



“The Driving Experience” School Utilizes Simulators to Prepare Students on the Spectrum to Get Behind the Wheel

Students with Autism Benefit from Virtual Driver Interactive Simulation-Based Driver Safety Training

El Dorado Hills, CA – September 1st, 2021 - Virtual Driver Interactive (VDI), the leading provider of simulation-based driver training solutions, today announced that “The Driving Experience” school is reinforcing behind-the-wheel training by providing crucial driving experience for students with special needs using VDI driving simulators. VDI’s simulation-based technology allows “The Driving Experience” school to introduce “real world” obstacles, conditions and distractions to their autistic students in a safe and controlled driving environment.

Lina Kreter, owner of “[The Driving Experience](#)” driving school located in Irvine, California, launched her business in 2018 to help new, existing and unsure drivers build confidence in their ability overcoming any apprehension they were working through to achieve driving success. Knowing that we were putting drivers on the road with minimal exposure to scenarios that required better judgement and clear thinking, Lina decided to use VDI simulators to train her clients.

“One population that gravitates toward the simulators are high functioning Autism teens/young adults, teens with ADHD and/or ADD that are on medication, and others that have other learning challenges,” says Kreter. “I have worked with over a dozen clients on the spectrum and many that have gone on to successfully achieve licensure. I have one student that began in January 2021 and crashed each time he came in to do the lessons. He enjoys the skills he has learned and has shown tremendous mastery in learning driving skills on the simulator.”

VDI’s driving simulators provide a realistic, immersive training experience using either portable desktop or full cab simulators. The [Driving Essentials](#) program gives students the ability to use hands-on-the-wheel training and handle dangerous driving situations such as hydroplaning and icy/snowy conditions.

The Driving Essentials program is simulation-based driver safety training program that teaches drivers the critical skills essential to safe driving. Sixteen lessons provide extensive instruction and practice including how to combat distracted driving, pre and post assessment drives and real time violation tracking. The state of the art reporting system can track each student’s performance and substantiate the provided certificate of course completion.

“I highly recommend the program and continue to find great satisfaction in receiving text messages from former students sharing that they have their licenses and the appreciation they have for the help they received on the simulator,” said Kreter.

“We are excited to work with driving schools across the nation, providing students of all ages – teens to senior citizens – with the opportunity for unlimited driver training practice,” said Andre Luongo, General Manager of Virtual Driver Interactive. “Our driving simulators mimic the near exact conditions prevalent when driving. The practice they provide not only gives experience but ensures competency when the drivers get behind the wheel.”

About Virtual Driver Interactive

Virtual Driver Interactive is a subsidiary of New York-based [Cemtrex Inc.](#) (NASDAQ: CETX, CETXP, CETXW), a technology company driving innovation in Internet of Things (IoT), security, machine vision & artificial intelligence, and augmented & virtual reality. Virtual Driver Interactive (VDI) is well known in the simulation industry for its vision of innovative training. From training experienced corporate fleets to new teen drivers, VDI delivers effective training. By offering a wide range of system hardware options, VDI's customers can expect highly portable, affordable and effective solutions. VDI program titles include **Advanced Driver Safety™**, corporate fleet driver training program; **Driving Essentials^{XE}**, teen driver training program using Xbox & PS5; **One Simple Decision®**, a deterrent to distracted or impaired driving; and **Virtual DE™** (Virtual Driving Essentials), a driver training and assessment program teaching critical skills. VDI is headquartered in El Dorado Hills, California. For more information about VDI's innovative interactive simulation driver training solutions, please visit www.driverinteractive.com.