**About National Safety Council Defensive Driving Courses**

The National Safety Council developed the nation’s first driver improvement program in 1964. That program – the Defensive Driving Course (DDC) – has been taught to nearly 63 million drivers in the United States and around the world. Since the original DDC program was developed, NSC has expanded to include more than 30 other driver improvement courses. Among these courses are numerous vehicle and/or driver-specific courses based on the premier defensive driving course.

NSC driver improvement and driver education programs are designed and written by NSC experts with the assistance of our International Advisory Committee, made up of safety, education and driver education professionals.

The success of NSC Defensive Driving Courses can be attributed to:

* **Standardization** – DDC is a stable, standardized program. That means a course taught in Chicago is same course taught to drivers throughout the world. NSC certifies all DDC training centers and instructors to assure consistent, accurate and dependable training.
* **Instructor Development** – NSC and its authorized training centers use strict criteria to train only the best-qualified instructors. Currently, NSC has more than 10,000 certified instructors.
* **Curriculum** – All DDC programs are designed around proven driving techniques, with components addressing attitude change aimed at reducing human error-produced collisions.
* **Updates** – NSC Defensive Driving Courses are updated and revised to keep all information, including print and audio-visual material, current and accurate. Instructors are kept up to date on legislation, traffic law changes, new teaching techniques and other pertinent information through a bi-monthly newsletter and other resources.
* **Approved Training Centers** – DDC is taught globally through more than 1,200 NSC-approved training centers by 10,000 NSC certified instructors.

NSC programs are accepted in more states than any other driver improvement or driver education program for point reduction, insurance discount, ticket dismissal, corporate training and driver re-training. These courses are offered in all 50 states and many foreign countries around the world.

All NSC DDC instructors are required to attend an Instructor Development Course for each curriculum they are certified to teach. NSC requires its DDC Training Centers to conduct annual update seminars for their instructors to ensure they are up to date on current issues, legislation and curriculum changes. In addition, all instructor credentials must be renewed with NSC on an annual basis.

**Together we can prevent injuries and save lives on the road.**