



DAYTON MUNICIPAL COURT TRAFFIC SAFETY PROGRAM

You may be eligible for the Traffic Safety Program (TSP).

If you complete the Traffic Safety Program your case will be dismissed and no points will be assessed to your driving record.

The Traffic Safety Class fee is \$250 (non-refundable).

The Traffic Safety Class is held at the Dayton Municipal Court on selected Thursdays from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. EST, 301 W. Third Street, Dayton, Ohio.

If you have questions, or for more information, call the Dayton Municipal Court Magistrate's Office at (937) 333-4456, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., EST, Monday through Friday.

Or visit www.DaytonMunicipalCourt.org.

The Traffic Safety Program (TSP) enables approved defendants, who have voluntarily entered a Plea of Guilty to a minor misdemeanor traffic citation issued within the jurisdiction of the Dayton Municipal Court, to have their cases dismissed upon successful completion of the Program and payment of the program fee.

Eligible defendants have an opportunity to attend a two hour class conducted by off-duty Police Officers. The class will begin at 5:30 p.m. and conclude no later than 7:30 p.m. The class will provide helpful driving tips on a variety of topics related to the safe operation of a motor vehicle. Upon successful completion of the TSP class, the Court will dismiss the traffic case, resulting in no points being added to the defendant's driving record.

The Prosecutor's Office will review each minor misdemeanor traffic case individually to determine eligibility for the Traffic Safety Program. The minimum criteria for participating in the Traffic Safety Program are:

- A two-point minor misdemeanor traffic violation with no accompanying criminal charges;
- The traffic case does not involve an accident or property damage;
- The defendant has not participated in the Traffic Safety Program within the last 12 months; and
- Defendant must have a valid Ohio driver's license at the time of the plea.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why would I want to participate in the Traffic Safety Program(TSP)?

TSP is a voluntary program and, while each case and situation is different, prior participants have expressed the benefits to be: no points will be added to my driving record; possible savings on insurance rates; no conviction will be reported as the case is dismissed; learning or refresher course of safe driving and traffic rules is provided.

How long do I have to pay the TSP fee?

The non-refundable \$250 payment and any warrant costs are due within 30 days of the plea with a \$10 processing fee, if not paid the day of plea.

When will my class be scheduled?

Once you pay the TSP fee, you will be given a class date within 30 days.

What do I do if I have a conflict with my class date?

Please contact Jennifer immediately at 333-4456.

What if I completed TSP before?

You may attend TSP more than once as long as your last class was not within the last 12 months.

What if I signed up to attend TSP before but failed to complete the process?

You would be eligible to attend class.

Do I still have to pay the fine and court costs?

No. If you successfully complete TSP, the fines and costs are waived.

How long is the class?

The class is two hours long from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on certain Thursdays.

What if I am late to class?

The doors are locked at 5:30 p.m., so you must arrive at least 15 minutes early or you will not be able to get into the building and will miss class.

What happens if I miss class or have to leave class early?

Call the Magistrate's office immediately at 937-333-4456, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., EST, Monday through Friday.

What happens if class is cancelled such as for bad weather?

If class is cancelled prior to 4:30 p.m., you will be contacted at the number you provided in court. If an emergency cancels class after 4:30 p.m., a note will be placed on the main court building doors with further instructions.

What if I can not pay by the 30 day deadline?

Call the Magistrate's office at 937-333-4456.

Can anyone take the TSP class?

No. You must have an active Dayton Municipal Court case and be approved by the Prosecutor's Office.

What if I have a legal question about my case?

Court personnel cannot give legal advice and you must contact an attorney.

What if I want to contest my ticket?

You must plead guilty to attend TSP. If you wish to contest the ticket, you must plead not guilty and request a trial date.

Who teaches the TSP class?

The class is conducted by two off-duty Dayton police officers.

What topics are discussed in class?

The class covers a variety of traffic/safety topics such as driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs, safe operation of a motor vehicle in different weather conditions, stopping distances to avoid collisions, statistics on crashes, and other related topics.

Am I allowed to bring something to eat to class?

No outside food or beverages are allowed in the courtroom; however, a light snack and water will be provided.