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**Omaha Citizen Recognized Nationally as Defensive Driving Course
Instructor of the Year**

(OMAHA, Neb., Sept. 18, 2010) - The Defensive Driving Courses International Advisory Committee has selected Matthew E. Kelly as the 2009 Defensive Driving Courses DDC-8 Instructor of the Year.

Kelly is a driving instructor at the National Safety Council, Greater Omaha Chapter. He was selected for his excellence in teaching this program from more than 9,000 DDC instructors worldwide. Kelly has taught defensive driving programs, especially as part of the traffic diversion program STOP, for the Greater Omaha Chapter for more than 14 years. In addition, Kelly was named Officer of the Year in 2004 for the Omaha Police Department.

Also, the Greater Omaha Chapter will receive a Best Performance Award for two programs taught in Omaha, DDC-8 and DDC –Attitudinal Dynamics of Driving. This award is presented to Defensive Driving Course training centers that lead the field in training safer motorists on the highways in their service area. Since 1984, the Chapter has taught more than 300,000 motorists defensive driving skills. In the past ten years, highway crashes in Douglas County have been reduced by 45% and crash injuries by 47%.

Both awards will be presented on Oct. 2, 2010 during the National Safety Council's Congress and Exposition in San Diego, California.

About the National Safety Council, Greater Omaha Chapter

Founded in 1924, the National Safety Council, Greater Omaha Chapter, is a private non-profit, community based organization that promotes safety and health by providing programs, resource services and education to individuals and organizations to prevent both the personal and economic loss associated with injuries, accidents and health hazards wherever they exist. For more information, visit www.safenebraska.org.

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