



A Message from the Solicitor:

Safer roads and highways through driving education is the primary objective of the Ninth Circuit Traffic Education Program (TEP). At some point in their lives, most drivers receive a minor traffic citation. TEP gives good drivers with no points against their license a chance to give back to the community, become a better driver and avoid increased insurance premiums by keeping their driving record clean. I encourage you to take advantage of this one-time opportunity to clear your driving record and hope you will help make Charleston and Berkeley County's roads safer for us all.

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9TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SOLICITOR

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TRAFFIC EDUCATION PROGRAM

Offered through 9th Circuit
Solicitor's Diversion Services

State of South Carolina
Ninth Judicial Circuit



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Charleston and Berkeley Counties

Traffic Education Program Location:

9th Circuit Diversion Services Office

101 Meeting Street, 2nd Floor

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What is the Traffic Education Program?

The Traffic Education Program is a program designed to dispose of traffic charges prior to a court trial. TEP was established by legislation in South Carolina with the primary goal of educating drivers with minor traffic citations. TEP provides the opportunity to have eligible tickets dismissed by the court and maintain good driving records.

Eligible applicants must have;

- Four or less points currently on their driving record.
- TEP referred ticket must be a four point or less violation

Program Requirements

- Documentation of four hours completed community service
- Attend a TEP approved four hour defensive driving class
- No new traffic citations for 6 months from TEP violation

**All requirements will be assigned in writing by the TEP case manager*

Length of Program

TEP requirements must be completed within 3 months but may be completed sooner.



Procedures for Local Participants

The Charleston and Berkeley County Magistrate or Municipal Courts will give applicants the TEP referral form to apply to the TEP office in Charleston.

To Apply to TEP you must have:

1. A **\$280.** Money order/cashier's check
2. Driver's license
3. Social Security Card
4. Court referral

ALL 4 ABOVE ITEMS MUST BE PROVIDED FOR AN APPLICATION TO BE PROCESSED

TO APPLY TO TEP BY MAIL

If requested by the applicant, the TEP office will mail applications to be completed and returned with the above four required items.

DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL SOCIAL SECURITY CARD AND DRIVER'S LICENSE THROUGH THE MAIL. COPIES ARE ACCEPTABLE.

Once TEP staff runs a DMV driving record and determines the applicant eligible, participants will be mailed a TEP packet. All assigned requirements must be completed **in person** at the chosen sites.

If the TEP applicant resides out of State, they have the responsibility to provide a driving record from their state of residence to the 9th Circuit TEP program.

In all cases community service and defensive driving course sites must be approved by the 9th Circuit TEP case manager. The TEP case manager will provide direction for each participant throughout the program.

If you would like to apply in person to the 9th Circuit TEP office, we are located downtown Charleston in the Solicitors Diversion Services Office, at 101 Meeting Street Suite 230.

Hours for application are Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00p.m.

More information may be obtained on our website www.scsolicitor9.org and choose *Diversion Services*.