

OUR DRIVING CONCERN

TEXAS EMPLOYER TRAFFIC SAFETY PROGRAM

A PROGRAM OF THE NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL



January 2015

Upcoming Events & Trainings

March 15-17

[Lifesavers National Conference](#)
Chicago, IL

March 29

Our Driving Concern Train-the-Trainer Workshop
Austin, TX

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Putting Traffic Safety Into Your Safety Culture Makes \$ense
Austin, TX

March 30-31

[2015 Community Safety Summit](#)

Austin, TX

March 30-31

[Texas Safety Conference & Expo](#)

Austin, TX

March 31-April 4

[National Work Zone Awareness Week](#)

May 19-21

[TDI's 19th Annual Workplace Safety & Health Conference](#)

Austin, TX

Ask your coworkers to *MOVE OVER*

NHTSA is working to increase awareness of these life-saving *MOVE OVER* laws and highlight the need to protect our law enforcement personnel who place themselves at risk to protect motorists. TxDOT also encourages drivers to [move over or slow down](#).

Officers in Austin are aggressively enforcing the state law that requires drivers to move over or slow down for emergency vehicles. Police Officer Angel Garcia was struck and killed while responding to a traffic hazard. The 27-year-old El Paso police officer just nine months out of the police academy was killed Sunday morning while trying to remove a ladder from Interstate 10, his story and others can be [found here](#).

[Click here](#) to download these *MOVE OVER* campaign materials and help us spread the word.



It's the *Move Over* law

SaferRide app really picking up



NHTSA's [new SaferRide app](#) will help keep drunk drivers off our roads by allowing users to call a taxi or a friend and by identifying their location so they can be picked up.

The app is available for Android and iPhone devices. For more information or to download, [click here](#).

Reserve a driving simulator for your location

An estimated **1 in 4 crashes involves cell phone use**. As a result, hundreds of people are killed or injured on the road each year. Officer Glenewinkel, a full time police officer at Texas State University, was

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Questions?

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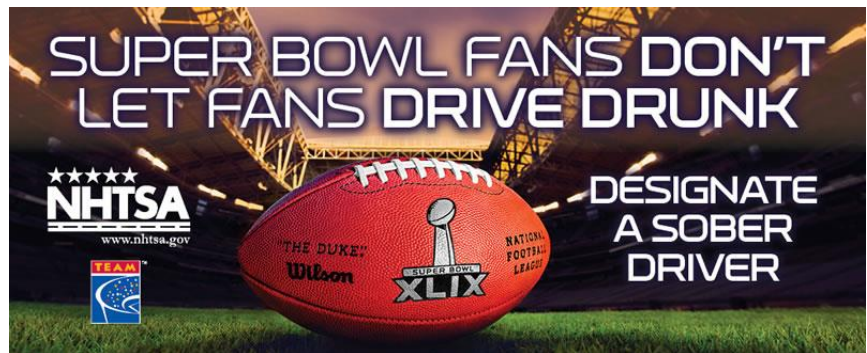
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moved to create the non-profit DWI Pod company which uses a driving demonstrator to simulate distracted driving.

The Texas Department of Transportation, in conjunction with Lubbock Police Department, will take the teaching device across 44 counties in the region. To schedule the demonstrator for events to appear at your school or business you can contact TxDOT.



Super Bowl Safety: free marketing materials

According to NHTSA, **40 percent of fatal car crashes** on Super Bowl Sunday involved drunk driving. Take advantage of [ready-made marketing materials](#) this season, and begin prepping your workforce for **Super Bowl Sunday, February 1**.

We often make plans ahead of time for work, family, errands, and so on. Planning ahead will help prevent the need to choose between not getting home and getting behind the wheel after drinking - or with someone else who has been drinking. By planning your sober ride ahead of time, you're not just choosing the least drunk driver from your group, your making a smart choice to keep yourself and others safe.

Our Driving Concern: FREE Workshops

The National Safety Council's Our Driving Concern: Texas Employer Traffic Safety Program offers a free training program for employers that provide presentation skills in conjunction with the traffic safety curriculum to address driver behaviors that are costly to Texas employers. This training is geared for HR professionals, safety professionals, supervisors, safety instructors, and other staff.

For more information or to set up a training at your location, contact [Lisa Robinson](#), Program Manager, (512) 466-7383.

Railroads: Know the laws & tips for safe crossing



In a collision with a train, you are [40 times more likely to be killed](#) than if you were in a collision with another car. Therefore, we urge you to remember these tips while driving near railroad crossing.

Texas law requires motorists to yield the right of way to trains. It is also against the law to cross tracks if a train is visible or to drive around gates that have been lowered at a railroad crossing. If the gates are down and no train is coming, the road is closed.

- **Reduce speed when approaching crossings and look both ways**
- **Turn down your stereo and listen for a train**
- **If red lights are flashing or if crossing arms have been lowered, stop**
- **Never stop on the track**
- **Be sure all tracks are clear before crossing - there may be more than one set**

The Our Driving Concern Newsletter

Our Driving Concern is a monthly e-newsletter from the Texas Employer Traffic Safety Program, a landmark driving initiative funded by a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation. This initiative is building a statewide network of employer involvement in crash prevention for employees both on-and-off the job.

Do you have a friend or colleague who would benefit from receiving this monthly newsletter? [Add them to our email list.](#)

Our goal is to help employers put traffic safety into their safety culture. Please feel free to contact me,

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