

## Homeowners Association Update – May 2016

### 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:

- On April 12<sup>th</sup>, Renton Fire units responded to a 2 alarm apartment fire at the 300 block of Vuemont Place. The fire was extinguished without any injuries. Displaced residents were provided shelter with the Red Cross.
- On April 10<sup>th</sup>, Renton Fire responded to a structure fire at the 900 block of N. 1<sup>st</sup> St. The fire was extinguished without any injuries. Displaced residents were provided assistance by the Red Cross.