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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 VHSs 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 its important points. It is also sometimes a good idea to use the interrupted film technique in which you stop the video at pre-determined times and discuss the relevant issues.

Thank you for participating in this traffic safety program, funded by a grant from TxDOT.

AARP Driver Safety: The AARP Smart Driver™ Course is the nation's first and largest refresher course for drivers age 50 and older. It has given millions of drivers the skills and tools they need to drive safely on today's roads, allowing them to remain independent for many years to come. In fact, 97% of those who take it change at least one driving behavior. And the best part? There are no tests to pass - just useful information to keep you safe on the road!

Another Smash Hit: The National Safety Council estimates that at least one million crashes—28% of the total — are caused each year by using cellphones and texting while driving. If you text and drive, a serious collision is inevitable. Twenty-nine states currently have laws in place regarding texting and driving. Another Smash Hit is the only DVD available to teach all drivers about the consequences of texting and driving. 12 minutes. Drunk Busters of America, LLC (grades 5-adult)

Brotherly Love: Brotherly Love is the story of two brothers who worked together, played together, and died together at the hands of a drunk driver. Twenty-three year old George Palmer and twenty-one year old Tom Palmer were driving home one night after helping their grandparents move when the driver of another car crossed the centerline and hit them head-on. This story is about the pain of losing not one but two loved ones, the effect on an entire small community, and the journey of a family struggling to deal with their deaths over two decades after the tragedy occurred. The pain of losing a loved one never goes away. 13:20 minutes. Drunk Busters of America, LLC (grades 5-Adult)

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 includes candid responses by inmates incarcerated on drug and alcohol charges and shares the story of Brandon, a 17 year-old whose life was forever changed after a tragic accident. 37 minutes. National Judicial College (grades 7 - college+)

Crossing Deadly Lanes: This graphic program presents a profound reminder against drinking and driving that will inform, sadden, and move viewers, both young and old. Real DUI offenders (with no prior criminal records), judges, lawyers, emergency and medical personnel, and victims all share their stories about the hard realities of DUI-related fatalities and prison. 20 minutes. GO Media Companies (grades 5-adult, 2005)

The Deadly Consequences of Drunk Driving: This three set video collection tells the story of one fatal drunk driving crash and the many lives that are forever affected. The videos can be used individually or as part of three different lessons, and includes the following titles: The Crash, Left Behind, and Choices. **WARNING: Videos contain graphic images and intense content.**

- 1) ***The Crash:*** is the story of a fatal car crash that killed Katie DeCubellis, 13, and Marsha Bowman, 44, on October 29, 1999. That night, Marsha was driving her daughter, Becky, and Katie (Becky's friend) to the mall. A drunk driver slammed into their vehicle from behind, sending the car into oncoming traffic. Becky survived that night, and speaks openly about her experience, as does Katie's family, and all those who were involved. 20 minutes. Two Sisters' Productions (grades 5-adult)
- 2) ***Left Behind:*** explores the shattered lives of the people who loved Katie DeCubellis and Marsha Bowman. This story focuses on the after effects of the drunk driving crash that took their lives and left Marsha's daughter, Becky, forever scarred by the tragedy. Now, John DeCubellis, Meg DeCubellis, and Becky Bowman work ceaselessly to raise public awareness for the need to make responsible decisions. However, no amount of work can erase the pain or loss for those left behind. 23 minutes Two Sisters' Productions (grades 5-adult)
- 3) ***Choices:*** reveals the ripple effects of one decision made by Stephen Reise on the night of October 29, 1999, when he chose to drive while impaired. Both Katie DeCubellis and Marsha Bowman were killed on their way to the mall when Reise slammed into the back of Marsha's car. Reise is currently serving 14 years imprisonment and 30 years' probation. Both families, however, are serving life sentences as a result of his choice. 25 minutes. Two Sisters' Productions (grades 5-adult)

Drinking & Driving: The End of the Road: In 2007, an estimated 18,000 people died in alcohol-related traffic crashes – an average of one every 30 minutes. Young people will learn that being under the influence of alcohol adversely affects a person's ability to drive a motor vehicle. 22 minutes. Interactive Educational Media (grades 5-12)

Driving Stupid: This program dramatizes that most teens overestimate their driving skills and underestimate the risks involved in texting while driving, driving drowsy and driving under the influence. True to life stories accentuate these very real dangers. A young woman describes how a driver who was texting caused a crash that killed her parents and left her with severe injuries. Another teen describes falling asleep while driving and how the resulting crash left him wheelchair bound for life. A trauma center nurse and a police officer describe the kinds of injuries they have seen for teenage victims of crashes due to alcohol and drugs. The film also shows teens participating in a driving skills program that safely exposes them to a variety of hazards and teaches them the importance of developing safe driving skills. 19:25 minutes. Human Relations Media (grades K-12)

Drugged Driving: The Road to Disaster. This video takes a hard look at how drugs impact driver alertness, reflexes, and perception on skills, the legal consequences of impaired driving, and tells the tragic story of a teenage girl's death resulting from impaired driving. 25 minutes. Human Relations Media (grades 7 – college+)

