

**TRAFFIC SAFETY PROGRAM (TSP)**

The Traffic Safety Program (TSP) allows qualified defendants to participate in an online course that provides helpful driving tips on a variety of topics related to the safe operation of a motor vehicle. Upon successful completion of the course, the defendant's citation will be dismissed, therefore avoiding a conviction and points from being added to their driving record. The course consists of several modules that takes approximately two hours to complete. The program is flexible, can either be completed all in one sitting or can be paused between modules, and resumed later; either way the defendant has 60 days to successfully complete the program.

If you have been charged solely with one or more misdemeanor moving violations (a citation that does not require a court appearance) and meet the requirements below, you have the option of applying for the Traffic Safety Program.

**DO NOT PAY YOUR TICKET ONLINE IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR THIS PROGRAM!**

**Are you Eligible?**

<b><u>ELIGIBLE REQUIREMENTS:</u></b>	<b><u>NOT ELIGIBLE if your citation has any of these items below:</u></b>
❖ Must Provide Proof of Insurance to Court	❖ Reckless operation/Fleeing from Authorized Personnel
❖ Doesn't accompany a criminal charge	❖ Speeding Violation in a School Zone
❖ Hasn't completed the Traffic Safety Program w/in the last 3 years	❖ Traffic accident violations and violations that may result in liability issues; and/or
❖ Fine for ticket has not been paid already	❖ Intentional damage to property or injury to persons
❖ <b>DOES NOT HAVE OR HAVE HAD A COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE (CDL)</b>	❖ Driving While Distracted
	❖ Texting While Driving

**If you choose to participate in the TSP, you must complete ALL of the requirements listed below:**

1. **On or before the court date on the citation**, review and submit a signed copy of the Application ([insert form link](#)) and the Motion and Entry to Enter the Traffic Safety Program ([insert form link](#)). It can be emailed to the Clerk's Office at [court@sidneyoh.com](mailto:court@sidneyoh.com), mailed, or brought in person to the Sidney Municipal Court at 110 W. Court St., Sidney, OH 45365.
2. Provide proof of automobile liability insurance covering the operation of the vehicle at the time of the traffic offense(s) unless the citation indicates it was shown to the officer.
3. Payment of the **total sum** of all fines and costs for all of the offenses for which you are charged **plus** an additional **\$50.00** to enter the Traffic Safety Program. Payment can be made **in person, by mail, or over the phone**. Please call the Court at 937-498-8712 for **your total amount due!**

The Court will review the application and notify the defendant by telephone or email whether or not the Judge approves the defendant for the program. If the defendant qualifies for the program, the Court will accept the defendant's guilty plea but will stay sentencing for 60 days to allow the defendant time to complete the program. The defendant can then register and pay the course provider directly. (Information about the course is available at [www.safedriveronline.com](http://www.safedriveronline.com) or by telephone at 1-888-372-SAFE (7233).

Safe Driver Online will monitor the defendant's progress through the program and notify the Court when the defendant successfully completes the program or has exhausted their time to complete it, whichever comes first.

\*\*\*With a successful completion, the Court will dismiss the case and no conviction will be reported to the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (OBMV).

\*\*\*If you do not complete the TSP despite being eligible to do so, a record of your guilty plea will be sent to the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (OBMV) and points may then be assessed against your driver's license by the OBMV.

You are **NOT** entitled to any refund of monies paid to the court or to the defensive driving course.