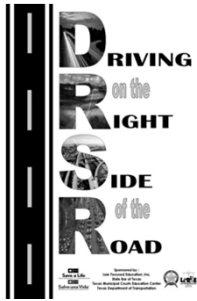


Court & the Classroom: Traffic Safety & DRSR

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Traffic Safety:
Courtroom, Classroom & Community



Objectives

- Make traffic safety a high priority in local communities
 - Via municipal courts
 - Via public outreach by court personnel
 - Civic, community & school groups
 - City officials
 - Via public schools
 - Lessons & resources
 - Teacher training



Why Municipal Courts?

- 923 courts in Texas
- 7.5 million cases
- 82.5 % traffic and parking
- 390,589 juvenile cases
- 1,537 judges



(FY 10 & 11 Annual Reports OCA)

Why TMCEC?

Clerks

- Act as the liaison between the public and the judiciary
- Are respected in the community

Judges

- Represent our system of justice
- Symbol of authority
- Magistrates and trial judges

Clerks and Judges

- Are experts
- Make it interesting and interactive
- Serve as role models for young people & citizens of all ages
- More citizens come in contact than any other court

Judicial Education: MTSI

- Training via local and regional seminars & webinars
 - *Pedestrian & Bicycle Laws*
 - *Rules of the Road*
 - *DSC & Deferred*
 - Insurance
- Statewide Traffic Safety Conference
- Newsletter, Website, Charts

Community Outreach (MTSI):

- TMCEC Speakers' Bureau
- Municipal Courts Weeks – November 7-11, 2011
- Website – speeches, information sheets, access to traffic safety materials
- Traffic Safety Awards!



Results: FY 11



- 3,411 municipal judges, clerks, prosecutors, bailiffs and warrant officers trained by TMCEC
- 500 teachers trained in conjunction with education service centers and teacher conferences
- 9 courts recognized for outstanding public outreach

Great News!



- Continued demand for more teacher training workshops for FY 12
- Teachers and courts are beginning to generate their own programs and materials
- TMCEC is planning outreach to city officials and local youth groups
