

**THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**CASE NO. 04-1  
(Court Administration)**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
NO. 04-01  
(Rescinds AO No. 02-01, dated  
January 2, 2002)**

**IN RE: DESIGNATION OF TRAFFIC  
SCHOOLS TO OFFER AGGRESSIVE  
DRIVING COURSE**

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**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Florida Aggressive Careless Driving Bill, effective October 1, 2001, as set forth in §316.1923, Florida Statutes, the legislature defined “aggressive careless driving” as committing two or more of certain prescribed acts simultaneously or in succession; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined that it would be in the best interest of the public to change the attitudes and behavior of aggressive drivers by legally requiring the drivers to attend an eight-hour course devoted to fostering such attitudinal and behavioral changes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (“DHSMV”) has agreed to conduct an effectiveness study (“Effectiveness Study”) to evaluate the purported Aggressive Driving Programs offered by existing traffic schools in Miami-Dade County (“Traffic Schools”) as the first step towards DHSMV’s approval of an effective, uniform and consistent curriculum for the Traffic Schools to follow; and

**WHEREAS**, the Effectiveness Study will be conducted for approximately one (1) year, during which time the Aggressive Driving Programs will be conditionally approved to offer such courses, pending the results of the Effectiveness Study; and

**WHEREAS**, upon the approval of such curriculum, DHSMV will assume responsibility for regularly monitoring and evaluating the Aggressive Driving Programs; and

**WHEREAS**, in order for a Traffic School to be included in Effectiveness Study and to be conditionally approved as an Aggressive Driving Program, certain documentation had to be provided to the Court; and

**WHEREAS**, several Traffic Schools in Miami-Dade County have provided such documentation and are therefore eligible to offer the herein referenced comprehensive eight-hour course Aggressive Driving Program to drivers who have been ordered by the court to attend such program;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Chief Judge of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida under Rule 2.050 of the Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, it is hereby **ORDERED** that:

1. The following Traffic Schools are conditionally approved, pending the outcome of the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles Effectiveness Study, to provide the eight-hour Aggressive Driving Program in Miami-Dade County:
  - A. American Safety Institute, Inc.
  - B. Driver Training Associates
  - C. Improv Traffic Schools of Florida
  - D. USA Training Company, Inc.
2. The Clerk of the Court is hereby directed to develop a registry of the authorized Aggressive Driving Programs (“Registry”) and to provide said Registry to drivers who are ordered by the court to attend an Aggressive Driving Program for the drivers to select which school to attend.
3. The Aggressive Driving Programs are hereby required to contact the DHSMV to arrange for their graduates to be evaluated by the DHSMV and provide proof of such evaluation to the Clerk before the court will accept the certification that the graduate has successfully completed the Aggressive Driving Program.
4. Other Traffic Schools operators who are desirous of being included on the Registry are required to submit the following documentation to the court:
  - A. Current certification as a Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles driver improvement program;
  - B. Aggressive driving curriculum that distinguishes it from the curriculum for an existing eight-hour driver improvement program;
  - C. Written statement agreeing to collect and maintain accurate lists of Aggressive Driving Program graduates and committing to cooperate with the DHSMV for the purposes of the effectiveness study.

Administrative Order No. 02-01, dated January 2, 2002, is hereby rescinded in its entirety and held for naught.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until further order of the Court.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Chambers at Miami-Dade, Florida, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of February, 2004.

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**JOSEPH P. FARINA, CHIEF JUDGE**  
**ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA**