

The 'Street to Strip' National Drag School Project...

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This is the **National Drag School**...

"Challenge young people by having high expectations of them; engaging them with opportunity to realize those expectations through constructive, character-building activities."

**Former Secretary of State
General Colin Powell, USA Ret.**

Every 12 seconds an auto crash kills a life and grieves a family. In fact, auto crashes are the No.1 killer of ages 16-25 (6000 VICTIMS every year!). While street racing significantly contributes to these deaths, so does drinking alcohol, other distractions and inexperience. This is why we believe every community needs a drag school program and a proper venue for young people to understand driving responsibility and legal racing. Street racing is selfish and for sissies. Education is prevention.



During the 4-week Drag School, young drivers learn respect and appreciation for life through a unique program.

"The approach you have taken to addressing the carnage and dangers of street racing... is actually a model for how a variety of other solutions regarding issues affecting young adults in this country could be fashioned."

Mayor Stephen Reed, Capitol City, Harrisburg, PA

Street Safety and Driving Responsibility

Through our community-minded efforts, we try to change the direction of life for a small group of young people. The **National Drag School** is tuition-free and usually hosts a new 4-week class in mid-Spring and visits high schools whenever possible.

In the classroom, young drivers learn about choices and consequences; **responsibility when driving**. They will learn what courage is and is not. They will find the meaning of **respect for life**. It is sponsored through the U505 Team fund-raising efforts and donations from individuals and businesses. Awards for those who participate are provided by the community, locally and nationally.



Street to Strip: DRAG SCHOOL

Police Departments endorse this project.



Drag Strips provide a unique public service that saves lives.

Drag Racing for HISTORY and the U505

The U505 Team is named after the famous capture of the German U-boat, U505, off the coast of Africa in June 1944 by a group of very brave young American sailors. The event was filmed in color, but

kept secret from the public for years. At great risk to their lives, a handful of sailors boarded the abandoned and sinking U-boat to save its secrets and bring them back to the United States. It is a story of true courage and offers many valuable lessons on life.



Capture of U505, June 1944.

After World War II, U505 was rusting away in a Navy shipyard when it was decided to sink her as a target in 1954. However, those who risked all to capture the U-boat spoke up and soon the prize was towed to Chicago where it was moved ashore beside the Museum of Science and Industry.

Chicago 2004



Imagine, a prize German U-boat, one of three to exist in the world, rests in the Midwest as a tribute to all those who fought and died in the Battle of the Atlantic. It is a respectful tribute.

During World War II it was said that the U505 was 'unlucky'. But through the eyes of history, she was in fact, the best of the U-boat fleet. All her sister boats lie at the bottom of the oceans. Many of her crew came to live in the United States and we have had the pleasure of meeting some, as well as the Americans who captured her.

In 2004 the U-boat was moved inside a specially-built structure for preservation. Thousands of school children walk and learn history as they pass through her hull. The U505 story is inspiring, positive and an event of youthful courage too few Americans know.