

Superior Court of California County of Orange

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SUPERIOR COURT ANNOUNCES NEW TRAFFIC SCHOOL PROVIDER

Beginning August 1, 2009, traffic violators in Orange County who qualify for traffic school will have the option of attending any DMV-approved classroom traffic school or any court-approved online traffic school. Traffic school will no longer be offered at court locations.

"The public will now have the convenience of choosing from a variety of traffic school options, including online instruction, and the court will be assured that participants receive a quality traffic school education," said the court's Chief Operations Officer, Teresa Risi.

More than 100,000 individuals attend traffic school in Orange County each year. The court has entered into an agreement with California Traffic Safety Institute (CTSI), a non-profit organization, to oversee the various traffic school programs and assist in the preparation of certificates of completion that are entered into court records. CTSI will maintain and monitor a list of approved traffic schools. Traffic violators will select any school from the approved list and then enroll with and pay the instructional fee directly to the school. Statutory traffic school fees and court fines will continue to be paid directly to the court.

Traffic violators will be able to contact CTSI via the Internet, phone, e-mail or fax. CTSI's customer services are available in English, Spanish and Vietnamese.

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