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Courts, Communities, and Classrooms:

Educating the Public about the Law

**In 2010,
there were
234.261
billion
miles
traveled on
Texas
roadways**



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By the numbers...

- **1 reportable crash every 81 seconds**
- **215,593 persons injured**
- **82,685 serious injuries**
- **3,023 deaths**

Why Municipal Courts?

- **917 courts in Texas**
- **7.5 million cases**
- **82.6% = traffic and parking cases**
- **Municipal judges make up 39% of the judiciary**

Why Me?

Clerks

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

Judges

- Represent our system of justice
- Are a symbol of authority

Who are the experts?

- Can make it interesting and interactive
- Serve as role models for young people

YOU

What's in it for us?

- Make our job easier
- Reduce our case load
- Increase our overall approval rating
- Make our communities safer



Teen Drivers

- **446,982 teen drivers (15-18) in Texas**
- **274,300 juvenile cases**
- **44% were traffic related = 120,629**

Not just in the courtroom...

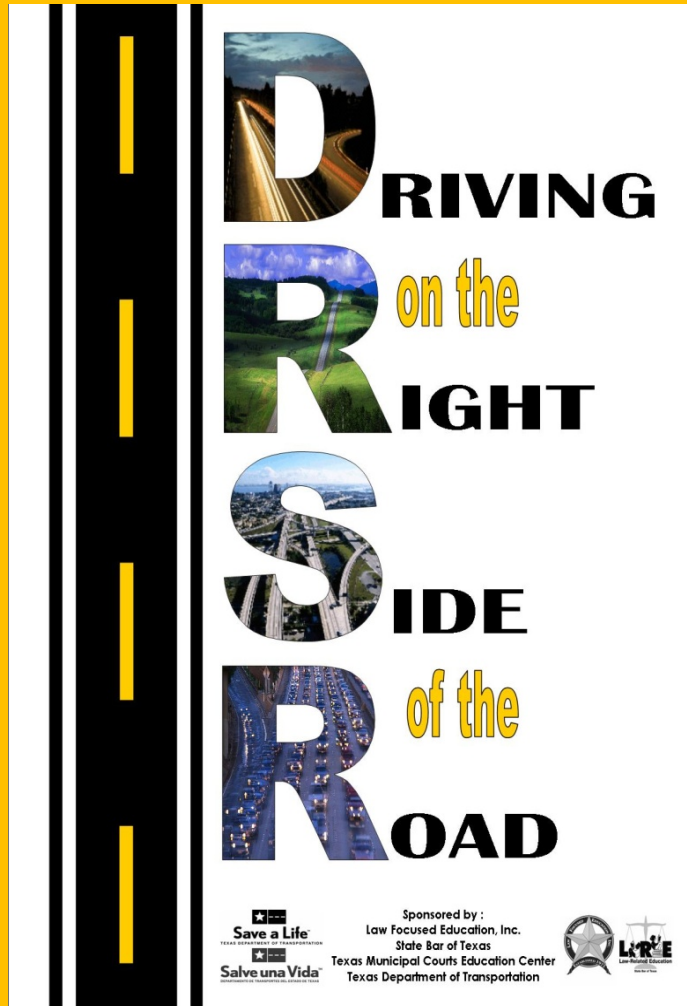
- **27.3% of the Texas population is under 18**

= 6,865,824 teens

From Courtroom to Classroom

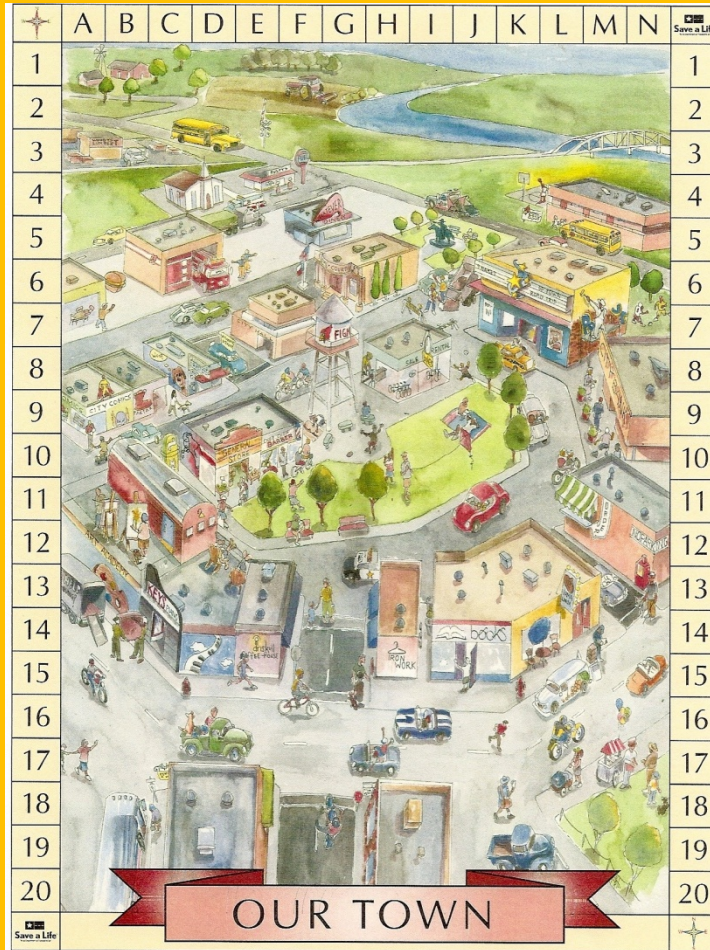
- For 16 to 19 year olds, the risk of being involved in a car accident is higher than it is for any other age group.
- Mile for mile, teen drivers are four times more likely than other drivers to crash.

