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KIDS
in COURT

Lisa Robinson
 TMCEC Traffic Safety Grant Administrator



Left to right: Kenny, Bradley, and Ashley Robinson with The Honorable Judge Rorick of the Pasadena Municipal Court.

TMCEC’s TxDOT grant, *Driving on the Right Side of the Road*, encourages municipal courts and court personnel to get involved in educating our youth about traffic safety. All too often municipal judges and court personnel mention the large number of youth that are seen in court as well as how many of these youth appear before the court more than once.

While in Houston, at the Regional Judges and Clerk’s Schools, Lisa Robinson, Traffic Safety Grant Administrator, and her children Kenny, Bradley, and Ashley had the opportunity visit the Pasadena Municipal Court.

Judge Rorick and the Pasadena Municipal Court staff were gracious

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enough to spend the day explaining how a municipal court operates.

This visit also allowed my children, as well as me, to learn more about how a municipal court works, what a municipal court does, and the role of the judge.

Judge Rorick did a wonderful job of providing a tour of his court, the jail where he holds court each morning, and letting us observe him in court. The kids also had the opportunity to sit where a judge sits and to rap the gavel. My children had an opportunity to ask questions and believe me; Bradley had many questions along with sharing his many observations.

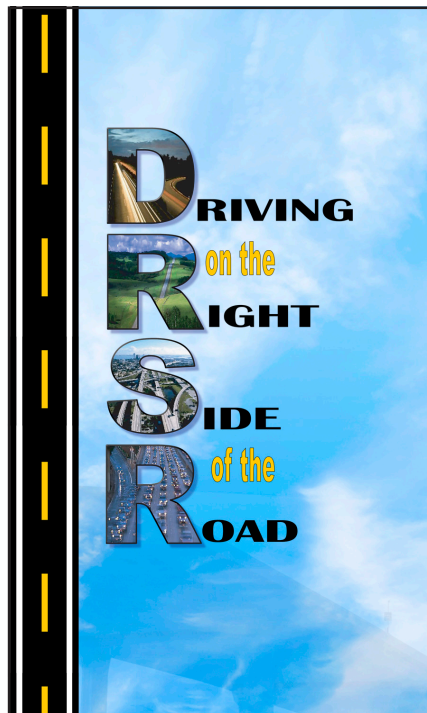
The opportunity to take a field trip to see a municipal court and to hear from those in positions of authority provide a valuable educational

lesson that will hopefully provide a positive impact as they continue to grow and make choices. While most children returned from spring break talking about the various trips they took, Ashley and Bradley had the opportunity to provide a presentation to their classmates on what they learned while visiting a municipal court over spring break.



Bradley, 9, reviews a warrant.

Judges in the Classroom: Driving on the Right Side of the Road



The 2009-2010 TMCEC regional judges programs will offer *Judges in the Classroom: Driving on the Right Side of the Road*. Attend one of these sessions to learn more about this program. You can also visit the traffic safety exhibit at all seminars for more information on this program or visit the TMCEC website at www.tmcec.com.

Are We Driven To Distraction?

Lisa Robinson

TMCEC Traffic Safety Grant Administrator

Cell phones seem to be the norm. Can you go anywhere and not see someone talking on their cell phone? When is the last time you remember being in public and not see someone talking on their cell phone? Does it seem like every time you are in your car the drivers around you are talking on their cell phones? All of us have cell phone stories we could share whether it be while driving, out dining, or at the grocery store. The charts shown below from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety show 2008 cell phone bans across the United States.

According to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety people who use a cell phone while driving are four to five times more likely to be in injury causing traffic crashes. A recent national survey found that roughly three of every four motorists say they talk on the phone in their cars, and another one in five admits to text messaging when they are behind the wheel.

