

Arkansas Municipal League Defensive Driving Program

A driver safety program designed to elevate and expand existing driver skills, help correct driving deficiencies and promote a positive attitude toward driver safety among all members of the Municipal Vehicle Program

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According to the United States Department of Labor, motor vehicle crashes cost employers billions of dollars annually in medical care, legal expenses, property damage and lost productivity. Sadly, most employees never receive any type of initial or ongoing defensive driver training. The Arkansas Municipal League recognizes the need and the importance for driver safety training and has developed its defensive driving program to help member municipalities, who participate in the Municipal Vehicle Program, reduce the chance of injury and death by means of vehicle accidents. It is also the program's aim to ultimately reduce the number and amount of claims caused by motor vehicle crashes, therefore seeking to lower member municipalities' premium costs.

The Defensive Driving Program provides member municipalities, who participate in the Municipal Vehicle Program, with different opportunities to help become proactive in safe and defensive driving. The program's highlights are:

- The **program's facilitator** is a former, seasoned police officer with many years of police

experience, which includes a variety of officer training, accident investigation and policy development.

- The **program's facilitator** is a certified Arkansas law enforcement instructor, and all training provided to Arkansas law enforcement officers is certified through the Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training.
- **Hands-on defensive driver training** incorporates the use of the state-of-the-art 550LE driving simulation system. The 550LE is a single-operator unit in a three-screen configuration that produces a realistic 190-degree field of view. The simulated vehicle is operated within an expanded computer-synthesized interactive universe, displayed from the driver's point of view.
- **Facilitated group defensive driver training** can be customized to accommodate a larger number and/or a specific group of municipal employees.
- **Municipality policy review** in the area of employee driver safety is included. This service is also available for police department

policy review in the following areas: emergency and pursuit driving, cell phone usage while driving and any other area of police safe driving concern.

Municipalities that want to utilize the services of the Defensive Driving Program may call the Arkansas Municipal League, 501-374-3484, Ext. 110, or e-mail David Baxter at dbaxter@arml.org.