

Seven Reasons to attend the CASE 49th Annual Conference



- 1 Speakers** from the U. S. and Canada will address new and future trends in classroom curriculum as well as a legislative update on CTA's efforts to restore driver training in the public schools.
- 2 Exhibitors** that provide hands-on use of computer/simulation products and the latest in textbook revisions and web site use for both teacher and student.
- 3 College and continuing education credits** for CASE attendees from California State University Sacramento Extension and the Department of Motor Vehicles.
- 4 Valuable handouts/materials** from presenters and exhibitors as well as topical papers on traffic safety.
- 5 Conference registration, membership, and Horizon Hotel accommodations are reasonably priced** and qualify for your 2001 tax deduction for professional development.
- 6 Lake Tahoe** has many advantages for conference attendees, including shows, golf, spas, boating, fine dining and all the beauty of an alpine lake!
- 7 An intangible value of being connected** and enhancing your journey as a traffic safety professional!

Horizon Hotel room reservations must be made by March 25

Program for the 49th Annual CASE Conference

Friday, April 20, 2001

- 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. **Registration and Exhibits**
- 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon **Preconference Workshop***
What's Hot, What's Not
 Walter Barta
 Alberta Motor Association
**A workshop on different strategies to creatively and interactively get students involved in learning.*
- 1:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. **Welcome and Introductions**
 Craig Dill, CASE President
 Dr. Robert Cervantes,
 Administrator, California State
 Department of Education
- 1:20 p.m. - 2:20 p.m. **Legislative Update**
 Jerry Gaines, CASE Past
 President
 Larry Woodruff, CTA
 Representative
- 2:20 p.m. - 3:20 p.m. ***What Driver Education Should Be, and Where is It Going***
 Dr. Allen Robinson, Chair,
 IUP Safety Center
- 3:20 p.m. - 3:40 p.m. **Break - Raffle**
- 3:40 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. ***Getting the Driver Ready to Drive***
 Dr. Frank Kenel
 Former AAA Staff Director
- 4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. **Computer Based Training**
 Larry Hinshaw
- 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. **Exhibitor/Refreshment Hour**

Saturday, April 21, 2001

- 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. **Continental Breakfast — Exhibits**
- 8:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. **Introductions**
 Craig Dill, CASE President
- 8:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. ***Who Moved My Cheese***
 Elizabeth Enright, Life Coach
- 10:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. **Break - Raffle**
- 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon **New DMV Programs and Materials**
 Sharon Storms, Manager
 Larry Fritz, Manager
- 12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m. **Luncheon - Exhibits**
 Cecil Zahn Forum: "Teacher Preparation"
 Dr. Bill Cole, Facilitator
- 1:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. **Raffle, Introductions**
 Craig Dill, CASE President
- 1:45 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. **New Driver Training Concepts**
 Karen Diener
- 2:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. **Break**
- 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. **Staying Alive from Education (S.A.F.E.)**
 Debbie Mart
- 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. ***Facilitating New Beginnings***
 Elizabeth Enright, Life Coach
- 4:30 p.m. **Adjournment**



CASE Calendar

April 20-21, 2001 - 49th Annual CASE Traffic Safety Education Conference, Horizon Hotel & Resort, Stateline, Lake Tahoe. Contact: Richard Mikulik, (650) 349-3995. EMail: rmikulik@aol.com

July 22-25, 2001 - National Student Safety Program Conference, Sheraton Waikiki Hotel, Honolulu, Hawaii. Contact: ADTSEA NSSPP, (800) 896-7703.

August 29-Aug. 3, 2001 - 2001 ADTSEA Conference, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Nashua, New Hampshire. Contact: Brad Bradshaw, (800) 896-7703 email: bbradsha@grove.iup.edu

We Repeat—Driver Education is Still a Required Course!

We frequently receive requests for the Education Code sections mandating that classroom driver education is required by law in California public high schools. This is often needed by members to respond to administrators at school sites who have been misinformed about the requirement.

Education Code Section 51220(j) states in part that: “The adopted course of study for grades 7-12 inclusive, shall offer courses in the following areas of study...(j) Automobile driver education.”

The driver education requirement, when it should be scheduled, time requirements, teacher credentialing requirements, and other questions about the course are answered at the *Driver Education Questions and Answers* web page developed by the Professional Development and Curriculum Support Division of the California Department of Education. The web page can be viewed at www.cde.gov/pr/defaq.html

This web site is an excellent official source to recommend to skeptical administrators who have “heard” that driver education is no longer a requirement!

AB 204 Would Restore Driver Training Funding

Assembly Bill 204 would direct funds deposited in the Driver Training Penalty Assessment Fund to be transferred to the California Department of Education for reimbursement to school districts which offer driver training classes. The bill is co-authored by Assemblyman Alan Lowenthal (D) and State Senator Betty Karnette (D).

Restoring reimbursement funding would enable school districts to choose to reinstate driver training classes for their students. In addition, \$300,000 would be made available to the California Department of Education for establishing a curriculum unit for K-12 traffic safety education. Reimbursement would be raised to \$140 per student to reflect current program costs.

The proposed legislation would require school districts that choose to offer driver training classes to set minimum school attendance requirements in order to be eligible to enroll in driver training classes. This requirement could encourage more students to stay in school rather than drop out early in their high school career.

The bill would also require that all penalty assessments collected by the state be used for the purposes for which the assessments were made (for all categorical programs specified in the Penal Code).

Advantages of the Proposed Legislation

- ◆ Teens may be able to meet pre-licensing driver training requirements regardless of their income level, or where they live, or what handicaps they may have.
- ◆ The rate in the number of unlicensed teen drivers on our highways may be reduced.
- ◆ At risk teens may be encouraged to stay in school to complete their high school work.
- ◆ High schools not now offering classroom driver education may restore these classes as called for by state law, so that the schools can meet traffic safety education curriculum needs, such as teaching about the risks of “Road Rage” and other key health topics.



AB 204 Scheduled to be Heard April 4

AB 204 will be heard in the Assembly Education Committee on Wednesday, **April 4.**

Now is the time to contact your legislator and members of the Assembly Education Committee. Urge local parents and community members to phone, send letters, or email the committee members.

Assembly Education Committee Members

Address letters to legislators, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814

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FIRST CLASS MAIL

Driver Education Position Available

We were recently contacted by CASE member Ron Schwandt of Los Alamitos High School in Los Alamitos. Ron is retiring this June after teaching driver education for 39 years in the Anaheim and Los Alamitos School Districts.

Ron needs to find a replacement who would be interested in "...a great job in a great school district." His program consists of a full semester of Driver Education including behind-the-wheel fundamentals taught in a 16-place L-200 simulator. Ron says that his program is top notch and would like to see it stay that way by having an enthusiastic young teacher with a Traffic Safety Credential take charge.

Interested candidates should contact Mr. Dan Brooks, c/o Los Alamitos High School, 3591 Cerritos Ave., Los Alamitos, CA 90720. Phone (562) 799-4780, ext. 200.

An experienced teacher would start at the LAUSD 6th step, based on teaching experience and degrees held.

Tahoe Casino Express: Reno Airport to South Lake Tahoe

The Tahoe Casino Express provides transportation between the Reno-Tahoe International Airport and the South Lake Tahoe Casinos. The cost is \$30 per person round trip. Phone 1-800-446-6128 for schedules and information

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