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Impact Study Shows How Defensive Driving Program Helps Keep Arizona Roadways Safer

PHOENIX – A recent study examining the effectiveness of Arizona’s Defensive Driving School Program (DD Program) shows the initiative is a successful tool to help reduce traffic violation re-offense rates in our state.

The study prepared by the Arizona Supreme Court’s Administrative Office of the Courts found that drivers who did not participate in a driving program had 32% more traffic violations within a year of their initial traffic incident when compared with DD Program participants.

Another finding shows that while younger drivers and males were more likely to re-offend, participating in a defensive driving course effectively reduced violations across all demographics.

Overseen by the Administrative Office of the Courts’ Certification and Licensing Division, the DD Program aims to educate drivers on safe-driving practices, helping reduce traffic violations, and enhance road safety for everyone getting behind the wheel in Arizona.

Arizona motorists can enroll in the course once per year to have a traffic citation dismissed by the court and to avoid having points added to their driving records.

Classes typically cover a variety of topics such as traffic laws, accident avoidance, impaired driving, and distracted driving.

To see more of the study’s findings, [see the full report here](#).

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