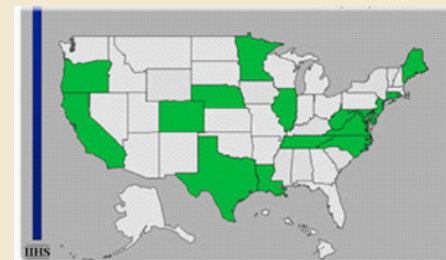
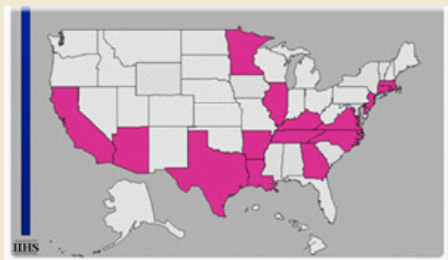
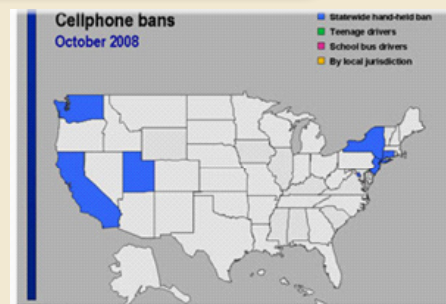
At the TMCEC Municipal Traffic Safety Initiatives Conference, an AP story from Redding, CA was shared by Judge Ellsworth (Spearman).

A woman, who crashed into a line of stopped vehicles while text-messaging on her cell phone, was sentenced to six years in a California prison for killing a woman in one of the vehicles. The 49-year-old woman had paid several bills by cell phone in the moments before the crash.

Some cities, such as Irving, Dallas, and Southlake have adopted their own ordinances regarding banning of cell phones while driving in marked school zones. Recently, legislators approved a statewide ban on using cell phones without a hands-free device in school zones.

Cellphone bans
October 2008

- Statewide hand-held ban
- Teenage drivers
- School bus drivers
- By local jurisdiction



Traffic Safety Award Recipients Announced

The Texas Municipal Courts Education Center's (TMCEC) Municipal Traffic Safety Initiatives, funded by a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation, recently sponsored a Traffic Safety Awards Program to recognize those who work in local municipalities that have made outstanding contributions to their community in an effort to increase traffic safety. This competition was a friendly way for municipalities to increase their attention to quality of life through traffic safety activities. All municipal courts in the State of Texas were eligible to apply.

Applicants were judged on the basis of what their courts were doing in terms of public outreach in their community to increase traffic safety while decreasing traffic crashes, traffic fatalities, juvenile DUI, child safety seat offenses, red light running, and other traffic related offenses. Twelve courts were selected to receive awards: three in the large

volume courts, *servicing a population of 150,000 or more*; four in the medium volume courts, *servicing populations between 30,000 and 149,999*; and five in the small volume courts, *servicing a population below 30,000*. Two of the 12 courts that have been selected, will receive an Exemplary Award.

Numerous award applications were received and the following courts were selected by a panel of judges to receive recognition for their initiatives and hard work: Burnet, Lakeway, Mount Enterprise, Shenandoah, and Westworth Village were selected from the low volume courts; La Porte, Conroe, Killeen, and Corpus Christi from the medium volume courts; and Austin, El Paso, and Irving from the high volume courts. Irving Municipal Court and Lakeway Municipal Court have been selected to receive an Exemplary Award due to their outstanding efforts to make a difference in the area of traffic safety.

The awards presentation occurred on Thursday, May 28, 2009 in Austin at the Omni Southpark Hotel at 10:30 a.m. Texas Municipal Court Association (TMCA) Board President, Judge Robin D. Smith (Midland), presented the awards to the recipients.

Award recipients hosted a breakout session at the Municipal Traffic Safety Initiatives Conference so like sized courts could learn more about the award recipients traffic safety initiatives. These breakout sessions were extremely successful in encouraging other courts to follow suit and work more diligently in the area of traffic safety education.

To learn more about the Texas Municipal Courts Education Center Municipal Traffic Safety Award, visit www.tmcec.com.

Future issues of *The Recorder* will include articles on the activities of these award winners.

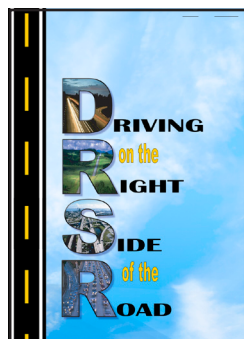


Speakers Bureau

Thank you to those who have added their name to the TMCEC's speaker's bureau. There have been many emails requesting to participate. If you see your name on the list below, please check that your information is correct. If you do not see your name and wish to be added to this list, complete the form on page 15 and fax to 512.435.6118 or email robinson@tmcec and request to be added to this list.

