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On Saturday, August 25, 2012 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service and the Boone County Sheriff's Office will be conducting the *Teens on Wheels Safety Program* at the Boone County Fairgrounds located at 5819 Idlewild Road in Burlington, Kentucky (see attached flyer).

The leading cause of death for teens is car crashes. Research shows the behaviors that contribute to teen related crashes are inexperience and immaturity combined with speed, drinking & driving, not wearing seat belts, distracted driving (cell phone use, texting, loud music, other passengers, etc.), drowsy driving, nighttime driving, and other drug use. Per mile driven, teen drivers ages 16 to 19 are four times more likely than older drivers to crash.

Fortunately, teen motor vehicle crashes are preventable, and proven strategies can improve the safety of young drivers on the road. Parental involvement, community involvement, and education can influence the teen's behavior. That's where the *Teens on Wheels Safety Program* comes in. Applicants (teens accompanied by a parent or guardian) must pre-register by calling the Extension Service Office at (859) 586-6101.