

Now Available... Defensive Driving Classes

Have you received a minor traffic ticket recently?



If you have received a speeding citation, enroll in our four-hour Defensive Driving class. You may save money on your insurance, keep points off your license and sharpen your driving skills. This program was designed by the National Safety and Health Council and is offered by Southwestern Community College and Mike Bonfoey, District Attorney of the 30th Judicial District.

To take advantage of the program drivers should register and complete the four-hour course before their court date. The cost of the course is a non-refundable \$60. Drivers must then enter a written plea agreement and plead guilty to a lesser charge. Court costs and fines will be assessed.

Monthly classes held at these locations:

SCC Sylva Campus

SCC Macon Annex (behind the Courthouse in downtown Franklin)

SCC Swain Center

Some of the violations eligible are speeding, failing to reduce speed, exceeding safe speed, failure to reduce speed, stop sign violation, unsafe movement, red light violation, improper passing, improper use of traffic lane, failure to give turn signal, driving left of center, failure to burn or dim headlights and crossing median.

Drivers are not eligible if they have a commercial driver's license and the violation occurred while they were operating a commercial vehicle. Drivers are also ineligible if an accident was involved that resulted in personal injury to someone or resulted in property damage in excess of \$1,000. Other restrictions may apply.

Completion of the National Safety Council's Four-Hour Defensive Driving Course for an eligible traffic violation may prevent assessment of insurance points or premium surcharges on your insurance policy and/or points on your North Carolina Driver's License. You must verify

eligibility with the clerk of court and your insurance company. You are **NOT** eligible for this program if...

- You have paid off the ticket or citation before class.
- You have a CDL and your violation occurred while operating a commercial motor vehicle.
- You completed the class in exchange for a PJC, or otherwise received a PJC, in the last three years.

A "Prayer for Judgment Continued (PJC)" means the determination of guilt by the court though no sentence has been imposed. With respect to a PJC for any moving violation, there shall be no insurance premium surcharge nor any assessment of points unless the vehicle owner, principal operator, or any licensed operator in the owner's household has a driving record consisting of a PJC for any moving violation during the three years immediately preceding the date of application or the preparation of the renewal. GS 58-36-75(f)

Anyone may take advantage of this class, even if you have not received a violation. The benefit of taking a defensive driving course is being able to keep you and other drivers safe on the road. You will refresh your own safe driving techniques, and pick up on some techniques to help avoid and alert others with unsafe driving practices while you're driving. Excellent information is included for all drivers, including new drivers.

Call any SCC center for information. **Self-Supporting.** *Self-Supporting classes are not eligible for refunds*

****You will need your citation, driver's license, and \$60 cash to register for the Defensive Driving classes****

To Register:

Please print registration form and complete the appropriate sections and bring along with your driver's license, your citation, and **\$60 in cash** to any SCC location.

Drivers must register five business days prior to the class.

No late arrivals will be admitted to class.

Refunds will NOT be granted for failure to attend class.

If you are under 18 you must get a concurrent enrollment form signed prior to registration.

2011 Classes

SCC Swain Center	M	9/12/11	9A-1P
		10/10/11	9A-1P
		11/7/11	9A-1P
SCC Swain Center	T	9/27/11	6-10P
		10/25/11	6-10P
		11/29/11	6-10P
SCC Macon Annex	Sa	9/10/11	9A-1P
		9/24/11	9A-1P
		10/8/11	9A-1P
		10/22/11	9A-1P
		11/5/11	9A-1P
		11/19/11	9A-1P
		12/3/11	9A-1P
SCC Sylva	T	9/6/11	6-10P
		10/4/11	6-10P
		11/1/11	6-10P
		12/6/11	6-10P