PUBLIC AWARENESS

Drinkers To Drive Course

Several local community members will take part in a drinking driver awareness demonstration from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday at Cajun Field.

Sponsored by the Louisiana State Police, Acadiana Safety Association and Concerned Citizens/MADD, the demonstration is geared toward showing the public how alcohol can affect driving.

Participants will arrive at 10 a.m. Sunday and drive a specially designed obstacle course. They will later be intoxicated to the .05 percent level, which is half of the state level of legal intoxication. The participants will then drive a dual-control car, accompanied by a police officer. Traffic experts will score the participants at each point and results will be tabulated and compared.

The drivers will be intoxicated again and they have reached the .10 percent level. Participants will include Judge Ronnie Cox, District Attorney Nathan Stansbury, Lafayette Parish Sheriff’s Department Chief Deputy Hook Robichaux, Mayor Dud Lastrapes, Maria Placer of KFLY-TV, Charlie Lenox of the Daily Advertiser, Robert Jackson of KATC-TV and Rick LeBlanc of KTDY-Radio.

The public is invited to attend the demonstration. For more information, contact Mary Lib Guercio at 984-3931, J.D. Johnson at 235-4522 or Lisa Hargrave at 234-4640.