

Finding Future Drivers at Friendly High School

D. Robinson, August 28, 2023

The Coalition for Public Safety Training in Schools, Inc. (CPSTS) arrived early to get ready for the Community Market sponsored by District 8 Board Member Madeline LaSalle-Frazier on Saturday, August 26th. It took a while for the set-up area to be available. While we waited, I observed several adults hurriedly dropping off students who quickly entered the building. Could this be an opportunity? I wondered.

Time passed slowly as the few visitors to our CPSTS tent advised that they no longer had high school aged children, grandchildren, or nieces or nephews. Those that took our flyer committed to sharing the information with their church members, sororities, and neighborhood associations. There were several vendors with a variety of products for sale at the event and Prince George's County Police and Adventist Health had exhibits. The Italian Ice and Ice Cream stations were quite busy as it was such a warm day.

Suddenly a crowd of football players appeared. Practice was over and before they headed home, I had a chance to catch them and talk about our Driver Education program. They listened to the information and took flyers and palm cards so that they could access the application for the January 2024 class. The Junior and Senior students were excited about the chance to participate. Meanwhile the Freshmen and Sophomores were planning to hold on to the information until they are of age to apply.

Many thanks to Mr. Taylor for his help – I couldn't have done it without you!

