cleveland
Lori Holdren at
(216) 606-6121

ODPS Instructor Certification Course for the Juvenile Driver Improvement Program (JDIP) Certification Program
(614) 466-3250

Continuing Education Credit Course for Instructors Certified to Teach Driver Training for Persons with Disabilities
(614) 466-3250

Behind-the-Wheel Methods Course (BTW)
April/2002 Canton
John Sawyer at
(330) 532-3708

Driver Training Class Content Workshop
John Sawyer at
(330) 532-3708

American Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association (ADTSEA)
1-800-896-7703
http://adtsea.iup.edu/adtsea/

Driving Schools Association of the Americas, Inc. (DSAA)
1-800-270-DSAA
http://autodrivingschools.com/

Association for Driver Rehabilitation Specialists (ADED) (608) 844-8833

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Legislative Update

H.B. 407

Highlights:
Governor Taft signed the bill on July 12, 2002.

- Increases the awareness among young drivers regarding the importance of organ donation. This compliments the implementation of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles' (BMV) Organ Donor Registry. Hospitals, organ procurement organizations and eye and tissue banks can contact the BMV to determine whether or not a patient is an organ donor based upon the individual's intent expressed when obtaining or renewing a driver's license or state identification card.
- Transfers the Department of Education's (DOE) responsibilities related to driver training to the Department of Public Safety (ODPS). The move places driver training within one agency, simplifying how driver training is conducted in the state. School districts will continue to be allowed to offer driver training classes, but must comply with ODPS' guidelines by December 31, 2003. After that date, schools will be required to obtain a license from ODPS. Because ODE will no longer oversee driver education, the opportunity for a student to receive course credit toward graduation is prohibited under the bill after December 31, 2003.
- Designates March as "Eye Donor Month".
- For more information on H.B. 409, go to the Legislative Service Commission Web site at http://www.lsc.state.oh.us/ and click on Bill Analyses.

New Procedure for BCI&I Cards

Effective August 1, 2002, BCI&I will require that all applications for state-mandated background checks specify which section of the Ohio Revised Code is being implemented. Background checks done for driver training school personnel fall into this category.

Under the "Reason Fingerprinted" field on the BCI&I card where it states "Required: Specify Ohio Revised Code number" all driver training school personnel should use Ohio Revised Code 4508.02.

If you use a private vendor for fingerprinting be sure they are aware of this information. Fingerprint cards sent to BCI&I without this information will be returned to you un-processed.

Questions may be directed to Lt. R.A. Moser at 614-995-5986 or e-mail ramoser@dps.state.oh.us

Correction from last issue: Due to a printing error, some names were omitted from the committee listing. Again, many thanks go to the "Driving for a Safer Ohio 2002" conference committee members for their dedication and hard work: Chairpersons John Sawyer and Sharon Postigo and other members Robert Randles, Colleen Butch, Mitch Wilson, Lori Holdren, Darwin Oxley, Jay Johnson, Mary Lou Gallimore, Vick Vesco, Larry Eleo, Paula Joseph, Colleen Butch, Floyd Tackett, Stephanie Garner-Kramer, Lt. Rod Moser, Jill Cochran, Ron Burk and Melissa Armstrong.

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