

November is here! Let's be Thankful for Safe Drivers!!

MV-285Rs (Rosters)

Just a reminder that **As of the August 2015 guidelines, Client ID numbers must be listed on the MV-285R.**

Please note that MV-285Rs must be sent into the Utica DMV within 2 weeks of completion of your DTSE Course.

MV-285 Reminders

I'm hoping to increase the awareness of students and parents concerning MV-285s (completion certificates). So many are lost or misplaced. It's a pain for everyone involved – especially when a panicked parent or student needs a duplicate at the last minute because their road test is in an hour. I would advise, in my humble opinion, to add literature to your school's registration/permission paperwork. ONE sentence can make all of the difference. REMIND these parents/students to keep the MV-285 in a **SAFE** place.

Also remind them to **KEEP THE BOTTOM PORTION FOR INSURANCE!!!** I don't work for the DMV, but I cannot tell you how many people/schools think that I do. I can't produce a duplicate MV-285 for anyone – no matter how much I'd like to. ☹

Making up Classes

I've been asked a number of times recently if students can do an assignment as a "make up" for an absence. The answer is **NO!!!!**

Students who miss a lecture must make up lecture time. Students who miss driving time must make up the driving time. Assignments are not a suitable alternative.

Also helpful to know – a student may only have a maximum of 90 minutes of lecture a day. Students may only do a maximum of 90 minutes of in-car observation/driving per day. **That's the MAXIMUM.** At the same time, a student may NOT do 2 lecture classes in one day. They may not do double in-car classes, either. I have addressed this before, and I am positive that our guidelines convey this exact sentiment. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email me to discuss.

Becoming a Lecture Teacher

I'm still getting calls and emails about schools looking for lecture teachers. I'm still getting calls about how schools aren't happy with the driving school they are using. If you are looking to truly own the DTSE program you are running, you must be in control of the instruction.

****The only way to take control of your program is to have your own
Lecture teacher!****

I'll link back to an article that describes just how easy it is to get started. Please take the time to read it and at your next faculty meeting, bring it up. Ask if anyone is interested. It's seriously worth it.

- 1. It's professional development**
- 2. It's something to keep in your pocket for extra money after retirement, during summers, or just as extra income**
- 3. You can teach at other schools/BOCES/Colleges. (Not connected to your home school)**

Do yourself/your school a favor and check out the process...

Lastly, if you are interested in materials for a safer driving season, see below.



Holiday Season Drunk Driving Prevention December 16, 2015 - January 1, 2016

The holiday season is right around the corner. As we prepare for festivities with family and friends, NHTSA wants to remind all drivers that it's dangerous to drive after drinking.



These marketing tools can be distributed to fit your local needs and objectives while, at the same time, partnering with other States, communities, and traffic safety organizations on this drunk driving prevention initiative.

Click [here](#) and get your campaign materials now.



SaferRide, HTSA's New Mobile App

During this holiday season, and throughout the year, NHTSA's new SaferRide app will help keep drunk drivers off our roads by allowing users to call a taxi or a friend and by identifying their location so they can be picked up. **It is available for Android and iPhone devices.**

I wish each and every one of you an amazing Thanksgiving!

Mary ☺