DRSR Materials



- Resources for Teachers
- Our Town Map
- Children's Books
- Coloring Books
- Card Games
- Board Games
- Sample Lessons
- Online Games
- Fact Sheets

Our Town Map



- Lesson Plans
 - I Promise to Obey
 - Oath Certificates

Oath

I, _____,
do hereby promise to obey the following traffic law:

and always be safe by making sure I

from this day forward.

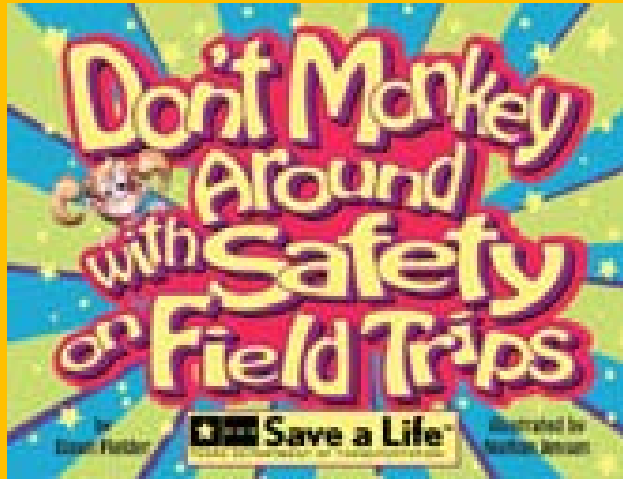
Awarded on this _____ day of the month of _____, 20__.

Law Abiding Student

Court Clerk, Municipal Court, City of _____



Children's Books



Rules of the Road

TxDOT Land



THERE SHOULD BE A LAW

HOW A BILL BECOMES
A LAW IN TEXAS


LET'S GO!





OBJECTION!
YOUR HONOR
GAME





START
THE GAME!


 **Juror #1**
Male, Forty-five years old
Truck driver for a local lumberyard
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 **Juror #2**
Female, Thirty-five years old
Owns a job placement service
[more info >>](#)

