

## Defensive Driver Class Requirements/Eligibility

### **You may attend a four-hour (DDC-4) class if:**

1. You have not attended a four-hour defensive driving class in the past five years.
2. You have no more than one moving violation in the past three years
3. Your driver's license is valid.

PLEASE NOTE: If your citation is for "No Proof of Insurance," or any other non-moving violation, you must show proof of compliance prior to scheduling your class.

**If you do not qualify to attend the four-hour class, the eight-hour class (DDC-8) may be an option for you.** The eight-hour class is held on Saturdays and is available if you do not qualify for the four-hour class. You must have a valid license and not have attended a previous eight-hour class.

For recorded information about these classes, please call (423)434-6128.

To register for a defensive driver class, you must appear in person at Police Records, 601 E. Main St. At that time, a check of your driving history will be conducted and all fees will be due.

**If you live more than 100 miles from Johnson City**, please contact Police Records at (423)434-6125. Police Records will check your driving history and, if eligible, will give additional time for completion of the driving course. After completion of the class, the original driving certificate and \$50 court cost must be sent to Police Records.

Once you are approved by the JCPD to take a course in your area, we recommend checking with local law enforcement to find a National Safety Council administrative course. Classes held by AAA or other car clubs will not satisfy the requirements.

After attending the class, the original driving certificate and \$50 court cost must be sent to Police Records, 601 E. Main St., Johnson City, TN 37601 by your court date.

If all requirements are not met by midnight of the court date, a failure to appear citation will be logged against the violator and reported to the state for suspension of the ticket holder's license. Failure to satisfy requirements by the court date also will prohibit the ticket holder from being able to attend defensive driver school. The ticket will have to be paid with late fees. The driver could also incur state court cost with suspension of their driving privileges.

The Tennessee Department of Safety list other schools available on their website, if you are choosing one of those schools, you must choose a school that has a listing in Johnson City or Washington County TN. You must coordinate with the Johnson City Municipal Court, and you will still be required to pay \$50 to the City of Johnson City, all this prior to your established court appearance date.

If the offense you have been cited for is speeding, 20 mph or higher above the speed limit or if you are cited for any violation in a school zone, you will need to visit our city judge to be allowed to attend class.