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## **Dutch Fork High School First Annual “Valet Day”**

Dutch Fork High school piloted the Alive @ 25 program last spring when they announced that all students hoping to obtain a parking permit for the 2007 - 2008 school year would be required to participate in the National Safety Council’s “Alive at 25” Defensive Driving Course in order to drive on Campus. Dutch Fork High School lost three students last year due to fatal vehicle accidents and they were determined to educating their students about the importance of being responsible and making good decisions behind the wheel of a vehicle.

During the month of May 2007 Dutch Fork, Chapin, and Irmo High School put 742 young adults through the program in the hopes of reducing teen fatalities within their District.

Dutch Fork High School is please to announce the first Annual Dutch Fork “Valet Day” which will honor those students who participated in the program and recognize the commitment they made to be ALIVE AT 25. On September 28<sup>th</sup> from 7:45- 8:15 am, students will be driven on a golf cart from their parking space to the school by their favorite teacher, administrator, and Local Law Enforcement officer.

Superintendent Anderson, Sheriff James R. Metts of Lexington County Sheriff’s Department, The South Carolina National Safety Council as well as Law Enforcement Officers from Lexington and Richland Sheriff’s Departments will be present to show their support and appreciation to all the Student of Dutch Fork for a job well done.

Currently Lexington School District 1 is the first district to mandate the defensive driving program in exchange for parking on campus.

Motor vehicle crashes are the #1 killer of teens today in the United States. Unlike traditional driver’s education courses that focus on the mechanics of driving, Alive @ 25 addresses the behaviors of driving. Alive @ 25 rewards good decision-making and provides tools on how to make good decisions when in a peer-pressure environment.

More information on SCNCS and the program described in this press release can be found at [www.scnsc.org](http://www.scnsc.org).

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