Name	Municipal Court	Title	Telephone
Evans S. Rutledge	Abilene	Associate Judge	325-677-9173
Rosalia Maddock	Arlington	Associate Judge	817-459-6982
Teresa Evans	Arlington	Associate Judge	817-459-6970
Don McKinley	Austin	Courts Operation Manager	512-974-4820
Rebecca Stark	Austin	Court Administrator	512-974-4690
Evelyn McKee	Austin	Judge	512-974-4834
Phyllis Mathison	Bastrop	Judge	512-581-0900
Kelly Benavides	Baytown	Associate Judge	713-240-3741
Jeanne Wilson	Big Spring	Court Administrator	432-264-2530
Cheryl Stine	Brazoria	Deputy Court Clerk	979-798-2489
Robert G. Wright	Brenham	Judge	979-337-7500
Lilia Durham	Canton	Judge	903-567-1500
Karen Green	Chico	Judge	940-644-2435
Mark Whitehouse	Clarksville	Judge	903-427-3834
Steve McClure	Cleburne	Judge	817-295-1477
Ed Spillane	College Station	Judge	979-764-3850
Deanie M. King	Corpus Christi	Judge	361-826-4010
Phyllis Lister-Brown	Dallas	Associate Judge	214-670-5573
Jennifer Goldman	Dallas	Associate Judge	214-880-0887
C. Victor Lander	Dallas	Judge	214-670-5573
Staci Williams	Dallas	Judge	214-670-5573
Michael Drewry	Frisco	Judge	972-335-5555
Jane Susanne Meadows	Godley	Judge	817-389-3671
Gary Schroeder	Gonzales	Judge	830-672-6322
Don Byrnes	Houston	Associate Judge	281-261-3935
Jackie Miller Jr.	Italy & Milford	Judge	972-825-5024
Rae Selman	Jewett	Judge	903-626-6050
Maricruz Stagg	Katy	Deputy Court Clerk	281-391-4892
Michael Newman	Keller	Judge	817-743-4700
Barbara Weaver	Killeen	Judge	254-501-7853
Kevin Madison	Lakeway	Judge	512-784-5237
Jan Blacklock Matthews	Lubbock	Judge	806-775-2676
Lynda Lawless	Marlin	Judge	254-883-1458

Name	Municipal Court	Title	Telephone
Jill Williams	Mason	Judge	325-347-6449
Danielle Boston	Maypearl	Judge	972-435-2380
Kathleen Henley	McAllen	Judge	956-972-7900
Ada G. Conner	Mexia	Judge	254-562-4181
Lester Rorick	Pasadena	Judge	713-475-7826
Pat Riffel	Pearland	Court Administrator	281-652-1612
Anthony Randall	Princeton	Judge	972-736-2549
Barbara Gailey	Oak Point	Judge	940-390-4848
Antonia Arteaga	San Antonio	Judge	210-212-6700
John P. Burke, Jr.	San Marcos	Judge	512-393-8196
Sandra Harper	Seagraves	Judge	806-387-2593
Troy (T.J.) McAuley	Shallowater	Judge	806-773-5525
Nicole Wilson	Silsbee	Warrant Clerk	409-385-4740
Cynthia Jackson	Stratford	Judge	806-366-3062
Katheryn H. Haywood	Sunnyvale	Judge	214-460-6800
Leslie Guhl	Taylor Lake Village	Judge	281-326-5275
Eric Ransleben	Trophy Club	Associate Judge	817-491-8687
Bill Scott	Venus	Judge	972-366-3348
Raymond "Bo" Rogers	White Oak	Judge	903-759-2061
Karen Newsom	Winnsboro	Judge	903-342-6033
Amy Ashmore	Wolfe City	Clerk	903-496-2251
Ray Dittrich	TMPA	Law Enforcement Coordinator	512-560-5080



DRSR Summer Training Dates

If you wish to attend one of the DRSR trainings to learn more about the program or if you wish to be a resource person, contact Lisa Robinson at robinson@tmcec.com or 512.320.8274 and we will be glad to connect you with the trainer in your area.

