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Bruning Applauds Teen Driver Safety Program

This is National Teen Driver Safety Week

LINCOLN – Attorney General Jon Bruning today reminds parents and educators of teens to discuss the risks associated with driving. As part of National Teen Driver Safety Week (October 14-20), Bruning is recognizing the efforts of The Century Council and its new teen driver safety program, **I Know Everything**.

“Motor vehicle crashes continue to be the leading cause of death of older teens,” said Bruning. “It’s imperative they understand the rules of the road are about more than tickets and penalties – roadway laws are about life and death.”

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, more than 4,500 teens were involved in fatal crashes across the nation in 2010. In Nebraska, 18 teen drivers were killed in crashes.

Driver inexperience, speed, driver distraction and alcohol are just some of the many factors that contribute to fatal crashes. Drivers under 20 years of age represent the largest proportion of distracted drivers on the road. Of the fatal crashes involving young drivers, 11 percent involved driver distraction.

Attorney General Bruning encourages Nebraskans to talk to the teens in their lives about safe driving. To learn more, visit www.ago.ne.gov or www.IKnowEverything.com or www.centurycouncil.org/other/initiatives/teendrivers.