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## MEDIA RELEASE

# TEEN DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM

The City of Centennial, in partnership with the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office, is promoting driver safety and awareness among the city's youth. Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office School Resource Officers (S.R.O.'s) and Traffic Safety Officers will distribute City of Centennial replica patrol cars to students who show a high level of interest in automobiles and motor sports. These students will be encouraged to participate in safe driving behaviors through programs like "Take it to the Track" and "Alive at 25".

Students will be given admission tickets for, and encouraged to attend, weekly "Take it to the Track" events at Bandimere Speedway. This program was developed to encourage teen drivers to make good driving choices and provides them a safe, legal, and organized environment in which to race vehicles. Arapahoe County Sheriff's deputies who participate in the "Take it to the Track" program will present a replica patrol car to each teenager who races a deputy and wins. The 2009 "Take It to the Track" program will begin in the spring.

In addition, the City of Centennial replica patrol cars will be awarded to the top student in each "Alive at 25" class that is instructed by Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office staff. "Alive at 25" classes, which are included as part of the GDL (Graduated Driver's License) program for teens who wish to obtain their permit before the age of 16, are also open to any driver under the age of 25 who wants to attend. The classes are structured to encourage student participation and discussion, using a curriculum created by the National Safety Council. The top student in each class is determined through a combination of their participation and attitude while enrolled in the class.

For further information on the "Alive at 25" and "Take it to the Track" programs, please visit their websites at [www.aliveat25.us](http://www.aliveat25.us) and <http://csp.state.co.us/taketotrack.cfm.html>. For information on the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office's Teen Driver Safety Program, please contact Sheriff Grayson Robinson at 720-874-4165.

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