Region	Date of Training
15-San Angelo August 5, 2009	August 5, 2009

**Additional Workshops
Are Being Scheduled**

2008 - 2009 TMCEC Academic Schedule At-A-Glance

Seminar	Date(s)	City	Hotel Information
Legislative Update - Lubbock	August 4, 2009	Lubbock	Holiday Inn Towers 801 Ave. Q, Lubbock, TX
Legislative Update - Houston	August 10, 2009	Houston	Omni Hotel Houston 4 Riverway, Houston, TX
Legislative Update - Austin	August 14, 2009	Austin	Doubletree Hotel 6505 North IH 35, Austin, TX



A Message from the Texas Municipal Courts Association

Statistics show that Texas has a distinctly significant traffic safety problem. In 2007, approximately 471 (13%) of fatal crashes in Texas were speed related. In 2007, there were 64,682 serious injury crashes that resulted in 89,476 people sustaining a serious injury. There were no deathless days on Texas roadways in 2007. Motor vehicle crashes are also the leading cause of death for children of every age from 3 to 6 and 8 to 14 years old. In 2007, a total of 1,670 children age 14 and younger were killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes. Of those 1,670 fatalities, 245 (15%) occurred in alcohol-impaired driving crashes. Out of those 245 deaths, more than half (130) were occupants of a vehicle with a driver who had a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) level of .08 or higher.

More Texans are killed in traffic crashes and alcohol-related crashes than any other state. In FY07, nearly five million cases (74%) of all cases adjudicated in Texas municipal courts involved non-parking traffic violations.

Municipal courts are the primary venue for adjudicating traffic related crimes in Texas. On behalf of the Texas Municipal Courts Association and Public Outreach Committee, I would like to encourage you to become involved in your community to address and work to increase traffic safety.

“Driving on the Right Side of Road,” a TMCEC program, provides students with valuable traffic safety information in their classroom through social studies, government, and language arts classes. Municipal judges and court personnel are great resources for this project.

TMCEC has created a speakers’ bureau. Knowledgeable speakers throughout the state can be drawn upon to speak in their community on the importance of traffic safety. There are resources, materials, and power point presentations that will assist you as you speak in the community, organize field trips, and mock trials at your court or provide as you provide outreach into your community that will be located on the TMCEC Municipal Traffic Safety website at www.tmcec.com. To place your name on the speakers’ bureau, please fax this form to TMCEC at 512-435-6118.

Add Me to the Speakers’ Bureau

Name: _____ Court: _____

Tel. # _____ Email: _____

Together we can make a difference. Thank you for supporting something so important!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. J. [unclear]", is written over a light-colored background.

President, TMCA



LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

TMCEC Legislative Update (August 2009)

The registration fee is \$100 (plus \$50 for CLE). The fee covers the course materials, a continental breakfast, and lunch on the day of the program. Participants are responsible for making and paying for their own hotel reservations.

August 4, 2009: Lubbock, Holiday Inn Hotel & Towers - 806.763.1200

August 10, 2009: Houston, Omni Hotel Houston (off Riverway)
713.871.8181

August 14, 2009: Austin, Doubletree (IH 35 and 2222) 512.454.3737

NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL RESOURCES-TEXAS CHAPTER

The National Safety Council has TxDOT traffic safety grant funds and have some excellent traffic safety resources located on their website at: <http://www.txdrivingconcern.org/> and can be requested at no cost. This link is also available through the TMCEC Municipal Traffic Safety Initiatives website.

The die cut materials in the shapes of smashed pickup trucks, cell phones, and beer cans communicate the risks of unsafe driving behaviors. In fact, do you know why we seat belt information is on the pickup truck piece? Because pickup truck drivers are less likely to wear their seat belts, and pickup trucks are common in Texas. Materials are free; only shipping charges may apply. You may also download PDFs of all materials from links on their shopping cart pages.

In addition to ordering print copies from the National Safety Council,

you can download and share materials electronically, print them out at your location, or include the PDF information within your newsletters and communications.



NOTICE

TMCEC Housing Policy

Effective September 1, 2008, TMCEC can only offer housing at grant expense to those judges and court support personnel whose court is located 30 or more miles from the hotel site. In the past, TMCEC has honored a 30-minute drive rule, but TMCEC is no longer able to do so.

Participants whose courts are within 30 miles MAY opt to pay for the housing themselves. Please contact the TMCEC Registration Coordinator, Pat Ek (ek@tmcec.com) to set this up. It is called an "IPO"—(Individual Portfolio or Individual Pays Own) charge—rather than a charge to the TMCEC master account. A credit card will be needed to hold the room. There is an IPO form on the TMCEC website.

Also, several hotels are now charging a 24-72 hour cancellation policy. If you cancel within that window and TMCEC is billed for your room, TMCEC will bill you for the charge. While we will make every effort to use the room, it is not always possible. The charge is \$85 plus tax. Also, if you change your mind, you have booked a room, decide not to arrive at the seminar until the next morning (drive in the morning the seminar begins) and have asked for a room, you may be charged a "no-show" fee. TMCEC will bill you for this, as well.