DUI: The Hard Truth. Using video reenactments and interviews, this 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 multi-vehicle collision involving teens and drugs, resulting in a spinal cord injury. 20 minutes. Human Relations Media (grades 7 – college+)

Forever Changed: Have you ever gotten behind the wheel of your car after drinking alcohol? Did you ever tell yourself that you were fine to drive after drinking and that crashes only happened to “other people”? Tom Melin always referred to himself as a professional drunk driver. He began driving under the influence of alcohol at the age of 16 and never thought twice about the consequences until his life was forever changed. His story uses real life experience to demonstrate the devastating consequences of drinking and driving. 34:40 Minutes. Forever Changed Productions LLC (high school+)

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 (teens+)

Life Behind the Wheel: A Roadmap for Safety: New drivers, older drivers, passengers and pedestrians alike, we are all precious cargo - and the stakes are high at any age when you get behind the wheel. Discovery Channel presents LIFE BEHIND THE WHEEL: A ROADMAP FOR SAFETY, a one-hour documentary that offers a comprehensive look at safe driving habits from generation to generation. 52:59 minutes. Discovery Communications (grades K+)

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+)

Neighborhood Adventures in Bicycle Safety: Striving to be a Supercyclist – Mr. Zamboni (VHS): 10 minutes. Texas DPS in cooperation with TxDOT.

Real Teens, Real Stories (VHS): Car wrecks are the leading cause of death and injuries for teens. Every six minutes, a teenager in Texas is involved in a crash. This hard-hitting, documentary-style video highlights the experiences of four young drivers. The stories are real, and the safety message is loud and clear: buckle up can save your life. 12:30 minutes (teens+)

Roadwise Review (CD-ROM): This program was created to help seniors drive safely longer. It identifies health and fitness issues that affect your driving by enabling you to check visual, mental, and physical responses. It’s about taking control of your personal safety and staying independent. AAA Public Affairs (Adults)

Safer Journey: Interactive Pedestrian Safety Awareness (CD-ROM): Available in English and Spanish, these lesson plans show students how to be safe and responsible pedestrians. U.S. Dept. of Transportation.

Safety Journey: Interactive Bicyclist Safety Awareness (CD-ROM): Available in English and Spanish, these lesson plans show students how to be safe and responsible bicyclists. U.S. Dept. of Transportation.

Safety Solutions for Older Drivers: The Roadway Safety Foundation has created videos designed to educate the public about older driver safety tips. As the nation's population grows older, it is imperative that motorists are well-informed about the various issues facing seniors. Introduction 3:32, Best Practices 7:33, 11:07 total play time. Presented by Roadway Safety Foundation (Adults)

Securing Our Future (Asegurando Nuestro Futuro) (VHS): is a video that provides basic information about child passenger safety. Designed primarily for parents, it provides an overview of the need for restraining children, types of child restraints and how to use them, and resources for additional information, available in both English and Spanish. 11:46 minutes. (Grades K – Adult)

Shattered: This Emmy award-nominated program offers compelling interviews with eyewitnesses, the young convicted drunk driver, her boyfriend and family, and the victim's family. *Shattered* provides viewers with an experience so powerful and personal it will feel as if they were behind the wheel that night. 22 minutes. Connect with Kids Media Company (grades 5-12)

Steer Clear Driver's Program: The AARP Smart Driver™ Course is the nation's first and largest refresher course for drivers age 50 and older. It has given millions of drivers the skills and tools they need to drive safely on today's roads, allowing them to remain independent for many years to come. In fact, 97% of those who take it change at least one driving behavior. And the best part? There are no tests to pass - just useful information to keep you safe on the road! 16:47 minutes. Mixed Sources (Adults)

Street Law: A Course in Practical Law – Student Scenes, 7th Edition (VHS): McGraw Hill.

Teen Roadway Safety Assessments: Across the country, countless teenage students walk or drive to school every day. Dangers like cars and trucks backing out of driveways, sidewalks blocked by overgrown shrubs, missing signs, vehicles making improper and illegal turns, and drivers talking on their cell phones or even texting. A new program is currently being piloted around the country to help teens identify these kinds of dangers, but also to better understand what they can do to help reduce these risks and improve safety for their community. 4:45 minutes. (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+)

YOUTH COURTS, Getting the most Out of the Deliberation Process: The deliberation process is a critical component of every youth court. The "Getting the Most Out of the Deliberation Process" lesson is designed to educate youth court jurors or judge panels on the deliberation process so that they can be better equipped to recommend fair, constructive, appropriate and restorative dispositions for youth court defendants/respondents. We hope that you will find the flexibility of this lesson useful as you help prepare your youth volunteers to serve in this crucial youth court function. **minutes** (7 - teens)

- 1) Shoplifting Scenario 18:00 minutes
- 2) School Fight Scenario 19:30 minutes

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 in the classroom as they can use their experiences to bring these lessons to life.

Contact TMCEC at 512.320.8274 to see how you can get involved in a project to educate our young children on the importance of traffic safety.



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 preventative education program that encourages responsible decision-making when it comes to obeying traffic laws and to promote 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 the Driving on the Right Side of the Road icon in the middle of the page to view these materials.

TMCEC has set up a speakers 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.

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