

-permit class targets young drivers

Upon hearing about it, I thought it would be important to deliver this program to parents and teens in North Dakota since we're one of the states where we license our teens at a very early age."

Gene LaDoucer

community outreach and safety representative,
AAA North Dakota

age," he said. Participants will learn about distracted driving, how state and national statistics on teen driving hear about tools such as anti-teen contracts that help keep drivers safe, LaDoucer said. The 90-minute workshop is geared toward 13- and 14-year-olds and is designed to

complement traditional driver's education courses, he said. It also takes parents and teens through the steps required to get a permit and license.

North Dakota teens may obtain a driving permit at age 14 if they pass a knowledge test and vision exam.

After six months with a permit, those under age 16

Class information, schedule

What: "Dare to Prepare"
When: 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Fargo Cass Public Health, 401 Third Ave. N., Fargo, and 9:30 to 11 a.m. March 6 at MeritCare Clinic

Auditorium, 801 Broadway, Fargo.

Info: Space is limited and registration is required. To register, call 701-282-6222, ext. 252.

are eligible for a restricted driver's license if they complete a driver's education course and pass a driving test. The license restricts them to driving a parent's or guardian's vehicle and limits their number of passengers to the manufacturer's rating.

An unrestricted license is available at age 16.

The average age for North

Dakotans getting permits last year was 15.3, said Syndi Worrel, chief examiner for the state Driver's License Division. The average age for obtaining a driver's license wasn't available, she said.

North Dakota had 3,987 licensed drivers under the age of 16 on the road in 2009, Worrel said.

An effort by some state

lawmakers to establish a graduated licensing program similar to Minnesota's three-tiered system failed last year.

Minnesota residents are eligible for a driver's permit at age 15, followed by a provisional license at 16.

The first two North Dakota workshops are both in Fargo, on Thursday and March 6.

LaDoucer said he hopes to hold the workshops quarterly. He's scheduling classes in Bismarck and Grand Forks and may offer them in other cities depending on how they're received, he said.

Mike Nowatzki is a reporter for The Forum which is owned by Forum Communications Co.

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Commission Chairman
February 24, 2010

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Notice is hereby given, that sealed bids will be received for hot bituminous patching and sealing of flood damaged streets in Jamestown, North Dakota. The City Administrator will receive bids at the office of the City Administrator until 11:00 A.M. (CT) on Friday, March 26th, 2010.

Digital copies of the Bidding Documents are available at www.interstateeng.com or www.questcdn.com for a fee of \$20.00. These documents may be downloaded by selecting this project from the "Bid Documents" tab and by entering Quest Project Number 1090319 on the "Search Projects" page. For assistance and free membership registration, contact QuestCDN at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com. Paper copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from DocuNet Corp. located at 2435 Xenium Lane North, Plymouth, MN 55441, phone (763) 475-9600, for a fee of \$50.00 per set. The bidding and contract documents may also be examined at the Interstate Engineering office located at 1903 12th Avenue SW, Jamestown, North Dakota 58402-2035. Any technical questions may be directed to Steve Thompson at (701) 252-0234.

The project will consist of the following approximate quantities: 11,000 Tons of Hot Bituminous Pavement Patching, 28,000 Square Yards of Bituminous Seal Coat, Curb and Gutter, Valley Gutter, and Sidewalk Concrete, and incidental items.

Each bid will be submitted on the basis of a cash payment for work. It will be enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed to the above mentioned City Administrator, 102 3rd Ave SE, Jamestown, ND, and shall be designated that the bid is for "2010 FEMA Street Repairs." The bid shall be accompanied by a Bidder's Bond in a separate envelope, in the amount of five percent (5%) of the full amount of the bid, executed by the Bidder as Principal and by a Surety Company authorized to do business in North Dakota. If the Principal's bid is accepted by the OWNER and the contract awarded, the principal, within ten (10) days after the Notice of Award, will be required to execute and effect a contract in accordance with the terms of the principal's bid and any requirements and conditions of the

Security shall be as required in Section 48 01.2-05 of the North Dakota Century Code.

All bidders must be licensed for the highest amount of their bids, as required by Section 43 07 05 of the North Dakota Century Code and a copy of the license or certificate of renewal thereof issued shall be enclosed in the required bid bond envelope.

No bid will be read or considered which does not fully comply with the above provisions as to Bond and Licenses, and any deficient bid submitted will be resealed and returned to the Bidder immediately. The OWNER retains the right to reject any or all of the bids submitted and to waive any informality in any bid and to hold all bids for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days from said date of opening and to hold the three low bids and bid securities for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from said date of bid opening.

The work on the improvements is to commence upon a date to be specified by the OWNER, notice of which will be given to the successful bidder ten (10) days in advance of the start of construction. The Contractor will be required to commence construction, and in an approved sequence, complete the project by September 24, 2010.

By order of City Council
Jamestown, North Dakota
Jeff Fuchs,
City Administrator
Jamestown, North Dakota
February 24, March 3, 10, 2010

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
FirstLink
211 Designation
Application

Case No. PU-09-713
Notice of Intent to Reopen
Proceeding
February 19, 2010

On October 30, 2009, MHAND notified the Commission that, due to lack of economic support, it must relinquish its designation as

the 211 dialing code user.

On November 2, 2009, FirstLink notified the Commission that effective October 30, 2009, FirstLink will temporarily provide statewide 211 operations until a decision is made about 211's future. FirstLink subsequently indicated it would provide statewide 211 operations until March 15, 2010.

On November 23, 2009, FirstLink filed a letter requesting designation as the statewide 211 dialing code user.

On January 25, 2010, FirstLink notified the Commission that it was no longer interested in a statewide 211 designation due to a lack of stable long-term funding for the entire state. Therefore, FirstLink requested to be the designated user of the 211 dialing code in Cass County.

On February 10, 2010, the Commission authorized FirstLink to use the 211 dialing code in Cass County, North Dakota for access to community information and referral services unless and until the Commission authorizes a different entity to use the 211 dialing code. On February 19, 2010, a meeting of stakeholders was held to assess support for statewide 211 services going forward.

The Commission has reason to believe that conditions of fact have so changed as to require, and that public interest requires,

the reopening of this proceeding.

The issues to be considered are:

1. Is any other entity interested in designation as the user of the 211 dial code in North Dakota?
2. Is FirstLink's use of the statewide 211 dial code consistent with the FCC intended use of that code?
3. Is it in the public interest for the Commission to authorize FirstLink statewide use of the 211 dialing code, effective when FirstLink's 211 services are sufficiently funded?

Those interested are invited to comment in writing. Persons desiring a hearing must file a written request identifying their interest in the proceeding and the reasons for requesting a hearing. Comments and requests for hearing must be received by March 17, 2010. If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a hearing.

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400; or Relay North Dakota 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials please notify the Commission.

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