What Do People Care About and How Is This Related To Municipal Court?

Lisa Robinson,
TMCEC Traffic Safety Grant Administrator

The 2008 Traffic Safety Culture Index, conducted by the American Automobile Association (AAA), reported that 69% of those surveyed rank the cost of gas as their highest concern compared to 28% who cite traffic congestion as their primary concern.

A few of the conclusions drawn from the key findings presented in the report show that:

- While traffic safety and public health professionals may be fully aware of the number of traffic related fatalities in the United States each year, the American public is almost totally unaware of these numbers. When asked for their best estimate of the number of motor vehicle traffic fatalities last year, fully one in four respondents said they did not know and made no attempt to estimate a number. Twenty-one percent of all respondents (and 28 % of those who offered a response) estimated there were fewer than 10,000 fatalities caused by crashes, and another 23 % of respondents (30 % of those who offer a response) estimated there were over 100,000 annual motor vehicle traffic fatalities. Only one in five respondents (slightly more than one in four who offered an estimate) was able to estimate the toll to within a range of 20,000 to 80,000 fatalities. According to official statistics, the actual total has been between 39,000 and 45,000 every single year since 1990. As of the date of this report, the most recent statistics available were for the year




2006, reflecting there were 42,642 fatalities resulting from motor vehicle crashes that year.

- In an open-ended question seeking people's top-of-mind ideas regarding what could be done to prevent serious crashes, the top four types of responses (in descending order) were: improving driver awareness or reducing distracted driving, reducing use of cell phones, reducing speeds or speeding, and reducing or stopping drinking and driving.

- When asked to rate the seriousness of a variety of traffic safety problems, drunk drivers were rated as the most serious problem, followed by drivers using cell phones, distracted drivers, aggressive drivers, speeding drivers, and drivers who run red lights.ⁱ

Texas municipal courts had over eight million cases filed between September 1, 2007 and August 31, 2008 (consistent with the five-year average). This is the highest number since the 2003 fiscal year. Traffic and parking cases constituted approximately 82% of the incoming caseload which is unchanged.ⁱⁱ

The municipal courts in Texas are in a position to address the need for improving driver awareness through public outreach and education. 

i 2008 Traffic Safety Culture Index, AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety

ii Annual Statistical Report for the Texas Judiciary, Fiscal Year 2008, Office of Court Administration

Traffic Safety Specialists - District Contact List

The following is a list of the TxDOT District Traffic Safety Specialists (DTSS), their contact information, and the area that they serve. You may already be familiar with some of the DTSS on this list. If not, we encourage you to make contact with the DTSS in your area.

The DTSS have educational resources, can be present during special events, and partner with you to educate the community on the importance of traffic safety.

District	TSS Name	Telephone	Fax
Abilene	Brenda Mitchell	325-676-6802	325-676-6901
Amarillo	Tracy Tellman	806-356-3295	806-356-3294
Atlanta	Irene Webster	903-799-1221	903-799-1288
Austin	Sharon Little Jacque Magill	512-832-7035 512-832-7253	512-832-7246 512-832-7246
Beaumont	Georgette Pillitere	409-898-5719	409-898-5732
Brownwood	Tina Crelia	325-643-0465	325-643-0306
Bryan	Terri Miller	979-778-9779	979-778-9703
Childress	Barbara Seal	940-937-7288	940-937-7280
Corpus Christi	Stephen Ndima Cliff Bost	361-808-2351 361-808-2258	361-808-2407 361-808-2458
Dallas	Pat Hickman Susan Clark	214-320-6235 214-320-6220	214-320-6615 214-320-6615
El Paso	James Chesshire	915-790-4384	915-790-4349
Ft. Worth	Joel Mallard Kathy Neely	817-370-6618 817-370-6626	817-370-3582 817-370-3582
Houston	Garry Rand Olga Navarro	713-802-5187 713-802-5177	713-802-5030 713-802-5030
Laredo	Veronica Solis	956-764-1212	956-764-1226
Lubbock	Karen Peoples	806-748-4478	806-748-4381
Lufkin	Shirley Reynolds	936-633-4321	936-633-4378
Odessa	Robert Martinez	432-498-4748	432-498-4680
Paris	Jolita Norris	903-737-9200	903-737-9204
Pharr	Ruby Martinez	956-782-2508	956-702-6110
San Angelo	James Whitlock	325-947-9271	325-947-9292
San Antonio	Linda Tomasini Sam Aquirre	210-615-5844 210-615-5886	210-615-6115 210-615-6115
Tyler	Juanita Daniels-West	903-510-9106	903-510-9188
Waco	Cindy Parks	254-867-2725	254-867-2772
Wichita Falls	Patsy Walls	940-720-7708	940-720-7707
Yoakum	Rhonda Moorman Sheri Jacobs	361-293-4331 361-293-4428	361-293-4372 361-293-4372

