In 2014, the National Safety Council began the inaugural Our Driving Concern: Texas Employer Traffic Safety Award, presented by the National Safety Council in partnership with the Texas Department of Transportation.

Recipients represent employers who have shown outstanding commitment to the safety and well-being of their employees on and off the job in the area of traffic safety.

The 2017 honorees were selected through an application process that evaluated each company's commitment to promoting safe driving behaviors among their employees.

Employee education, training, and other activities that focus on traffic safety were considered. Applicants ranged from large to small employers, businesses to municipal organizations, from all across Texas.

The Our Driving Concern Texas Employer Traffic Safety Program proudly recognizes employers for their leadership and commitment to traffic safety.

From our Exemplary winners to our Honorable Mentions, all companies who’ve been recognized are committed to safety and putting people first!

This brochure is a compilation of some of the best practices derived from within this group of employers. The companies featured herein have demonstrated the very highest standard of traffic and driving safety.
with safe driving habits on the job will also be a driver with safe driving habits while off the job.

MedStar Mobile Healthcare

CITY: Fort Worth
WEBSITE: www.medstar911.org
NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES: 450

With a fleet of nearly 60 ambulances and 10 support vehicles, it is imperative to train, monitor behavioral drift, and set high standards for those who drive a MedStar vehicle.

With a large Millennial work force, MedStar evolved their training and education to maintain desired results and engagement. Common classroom training, cones courses, and field training officers were added to sustain desired behaviors and expand the education to all employees, even non-drivers.

MedStar recognized they have the opportunity to make a significant impact on an employee member’s driving behavior. MedStar also recognized that through effective training and education, they can improve not just the employee’s safety, but the safety of their families and the community around them by teaching safe driving habits.

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City of Irving
WEBSITE: cityofirving.org
NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES: 1,683

In a continuing effort to set the standard for a safe and secure city, the City of Irving has maintained an emphasis on transportation safety. The City of Irving alone has 1,683 fulltime employees and operates more than 800 vehicles. There is no doubt that time and money can be saved with focusing on traffic safety education, but most importantly, lives can be saved.

Traffic safety education is critical to assuring that Irving residents, businesses, visitors, and employees are safe within the borders of their city. The City of Irving has maintained an emphasis on reducing crashes that result in injuries and fatalities by gaining compliance and driver responsibility through education, engineering, and enforcement.

City of San Antonio
WEBSITE: www.sanantonio.gov
NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES: 11,849

The City of San Antonio has 12,000 employees and a vehicle fleet pool upwards of 5,144. Traffic safety education is essential and a top priority.

The Safety Program is comprised of comprehensive training in primary driver roles and responsibilities, as well as reasonable suspicion training for supervisors and managers at all levels. Training included 143 sessions with 4,183 employees trained. Staff conducted 43 NSC-sanctioned Defensive Driving Courses and two NSC Professional Truck Driving Classes.

With the City Manager’s endorsement and executive support in establishing a zero preventable safety initiative in incidents and injuries, the City is well on its way in establishing a culture of safety for employees, contractors, and the public.

City of Waco
WEBSITE: www.waco-texas.com
NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES: 1,500

The City of Waco has high expectation in all forms of safety for city employees and works to ensure City employees are educated, safe, and responsible to do their part in making sure they are safe drivers.

Safety Officers in each department attended the NSC Our Driving Concern program. The officers provide on-going safety education to employees, which keeps traffic safety in front of employees year round. In-house NSC-certified Defensive Driving Instructors provide the six-hour training sessions, and offer an on-line option, too. The use of seat belts and no use of cell phones when operating vehicles is required.

Over the past few years traffic safety has increasingly become a greater part of the city-wide education process for City employees, and the benefits are obvious as trends indicate their driving-related incidents are decreasing.

LeMeilleur’s RV Truck & Equipment Repair Co., Inc.
CITY: Kerrville
WEBSITE: rvrepair@htc.net
NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES: 13

Employee education includes DDC, posters, paycheck inserts, and monthly safety meetings about the hazards of distracted driving and driving impaired. Employees are provided a ride home if they ever feel like they are unable to drive for any reason. All employees sign a distracted driving and cell phone (texting/calling) policy.

Employees are not allowed to use the phone to conduct company or personal business while driving a company vehicle. This policy has been LeMeilleur’s most effective way to eliminate distracted driving, and is shared with customers and employees’ families.