

*June 20, 2007*

*Dear Friends,*

*June is a very high risk month for serious teen auto crashes. Some of the factors that contribute to these crashes are high school graduations, the return of college aged teens for summer break, summer social and recreational activities, and increased teen travel for summer jobs.*

*To increase public awareness of teen driving issues, especially during the summer vacation break, the Youth Safety Council has designated the month of June as “Teen Highway Safety Month”. In future years, the Youth Safety Council will ask Vermont’s Governor to sign a proclamation that declares the month of June as such.*

*In conjunction with “Teen Highway Safety Month”, the Council will conduct its annual membership and fund drive during the month of June. In addition to teen highway safety, the summer break creates many other youth safety issues such as boating and swimming hazards; skin care; biking; motorcycles, dirt bikes and all-terrain vehicle use; farm machinery use; and sports participation to name a few.*

*In April of last year, the Youth Safety Council conducted a Pilot Program to study the effectiveness of advanced driver training for teens. 142 high school teens participated in the course and agreed to participate in three surveys and to have their driving experience tracked for a two-year period. A report on the student’s driving experience, since the training, is expected later this summer. The Council is certainly anxious to learn the results of the first phase of this study. The Vermont Center for Justice Research is directing the study.*

*We respectfully write to ask for your support to help us in our efforts to reduce teen crashes and to educate Vermonters on a multitude of youth safety issues. The loss of a young life is devastating to families and communities. The Council will continue to work hard to help families avoid untimely youthful deaths and serious injuries.*

*Enclosed is a Membership Form and a self-addressed return envelope for your convenience. Please make membership dues and contributions to the Youth Safety Council of Vermont, Inc. We invite you to visit our website at [www.vtyouthsafetycouncil.org](http://www.vtyouthsafetycouncil.org). Our organization depends on donations to carry-on this important work. Thank you!*

*Sincerely,*

*Fletcher Brush  
Council Board Member*