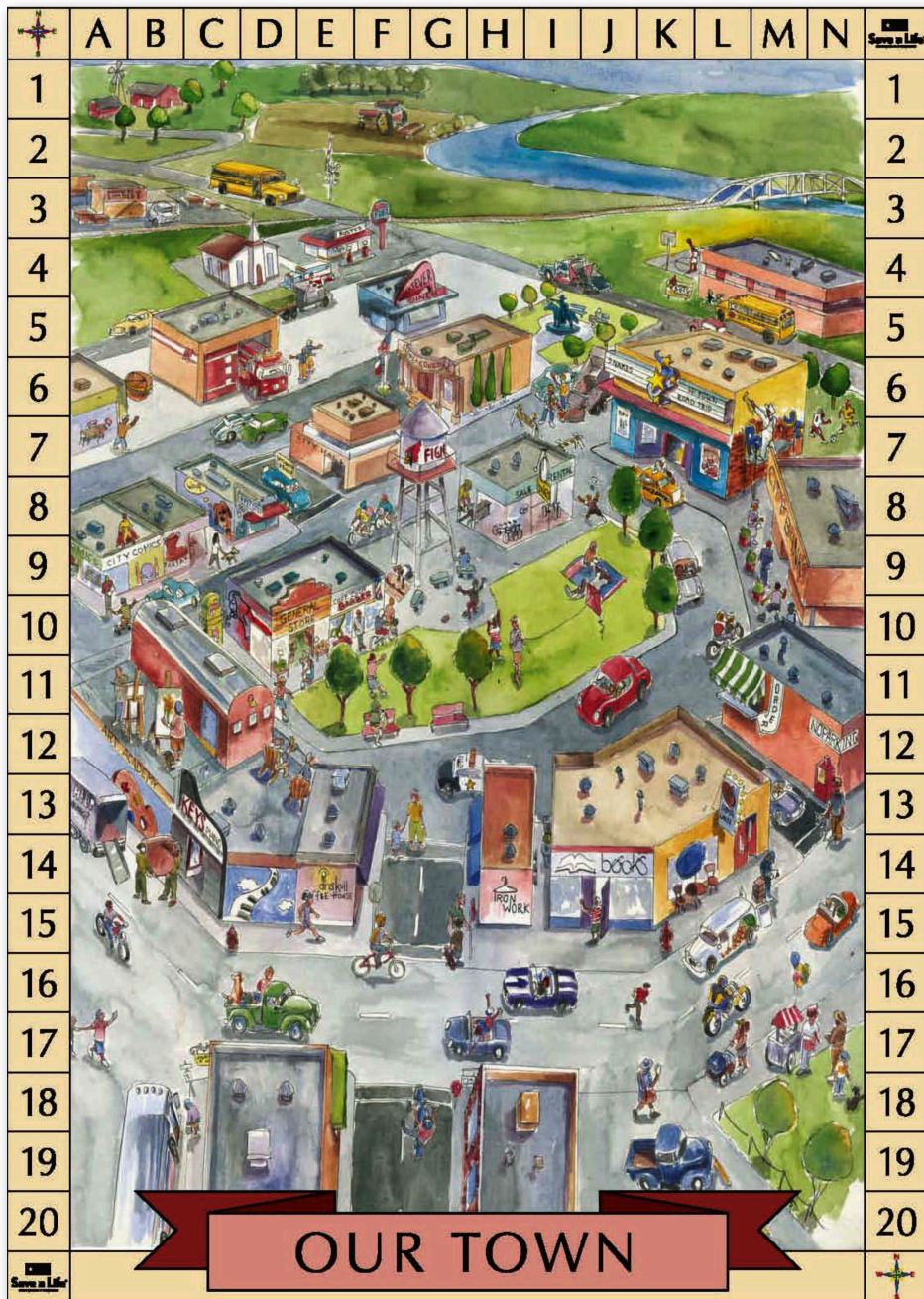


Judges in the Classroom

The "Our Town" Map is just one of many activities that are a part of the *Driving on the Right Side of the Road* that you can access at no-cost through TMCEC. There are several

applications for this activity. The directions for using this map, in the classroom or with students visiting your court, are included on the following pages.