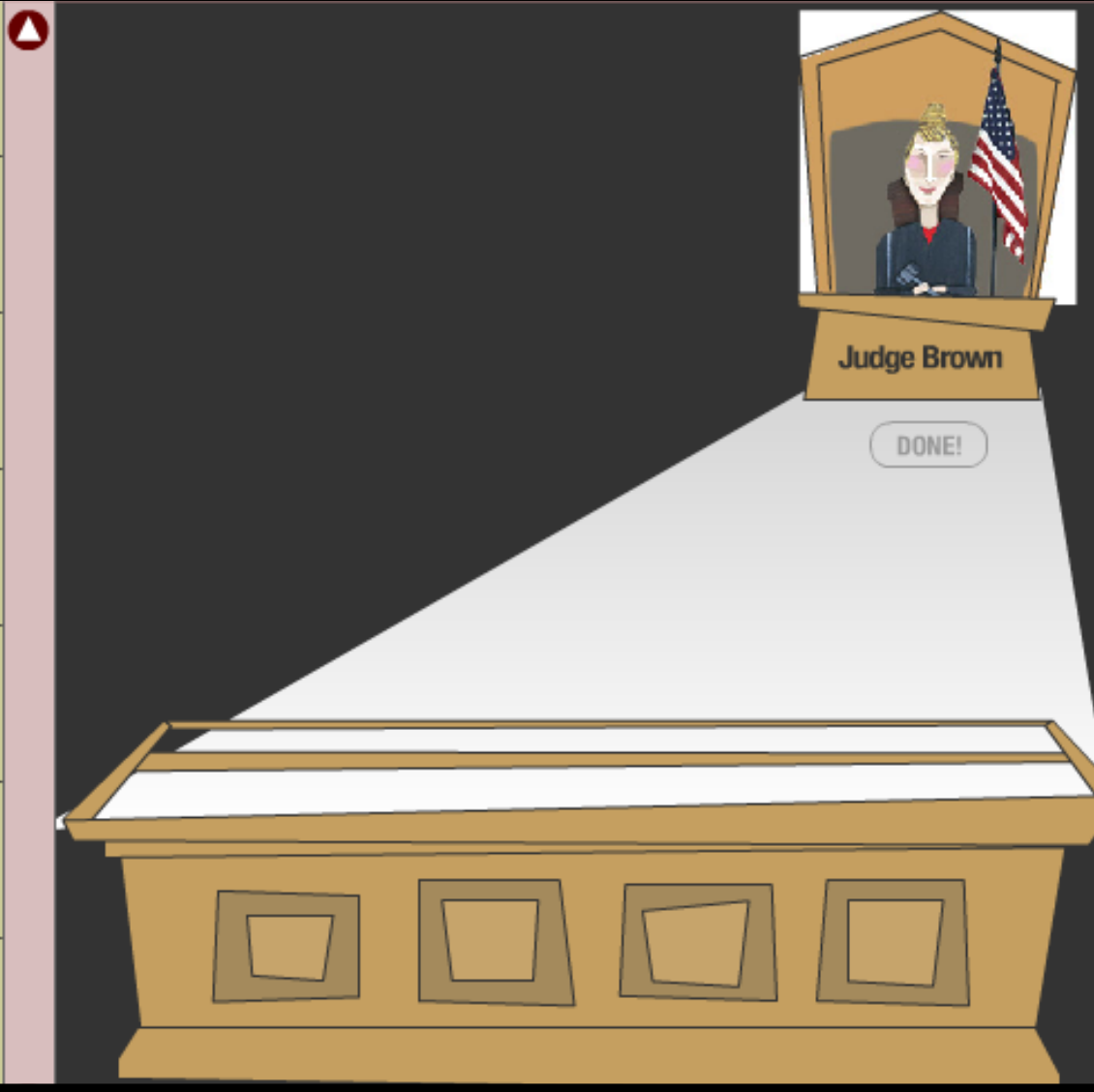
 **Juror #3**
Female, Twenty-five years old
Works for Dept of Child Protective Services
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 **Juror #4**
Female, Twenty-two years old
Secondary education major
[more info >>](#)

 **Juror #5**
Male, Forty-six years old
Dentist
[more info >>](#)

 **Juror #6**
Male, Forty-one years old
Works in information technology
[more info >>](#)

 **Juror #7**
Male, Twenty-eight years old
Criminal defense attorney
[more info >>](#)



How to Reach Students

- **Send materials to school with your child or grandchild.**
- **Invite a class to your court.**
- **Offer to speak to a class.**
- **Call a teacher who is a friend.**

Keep On The Right Side of the Road



Add me to the Speakers' Bureau

Name: _____

Court: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Sign up to be on the
TMCEC
Speaker's Bureau

Making It ~~Goofy~~ Interesting

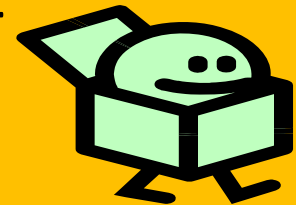


From Courtroom to Community

Teaching does not have to happen at school

- Other places:

Think Outside The



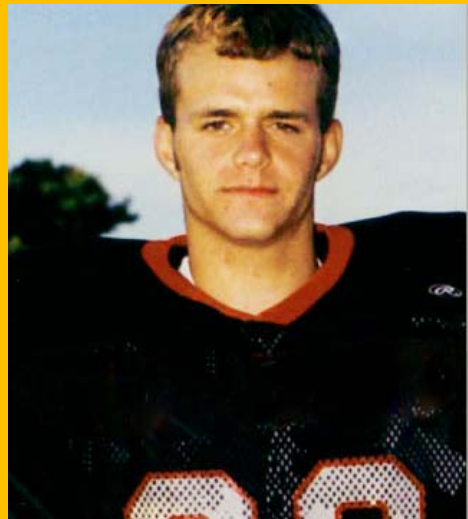
Safety Belts

- Click It or Ticket
- 44% of those killed in fatal crashes were not restrained



Drunk Driving

- 35.6% of people killed involved a drunk driver



The driver got 7 years in prison, but the victim is serving a life sentence

Not everyone who gets hit by a drunk driver dies.

A close-up portrait of a woman wearing a black hat and a purple shirt. Her face shows significant trauma, including a large, bloody wound on her forehead and a visible injury on her cheek. She has a somber expression.

