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Austin—The Texas Municipal Courts Education Center’s (TMCEC) Municipal Traffic Safety Initiatives (MTSI) grant, funded by the Texas Department of Transportation, recently sponsored a traffic safety awards competition to recognize those municipal courts that have demonstrated outstanding contributions to traffic safety and preventing impaired driving in their respective communities. All municipal courts in the State of Texas were eligible to apply.

Applicants were judged on their activities relating to increasing traffic safety while preventing impaired driving traffic crashes, traffic fatalities, juvenile DUI, child safety seat offenses, red light running, and other traffic related offenses. Twenty-eight courts have been selected to receive awards: nine low volume (serving less than 30,000 people), nine medium volume (serving 30,000 to 149,999 people), five high volume (serving 150,000+ people), and five in the New Applicant category. Eight courts were also selected as honorable mentions.

The following municipal courts were selected by a panel of judges as award winners: Alvin, Andrews, Azle, Bay City, Columbus, Freer, Harker Heights, Helotes and San Elizario in the low volume category; Cedar Hill, College Station, La Porte, Lewisville, Mesquite, Midland, Missouri City, San Marcos, and Victoria in the medium volume category; and Arlington, Austin, El Paso, Irving, and San Antonio in the high volume category. New Applicant Court winners included Balch Springs, Nacogdoches, Sullivan City, Watauga, and Woodsboro. The municipal courts in Aransas Pass, Benbrook, Houston, Lakeway, Malakoff, Marlin, New Braunfels, and Wink were selected to receive honorable mention for their traffic safety programs.

Award recipients were recognized at TMCEC’s “MTSI Conference,” held April 3-5, 2023, at the Austin Southpark Hotel. To learn more about TMCEC, please visit [www.tmcec.com](http://www.tmcec.com).