

News Teachers Learn New Driver's Ed Program

Drivers ed teachers took a turn as the students Wednesday at a conference in Salina. The state has purchased the "**Drive**" program for all driver's ed teachers in Kansas. As part of the conference they were trained how to use the program, which is geared to how teenagers think and process information.

Program Creator Mark Horowitz says it addresses attitudes and behaviors of young drivers. He says it is the attitudes of teenagers that is getting them into car crashes. Each day 5,000 16 to 20 year olds in the United



States will be involved in an accident, and twenty-three of them will die.

As part of the program students determine how they would handle fifteen different situations as construction, road rage, and pedestrians or animals in the roadway. Students have to draw a picture of the scenario and write down how they would handle it and what their attitude would be in that situation. Horowitz says they have data showing that students who use the "**Drive**" program are able to remember what they have learned and apply it while driving.