One court reported that they have framed this map in their waiting room, so that children can look at it while they are in the waiting room and find safe and unsafe behaviors. It is similar to the *Highlights* magazine where you identify hidden things in the picture.



TMCEC can also provide your court with copies of this map that you can use when you visit a classroom or when talking with students who visit your court. You can also use this activity with children who are waiting in your lobby or courtroom. To obtain copies of this map, contact Lisa Robinson, TMCEC Traffic Safety Grant Administrator at robinson@tmcec.com or 512.320.8274.

A MAP OF DO'S AND DON'TS ("OUR TOWN")

Learning Objectives: Students will

1. Develop map reading skills by using TxDOT "Our Town" map.
2. Identify safe and unsafe practices.
3. Recognize city buildings and services.
4. Create a motto promoting traffic safety.

TEKS: SS 4.22, 4.24; Health 1 F, 4 F, 9 D; P.E. 5 A-D, 6 A-B

Materials Needed: TxDOT "Our Town" map and strips of construction paper for wrist bands

Vocabulary: practices, map coordinates

Teaching Strategy:

1. Distribute copies of the TxDOT "Our Town" map to each student.
2. Ask students to use the map coordinates to locate examples of both safe and unsafe behavior and actions pictured on the map. Make a class list of these examples, discussing each issue as it is mentioned. In the case of the unsafe behavior practices, students should suggest ways to correct the behavior from unsafe to safe.
3. Ask students to identify the city government buildings in "Our Town."
4. Each student should choose one issue that was identified on the map. Instruct students to create a short traffic safety motto which promotes traffic safety on that specific mode of transportation.
5. Give children a strip of construction paper on which to write their motto, such as "Race for the Cure," "Live Strong", "Turn Around, Don't Drown."
6. Allow students to share their mottos with the class.
7. Using the blank grid provided, have students create a "map" of an imaginary town illustrating safe and unsafe transportation behavior.



Extension for Gifted/Talented:

Students will create an advertising campaign for the distribution of their wristbands, including statistics showing the need for safer conditions.

EXAMPLES FOR TEACHER'S USE

Safe Behaviors

1. Walking in a crosswalk
2. Helmet on skater

Coordinates

- F-13
D-11

Unsafe Behaviors

1. Crossing without crosswalk
2. Riding in back of pick-up truck

Coordinates

- A-17
D-16

**TEXAS MUNICIPAL COURTS EDUCATION CENTER
2010 REGISTRATION FORM**

Conference Date: _____
Conference Site: _____

Check one:

- | | | |
|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> New, Non-Attorney Judge or Clerk at 32-hour program (\$200) | <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Safety Conference-Judges & Clerks (\$50) | <input type="checkbox"/> Prosecutor seeking credit CLE (\$450) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Attorney Judge (\$50) | <input type="checkbox"/> Clerk/Court Administrator (\$50) | <input type="checkbox"/> Prosecutor not seeking CLE/no room (\$200) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attorney Judge not seeking CLE credit (\$50) | <input type="checkbox"/> Bailiff/Warrant Officer* (\$150 fee) | <input type="checkbox"/> Prosecutor seeking CLE/no room (\$300) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attorney Judge seeking CLE credit (\$150) | <input type="checkbox"/> Prosecutor not seeking CLE credit (\$350) | |

By choosing TMCEC as your CLE provider, attorney-judges and prosecutors help TMCA pay for expenses not covered by the Court of Criminal Appeals grant. Your voluntary support is appreciated. (For more information, see the TMCEC Academic Schedule).

Name (please print legibly): Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ MI: _____
Names you prefer to be called (if different): _____ Female Male
Position held: _____ Date appointed/Hired/Elected: _____ Years experience: _____
Emergency contact: _____

HOUSING INFORMATION

TMCEC will make all hotel reservations from the information you provide on this form. TMCEC will pay for a single occupancy room at most seminars: four nights at the new judges/clerk seminars, three nights at the 24-hour seminars/assessment clinics, and two nights at the regional seminars. To share with another seminar participant, you must indicate that person's name on this form.

