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**YOUNG AND NEW DRIVER  
RESOURCE CENTRE**

## TIRF launches Young and New Driver Resource Centre

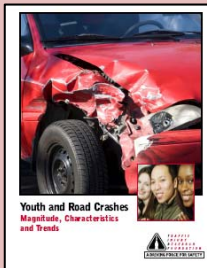
On May 21, 2008, TIRF launched the *Young and New Driver Resource Centre*, a new sub-section of the TIRF website.

The centre – created under funding from Toyota Canada, Inc. (TCI) – is a one-stop shop on young and new driver issues that is designed for parents, young and novice drivers, researchers, and policymakers.

It contains in-depth information on graduated driver licensing (GDL) and driver education programs, research, and other young driver safety initiatives that are available in Canada.

In addition, the centre contains fact sheets on GDL and driver education, a checklist with key questions to consider when selecting a driving school, and a descriptive list of initiatives that other agencies – both in Canada and abroad – are working on to improve young driver safety.

The *Young and New Driver Resource Centre* can be accessed through TIRF's main website, or by going to: <http://www.trafficinjuryresearch.com/yndrc/default.asp>.



## Youth and Road Crashes – Magnitude, Characteristics, and Trends

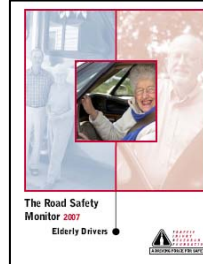
*Patricia Emery, Dan Mayhew, and Herb Simpson*

To coincide with the launch of the *Young and New Driver Resource Centre*, TIRF released a new report on young drivers entitled, *Youth and Road Crashes – Magnitude, Characteristics, and Trends*.

The report reveals that one-third of all deaths and injuries among young people aged 15 to 24 are due to road crashes and that motor vehicle collisions are the leading cause of hospital admissions among youth.

The report also found that there have been few gains made in reducing young driver crashes for several years.

The report can be downloaded at: [http://www.trafficinjuryresearch.com/publications/pub\\_details.cfm?intPubID=263](http://www.trafficinjuryresearch.com/publications/pub_details.cfm?intPubID=263).



## The Road Safety Monitor 2007: Elderly Drivers

*Ward Vanlaar, Patricia Emery, and Robyn Robertson*

In April 2008, TIRF released *The Road Safety Monitor 2007: Elderly Drivers*.

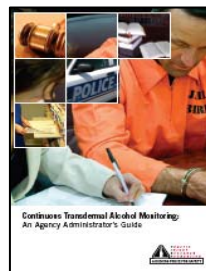
The report revealed that Canadians are only moderately concerned about elderly drivers as a road safety issue, despite the fact that the proportion of elderly drivers is expected to double in the next 25 years.

The report also found that three-quarters of Canadians agreed that elderly drivers should complete training courses to maintain their driving privileges, and over 70 per cent of Canadians felt that seniors with driving difficulties should be limited to driving within 25 km of their home.

Financial support for the RSM is provided by Transport Canada, the Brewers Association of Canada, and Toyota Canada, Inc.

The report can be downloaded at:

[http://www.trafficinjuryresearch.com/publications/pub\\_details.cfm?intPubID=241](http://www.trafficinjuryresearch.com/publications/pub_details.cfm?intPubID=241).



## Continuous Transdermal Alcohol Monitoring: An Agency Administrator's Guide

*Robyn Robertson, Ward Vanlaar, and Herb Simpson*

In May 2008, TIRF released its third report on transdermal alcohol monitoring.

*Continuous Transdermal Alcohol Monitoring: An Agency Administrator's Guide* was developed to assist agency administrators who are implementing continuous transdermal alcohol monitoring technology to supervise offenders with alcohol problems.

The report is available for download on TIRF's website at: [http://www.trafficinjuryresearch.com/publications/pub\\_details.cfm?intPubID=242](http://www.trafficinjuryresearch.com/publications/pub_details.cfm?intPubID=242).

Funding for this guide was made possible by a grant from Alcohol Monitoring Systems, Inc.

## Staff Activity Update

**NHTSA Workshops and Meetings:** Dan Mayhew was invited to participate in several workshops and meetings, including:

- Motorcycle Safety Strategic Planning Meeting. Washington, DC. April 2, 2008.
- Expert Panel – Approaches to the Assessment of Initial Entry Motorcycle Training. Washington, DC. April 3-4, 2008.
- Expert Panel Meeting on Young Drivers. Washington, DC. May 6, 2008.
- Driver Education Working Group Meeting. Washington, DC. May 7-8, 2008.
- Workshop on Novice Teen Driver Monitoring. Washington, DC. May 15, 2008.

**Hasselt University:** Ward Vanlaar gave an invited presentation entitled, "The case for multilevel modelling in traffic safety." Diepenbeek, Belgium. April 18, 2008.

**Dräger Drug Test Product Launch:** Robyn Robertson gave an invited presentation entitled, "Drugs and Driving." Leubeck, Germany. May 7, 2008.

**CCMTA's Standing Committee on Road Safety Research and Policies:** Dan Mayhew gave a presentation entitled, "The Alcohol-Crash Problem: 2006." St. John's, NL. May 12, 2008.

**Missouri Municipal and Associate Circuit Judges Association 2008 Conference:** Robyn Robertson gave an invited presentation entitled, "Impaired Driving Technologies: From Research to Practice." Lake of the Ozarks, MO. May 21, 2008.

**Alcohol Policy Network Teleconference:** Ward Vanlaar gave an invited presentation entitled, "Drinking and Driving in Canada: Results of the Road Safety Monitor 2007." Ottawa, ON. May 30, 2008.

**Driver Education and Training Administration (DETA) Organization Webinar:** Dan Mayhew and Larry Lonero of Northport Associates gave an invited presentation entitled, "Update of AAA Foundation Large-Scale Evaluation of Driver Education." Ottawa, ON. June 10, 2008.

## TIRF 2007 Fundraising Campaign



TIRF would like to thank the donors that contributed to our 2007 campaign, which raised over \$100,000. Proceeds from the fundraising campaign support our efforts to reduce traffic-related deaths and injuries. TIRF also wishes to thank the many new donors who joined TIRF in 2007.

## TIRF Staff



TIRF is pleased to welcome Amanda Johnson to the TIRF team as its new Administrative Assistant. Amanda started working for TIRF in March 2008 and previously worked as an Administrative Assistant for the United Way of Canada. Welcome aboard Amanda!

### Emerita D'Sylva leaves TIRF

After 17 years as TIRF's Administrative Assistant, Emerita D'Sylva has departed TIRF to pursue a new career in the legal administrative field. TIRF wishes to thank Emerita for her many years of dedicated service to the TIRF team.

## Published Article

An article by Ward Vanlaar, Herb Simpson, Dan Mayhew, and Robyn Robertson entitled, "*Fatigued and drowsy driving: A survey of attitudes, opinions and behaviors*" has been published in the Journal of Safety Research, Volume 39, Issue 2.

The article discusses a study done by TIRF which was designed to obtain information on the attitudes, opinions, and professed practices related to fatigued or drowsy driving among Ontario drivers. Data for this article was gathered from a representative sample of 750 Ontarians by means of a public opinion poll. TIRF also published a report based on this opinion poll entitled, *Fatigued and Drowsy Driving: Attitudes, Concerns, and Practices of Ontario Drivers*.

To obtain a copy of the article, please type: [10.1016/j.jsr.2007.12.007](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jsr.2007.12.007) into the DOI query bar at: <http://dx.doi.org>.

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