

## Alive At 25

Alive at 25 seriously changed my whole entire outlook on driving as a young inexperienced individual. I realized driving has many more dangers than I thought. Now, I was assigned to sit through the Alive at 25 class on October 5, 2013, for a speeding ticket. I thought it would be a slow, long, miserable, and drawn out four hours about the dangers behind the wheel of a motor vehicle, although it was not.

The Alive at 25 presentation was very informing, and sort of entertaining. The two officers that taught the class used us student as "dummies" which made the class easier to understand and also made it seem not so long and boring. There was one story in particular that hit home for me because I could relate to it so well. Knowing that I had been in that situation before and still am, seriously changed the way I thought about the stories that were told.

Tragedy struck our family the summer of 2013. In the video the young man was in college, likewise my cousin Jo-Don, a very popular young man. Jo-Don was headed to work on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013 on his 500cc Suzuki motorcycle; he soon struck the back end of a John Deere tractor going approximately 90 miles an hour. Now, you thought that could have and would have been my indication to slow down, but sadly it wasn't. I was just not paying attention to my surrounding signs and cautions.

Alive at 25 has opened so many eyes and hearts. The law sets speeding signs so we slow down, and save not only ourselves, but other individuals around us. I would strongly recommend that most teenagers take this class to realize the dangers and cautions of operating a motor vehicle

and to keep tragedies like mine, and the young man on the video's family from happening to you.