

## **Winter 2010 Road Rules: Junior Driver's Licenses**

*In each issue of the Township Newsletter, the West Goshen Police Traffic Safety Unit will provide information for drivers, focusing on sections of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code or on other traffic safety issues.*

According to Section 1503 of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation may issue a junior driver's license to a person 16 or 17 years of age under rules and regulations adopted by the department and subject to certain provisions. A junior driver's license shall automatically become a regular driver's license when the junior driver turns 18 years old. No licensed junior driver shall drive a vehicle upon a public highway between 11 PM and 5 AM unless accompanied by a spouse 18 years of age or older, a parent, or a person in loco parentis. Section 1503 does allow a holder of a junior driver's license to drive on public roads during restricted times if the junior driver is between his or her home and place of employment or other authorized activity, such as volunteer fire fighting. The junior license holder may be required to provide written authorization or notification from his or her employer if driving during these hours.