

603 - DEFENSIVE DRIVING - MANDATORY

Section 603.01 Defensive Driving Course	Fort Bend County provides a free defensive driving course through the National Safety Council for all county employees and elected officials who are required to drive on County business. The course is taught throughout the year. Completion of the course may be used for auto insurance discounts, but cannot be used for ticket dismissal. The Risk Management Department also permits employees who are not required to drive on County business to take the defensive driving course. (See Policy 503: Defensive Driving -- Optional).
Section 603.02 3-Year Mandatory Requirement	All persons who drive a vehicle on County business, whether a County-owned vehicle or a personal vehicle, must take the defensive driving course every three years. All employees who drive on County business must be insurable under the County's automobile liability coverage, and provide proof of coverage under their personal insurance liability policy. If an employee becomes uninsurable under the County's coverage, he or she may lose their authorization to drive on County business. Loss of authorized driving status may result in termination of employment if the employee is unable to meet the requirements of the position.
Section 603.03 Alternate Course	At the discretion of the elected official or department head, law enforcement/emergency personnel may replace the regular County defensive driving course with a high stress, low speed driving course.
Section 603.04 Post At-Fault Accident Requirement	Any person involved in an at-fault accident while driving a County vehicle shall be required to attend a defensive driving class within sixty (60) calendar days from the date of the accident and submit proof of completion of the class to the Risk Management Department. For additional information, please refer to Vehicle Policy 612.
Section 603.05 Registration	To register for a Defensive Driving Course, please log on to Lawson Employee Self-Serve. For questions about course registration, please contact the Risk Management Department.

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