School Program Resources

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for 15-20 year olds. The purpose of the DRSR program is to offer a preventitive education program to encourage responsible decision-making when it comes to obeying traffic laws and to follow safe practices.

The DRSR program has created a series of lessons at the elementary and secondary levels that focus on citizenship education and traffic safety. A wide variety of materials have been developed through collaboration with experienced, certified teachers to help students learn about traffic safety. The program is aligned with the required standardized tests.

Lessons use interactive strategies and online games to teach traffic safety while studying local and national government, the three branches of government, and the responsibilities of citizenship. Information sheets provide teachers with background information on municipal courts and traffic laws.

Sample lessons, handouts, and background materials are available on the TMCEC site: www.tmcec.com. Click on Driving on the Right Side of the Road icon on the right side of the page to view these materials.

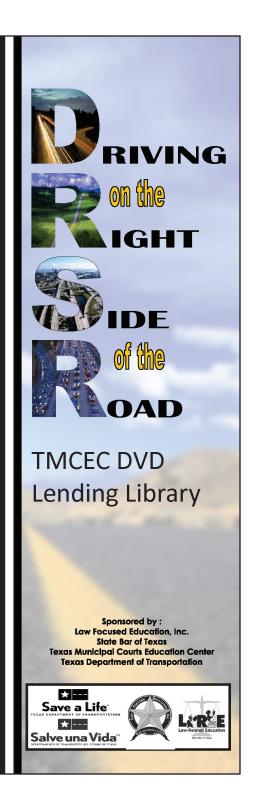
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Driving on the Right Side of the Road,

a collaborative effort between TMCEC, the Law-Related Education Department of the State Bar of Texas, and TxDOT, provides elementary, middle, and high school students with valuable traffic safety information through social studies, government, health, language arts, and math lessons. Municipal judges, clerks, prosecutors, and city officials are valuable resources as persons in the classrooms to partner on this project as they can bring these lessons to life. Contact TMCEC to see how you can get involved in a project to educate our young children on the importance of traffic safety 512.320.8274.

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Courts & Classrooms: TMCEC Lending Library

Texas municipal judges and court support personnel can have an impact on the behavior of young drivers by reaching out to teachers, schools, and community groups and offering to serve as guest speakers. To help enliven your presentation or to prepare students for your presentation, we recommend that you use one of the videos or DVDs from TMCEC's lending library. TMCEC developed this lending library as part of the Driving on the Right Side of the Road grant program.

There is no charge and the loan period is two weeks. Email tmcec@tmcec.com with the name of the program that you would like to borrow. You may borrow up to two at a time. Please provide us with a short description of how you intend to use the DVD and the name and mailing address to which it should be shipped.

If showing the DVD yourself, we recommend that you preview it and be prepared to review important points. It is also sometimes a good idea to use the interrupted film technique in which you stop the video at pre-determined time and discuss the relevant issues.

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Jacqui's Story. This is the unforgettable story of two lives changed by a fatal drunk driving collision outside Austin, Texas. Jacqueline Saburido, a 20-year-old college student who lost her face, hands, and much of her eyesight, and Reginald Stephey, the high school football player driving drunk that night, give candid interviews in this 28-minute documentary-style video presented in three parts. TxDOT (high school+)

Confronting Drunk Driving. Features the true story of Mike Poveromo, a young man who killed his two best friends in a drunk driving car crash when he was a teenager. 26-minutes. Human Relations Media (grades 7 – college)

Courage to Live. Featuring a program piloted by Sonoma County Superior Court Judge Gary Nadler on the hazards of drug and alcohol use, this DVD, with options for a 68-minute or 18-minute program, includes candid responses by inmates incarcerated on drug and alcohol charges. The DVD also shares Brandon's Story, a 17-year-old whose life was forever changed after having a couple of beers at a party, crashing into a tree after falling asleep at the wheel, and ultimately having to learn how to walk and talk again while his friends went on to college. National Judicial College (grades 7 - college+)

DUI: The Hard Truth. Using video reenactments and interviews, program demonstrates how driving under the influence of alcohol can result in unforgettable pain, suffering, and death.

26-minutes. Human Relations Media (grades 7 – college+)

Dying High 2: Real Stories of Drugged Driving. Viewers follow an ambulance driver to a multivehicle collision involving teens and drugs, resulting in a spinal cord injury. Includes interviews with real teens. Helps bring along the realization that "This could happen to me." 20-minutes. Human Relations Media (grades 7 – college+)

On the Road: A Program for Teens and Their Parents. Produced by the USAA Educational Foundation, this 8:40 minute DVD covers driver distractions, emergency conditions, and impaired driving. (teens+)

The Unsafe Driving Acts of Motorists in the Vicinity of Large Trucks. In this 17-minute DVD, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMSCA) highlights the unsafe driving acts of motorists that contribute to collisions between automobiles and large trucks. The unsafe driving acts are presented in four categories: judgment problems; speed-related behaviors; right-of-way or headway-related behaviors; and lane change or lane position problems. (high school+)

TMCEC has set up a speaker's bureau for judges and court support personnel who are interested in making presentations to school age children or partnering on this project. Please consider joining.

Add me to the **Speakers' Bureau**

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