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Arizona's First Online Defensive Driving Program Gets Green Light from Supreme Court

(TUCSON, Ariz.) --- Following more than two years of research and development, the National Traffic Safety Institute (NTSI) received a license from the Arizona Supreme Court earlier this week to provide its innovative traffic safety courses to students over the Internet. Beginning April 1, 2003, eligible individuals electing to have traffic citations dismissed and points reduced from their driving records can complete the online course from the comfort of their homes or offices. The NTSI operates defensive driving programs for citation dismissal in cities across Arizona and in more than 25 states, and will be Arizona's first defensive driving program to make its coursework available in a virtual classroom.

The interactive curriculum for the new program, which will be available in English and Spanish, mirrors the program currently provided in the NTSI's physical classrooms. Upon registration, participating students will be assigned secure user names and passwords to log onto the program. Upon completion of the coursework, students will be given an examination which must be passed before their citations will be dismissed. The online course consists of a series of instructional modules requiring students to spend a minimum of 5 ½ hours online, with course instructors available to field questions from students during their cyber class time.

"This new program will provide a valuable public service, enabling those who are not otherwise able to attend our classes in person to benefit from our reputable and research-based programs," said Paul Hallums, Vice President of NTSI. "By offering this new

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online option, we are expanding our commitment to making Arizona's streets safer.”

Additional information, program terms and conditions, and eligibility criteria are available online at www.NTSItrafficschool.com.

As the first Arizona Supreme Court-licensed online traffic safety program with core operations based in Tucson, NTSI has trained millions of people across the country to be safer drivers. Through 15 classes a week, seven days a week, in 11 Tucson locations, the nation's oldest and largest traffic safety program stands among Tucson's most valuable and reliable community services.

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