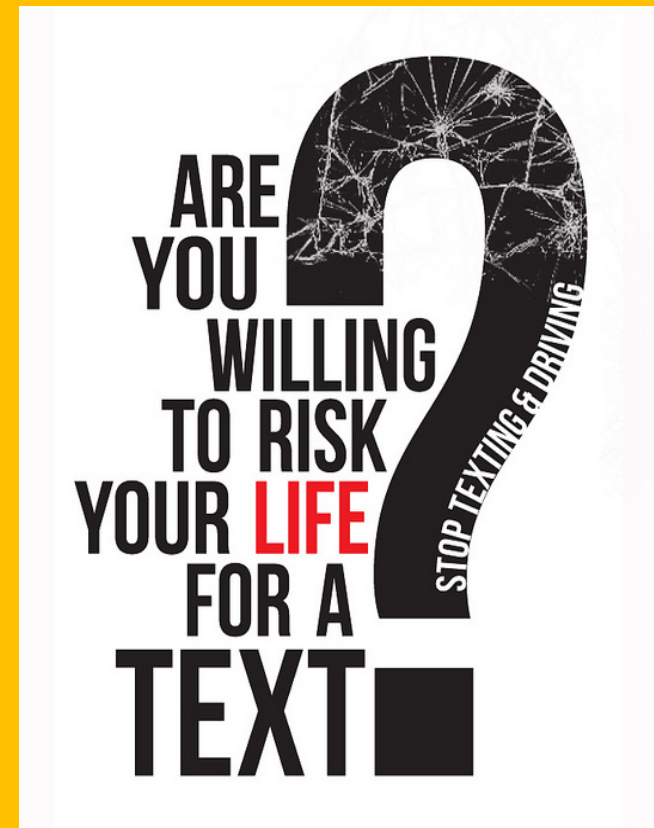
Jacqueline Saburido was 20 years old when the car she was riding in was hit by a drunk driver. Today, at 23, she is still working to put her life back together.
Learn more at www.TexasDWI.org

DON'T DRINK & DRIVE Save a Life

Texas Department of Public Safety • Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission • Texas StandUp! • Partnership for a Drug-Free Texas • Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse
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Distracted Driving

- 1,226 deaths from single vehicle, run-off the road crashes
- Talk. Text. Crash.





DON'T TELL ME, LET ME
GUESS. YOU WERE IN THE
MIDDLE OF A TWEET.

Tim McEwan 2011

Other Issues

- **Motorcyclists**
 - 429 passengers and operators were killed
 - 56% were not wearing a helmet
- **Pedestrians**
 - 354 fatalities
- **Bicyclists**
 - 42 fatalities

TxDOT Campaigns

Public Awareness

Labor Day 2011

Motorcycle Safety

Talk. Text. Crash

Teen Click It or Ticket

Click It or Ticket

Faces of Drunk Driving

Football Campaign

Holiday Don't Drink and Drive

Child Passenger Safety

Safe Routes to School

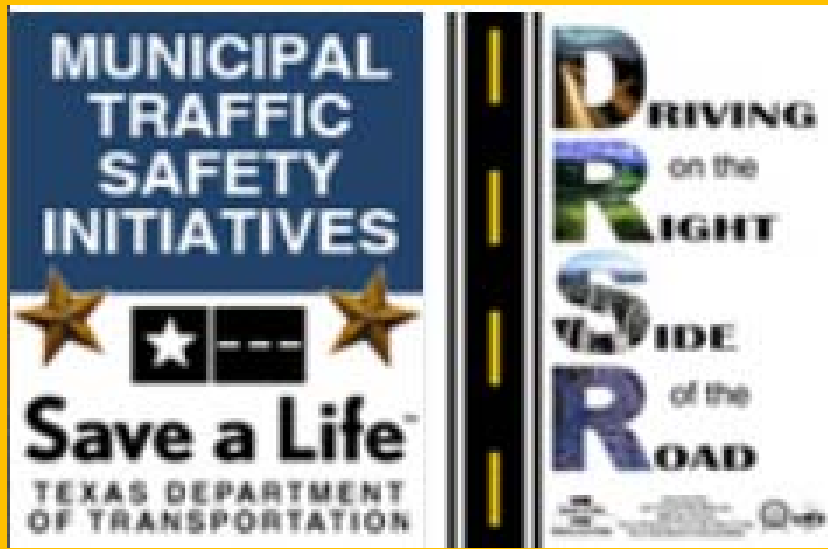
Safety Initiatives

Public Service Announcements

Teens in the Driver Seat

Work Zone Awareness

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websites:

www.drsrc.info

www.texaslre.org

www.tmcec.com

www.txdot.gov

Any questions?