- I need a private, single-occupancy room.
 I need a room shared with a seminar participant. [Please indicate roommate by entering seminar participant's name: _____ (Room will have 2 double beds.)]
 I need a private double-occupancy room, but I'll be sharing with a non-registered guest. [I will pay additional costs, if any per night] I will require: 1 king bed 2 double beds
 I do not need a room at the seminar.
Arrival date: _____ Smoker Non-Smoker

Municipal Court of: _____ Email Address: _____
Court Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____
Office Telephone #: _____ Court #: _____ Fax: _____
Primary City Served: _____ Other Cities Served: _____

STATUS (Check all that apply):

- | | | | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Municipal Judge | <input type="checkbox"/> Attorney | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Attorney | <input type="checkbox"/> Justice of the Peace | <input type="checkbox"/> Mayor (ex officio Judge) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Court Administrator | <input type="checkbox"/> Prosecutor | <input type="checkbox"/> Court Clerk | <input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Court Clerk | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
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Seminar	Date(s)	City	Hotel Information
New Clerks Seminar	August 31-Sep. 4, 2009	Austin	Omni Southpark 4140 Governor's Row, Austin, TX
Regional Judges Seminar	October 26-28, 2009	Tyler	Holiday Inn Select 5701 Broadway, Tyler, TX
Regional Clerks Seminar	October 28-30, 2009	Tyler	Holiday Inn Select 5701 Broadway, Tyler, TX
Regional Judges and Clerks Seminar	November 18-20, 2009	Austin	Omni Southpark 4140 Governor's Row, Austin, TX
New Judges and Clerks Seminar	December 7-11, 2009	Austin	Omni Southpark 4140 Governor's Row, Austin, TX
Regional Judges and Clerks Seminar	January 11-13, 2010	San Antonio	Omni San Antonio at the Colonnade 9821 Colonnade Blvd., San Antonio, TX
Level III Assessment Clinic	January 26-29, 2010	Austin	Radisson Hotel 111 E. Cesar Chavez, Austin, TX
Texas Association of Counties: Courts & Local Government Technology Conference	January 26- 28, 2010	Austin	Crowne Plaza 6120 North IH-35, Austin, TX
Court Administrators Special Topic ICM: Concluding Seminar	February 1- 5, 2010	Austin	Omni Southpark 4140 Governor's Row, Austin, TX
Regional Judges Seminar	February 21-23, 2010	Galveston	The San Luis Resort and Spa 5222 Seawall Blvd., Galveston, TX
Regional Judges and Clerks Seminar	March 14-16, 2010	Houston	Omni Hotel Houston 4 Riverway, Houston, TX
Regional Judges and Clerks Seminar	March 22-24, 2010	Addison	Crowne Plaza Addison 14315 Midway Road, Addison, TX
Regional Judges and Clerks Seminar	April 11-13, 2010	Lubbock	Holiday Inn Park Plaza 3201 South Loop, Lubbock, TX
Prosecutors & Bailiffs/Warrant Officers	April 18-20, 2010	Austin	Crowne Plaza 6120 North IH-35, Austin, TX
Regional Clerks Seminar	May 2-4, 2010	S. Padre Island	Isla Grand Beach Resort 500 Padre Blvd., South Padre Island, TX
Regional Attorney Judges Seminar	May 9-11, 2010	S. Padre Island	Isla Grand Beach Resort 500 Padre Blvd., South Padre Island, TX
Regional Non-Attorney Judges Seminar	May 11-13, 2010	S. Padre Island	Isla Grand Beach Resort 500 Padre Blvd., South Padre Island, TX
Traffic Safety Conference	May 23-25, 2010	Houston	Omni Hotel Houston 4 Riverway, Houston, TX
Regional Prosecutors Seminar	June 21-23, 2010	Houston	Omni Hotel Houston 4 Riverway, Houston, TX
Regional Court Administrators Seminar	June 21-23, 2010	Houston	Omni Hotel Houston 4 Riverway, Houston, TX
Bailiffs/Warrant Officers Seminar	June 28-30, 2010	Houston	Omni Westside 13210 Katy Freeway, Houston, TX
Regional Judges and Clerks Seminar	July 18-20, 2010	El Paso	Camino Real 101 S El Paso St, El Paso, TX
New Judges and Clerks Seminar	July 26-30, 2010	Austin	Omni Southpark 4140 Governor's Row, Austin, TX

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