Erie County Teen Driving Competition Winners Announced

Oil City, PA – Winners have been announced for the ninth annual Erie County Teen Driving Competition, which was held today at Grace Church in McKean, PA.

The first place winner was James Morrison from Cathedral Preparatory School in Erie, and he received a $1,000 cash prize.

The second place winner was Benjamin Tallman of General McLane High School, and he received a $500 cash prize.

There was a tie for third place between Scott Klemm of Fairview High School and Brody Mangel of Union City High School, and they each received a $300 cash prize.

The team trophy was won by the Cathedral Preparatory School of Erie. Members of the Cathedral Prep team were Patrick Kabasinski, James Morrison, and Sean Reed.

In addition to a written safety-knowledge exam, students were judged on perceptual assessment and a driving skills test. The Erie County Sheriff’s Office along with state and county officials and other safety stakeholders judged the event.

The competition was sponsored by the Northwest Regional Highway Safety Network, the Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association and Con-Way Freight.

The first and second place winners will travel to the state competition in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania on May 12, 2015 to compete for up to $5,000 in scholarships.

Thirty-five students participated in the event. They were from 13 Erie County high schools and one home-schooled student.

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