

## **Distracted Driving Program (DDP) Application**

The Distracted Driving Program (DDP) is available to eligible traffic offenders cited with a distracted driving offense, or a specific traffic violation while distracted. Eligible offenders can complete the Ohio Department of Public Safety distracted driver course in lieu of paying the \$100.00 fine. The offender is required to pay all court costs along with any fine(s) associated with underlying offense(s). The Offender must also submit written evidence of completion of the distracted driver course to the Sunbury Mayor's Court within 14 days of the original arraignment date on the traffic citation.

This one-hour course discusses what distracted driving is, who is a distracted driver, cell phone distractions, the risks and consequences of driving distracted, and combating distracted driving.

If you choose to participate in the DDP, you must complete all the requirements listed below:

1. You must mail or otherwise deliver all the following to the Sunbury Mayor's Court before the scheduled court date indicated on your citation:
  - a. This form with your plea, signature, and contact information added below.
  - b. Proof of automobile liability insurance covering your operation of the vehicle at the time when you committed the traffic offense(s) if not provided to the officer.
  - c. Payment of the total sum of all fines and costs for all the offense(s) with which you are charged. Payment may be made in person or by telephone 740-965-2684.
2. You must complete the Ohio Department of Public Safety distracted driving course. Distracted Driving Safety Course | Ohio Traffic Safety Office
3. You must complete the course within 14 days of your original arraignment date. Once you have completed the online program you must provide a copy of the certificate to the Sunbury Mayor's Court. Failure to complete the course in time will result in your ineligibility to participate in the DDP.

If you complete the application, and the Court then determines that you are not eligible to participate in DDP, the Clerk will notify you and will need to appear for your arraignment or pay the full waiver amount established by the Court.

A record of your guilty plea will be sent to the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (OBMV) if you apply for but do not complete the DDP requirements despite being eligible to do so, and points may then be assessed against your driver's license by the OBMV.

By signing below, you are certifying that 1) you are eligible for the DDP; 2) you are willing to waive your right to appear at the court to contest the traffic charges in your case; 3) you are willing to waive your right to a speedy trial; and 4) you understand and accept the requirements of the DDP.

### **To apply for the DDP, complete the information below:**

I, the undersigned Defendant, plead guilty to the traffic charges in my case. My plea(s) of guilty is/are a complete admission of my guilt, and I accept the legal consequences of my actions. Additionally, having been informed of my right to a speedy trial within 30 days as set forth under O.R.C. Section 2945.71, I hereby knowingly, voluntarily, and intelligently waive my right to a speedy trial and hereby consent to a trial date beyond the time limitations set forth in O.R.C. Section 2945.71.

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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_