

## Homeowners Association Update – May 2015

### Safety Tips for Teen Drivers during Prom and Graduation

- While spring is the time for students to celebrate prom and graduation, it is also the time when car crashes kill more teens than any other time of year.

### Alcohol Influence

- Three out of every 10 high school students reported riding in a vehicle with a driver who had been drinking.
- Three out of four teens say their parents are the main influence on whether or not they drink alcohol.
- Each year teens lose their lives to injuries associated with alcohol and motor vehicle crashes. Alcohol-related injuries claim the lives of more than 5,000 teens every year.

### Distractions

- 49% of teens reported that they have IM/texted while driving.
- Remind teens to silence their cell phones because talking on a cell phone drastically reduces a person's reaction time.

### Experience Level

- Inexperienced drivers are twice as likely to crash at night (9 p.m. to 6 a.m.).
- Speeding accounts for 44 % of fatalities among 15 to 20-year-olds.

### Seatbelts

- *Remember to Always Buckle Up.* Seatbelts lower the risk of dying in a car crash by 45%. Enter into a contract with your teenager that both you and they will always wear seatbelts whenever inside a passenger vehicle.

### Significant Alarms:

- Renton FD responded to a 3-alarm apartment building fire on April 19<sup>th</sup> at SE 155<sup>th</sup> Place. This was a fully involved fire upon arrival and multiple units were dispatched from other agencies such as Kent, Bellevue, Maple Valley, Skyway and Tukwila to assist in extinguishing the fire. There were no injuries.
- Renton FD responded to a house fire on April 24<sup>th</sup> at 110<sup>th</sup> Ave SE and SE 181<sup>st</sup> St. This was an involved fire as smoke was seen from 6 blocks away. Kent FD and Tukwila FD were able to assist Renton units in extinguishing the fire. There were no injuries.