



FACT

During the five year period 1999 to 2003, fatal crashes involving drivers/motorcyclists aged under 26 resulted in 1,017 fatalities. There were 973 drivers and riders aged under 26 years involved in these crashes. (Source www.rta.nsw.gov.au 30/03/06)

A ROAD SAFETY PROGRAM PRESENTED BY THE NSW FIRE BRIGADES

- The RescuEd program is a free service delivered by NSWFB firefighters to NSW High School
- students.
- Based on an original concept from the Queensland Fire and Rescue Authority (QFRA), known as 'RAAP' or 'Road Accident Awareness Program'.
- The NSWFB, in consultation with the NSW Department of Education and Training (DET), Road Safety Education Program have adapted 'RAAP' program for use in NSW schools. The program meets the learning outcomes of the Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE) syllabus for years 9 and 10.
- Each year statistics in NSW reveal that:
 - Young males are three times more likely to be in a CRASH than young females.
 - Young males are three times more likely to suffer FATALITIES than young females.
 - Young females are more likely to be HOSPITALISED for injuries than males.
 - Young females are three times more likely to be in a crash than older females.
- Key factors influencing the risks to young drivers can be categorised as follows:
 - Perception and assessment of risk
 - Attitudes to driving and behaviour on the road
 - Experience on road and handling skills
 - Awareness of others on the road
- RescuEd format:
 - A practical demonstration where NSWFB firefighters demonstrating to students, how they extricate a victim from a wrecked vehicle.
 - Classroom presentation where NSWFB firefighters present DVD/video of "Tim's Story". A dramatisation of an actual event in which a teenager was severely injured in a road accident.
 - General discussion with students on the causes and consequences of a road accident, and the steps students can take to reduce the chance of being involved in one.

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