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## **DELAWARE RATED TOP IN TEEN DRIVING** **ONE OF ONLY TWO STATES IN THE U.S.**

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Delaware Safety Council, the nation's first state safety council founded in 1919, is announcing that Delaware is one of only two states to receive a Green Rating for Teen Driving Laws from the recently released *2022 Roadmap of State Highway Safety Laws* report. The report is issued by the ADVOCATES for Highway & Auto Safety.

The report breaks out every state and grades them by categories and the laws enforced in those categories. Delaware and New York were the only two of the 50 states to receive a Green Rating (Significantly Advanced) in Teen Driving Laws.

*"Keeping teens safe on Delaware roadways has always been a mission of Delaware Safety Council. We are proud to represent one of only two state safety councils to have achieved this top rating in Teen Driving Laws. Thank you to our state law makers and representatives for understanding the importance of the laws necessary to enforce safe teen driving education,"* shared DSC Executive Director/CEO, Stacey Inglis.

Delaware Safety Council sponsored the state's *First Youth Conference on Traffic Safety* on November 6, 1954. The conference was held at Dover High School and Field House in partnership with the then Governor's Highway Safety Committee. All 43 high schools in the state at that time were represented with over 200 students in attendance.

Delaware Safety Council conducted the first Driver Education class in Delaware schools in 1920. In 1934, Delaware Safety Council held Driver Education classes in all Delaware public schools and expanded into both private and parochial schools by 1957.

Delaware Safety Council's SmartDrive® program focuses specifically on partnering with schools to promote elements of safe teen driving. SmartDrive® offers an online safe driving course certified by the Delaware DMV that is FREE to every teen driver in the state who has completed their first GDL period of 6-months.

Teen driving safety is an on-going global concern. On June 30 and July 1, 2022, the United Nations General Assembly held its first high-level meeting on global road safety. Globally, road

traffic crashes cause nearly 1.3 million preventable deaths and make it the leading killer of children and young people worldwide.

No state in the report had adopted all of the suggested driving laws. In the Teen Driving category where Delaware excelled, there were 14 states who had adopted only one of the suggested teen driving laws and it was the same one; the 6-month holding provision. Connecticut and New Hampshire were the only two state who have not adopted the 6-month holding provision law.

*PHOTOS AVAILABLE upon request.*

**About the Delaware Safety Council:** The Delaware Safety Council (DSC) was established in 1919 by DuPont Company President Irénée du Pont. It was the first state safety council in the country. Delaware Safety Council is a private, nongovernmental, non-profit 501(c)(3) safety resource and training organization. Our mission is to promote the protection of life and health in the workplace, in the home, on the highway, and in the community by actively providing education/training resources and services. Additional information about Delaware Safety Council and its programs is available at [delawaresafety.org](http://delawaresafety.org) or by calling (302) 276-0660.