

The Michigan Center for Decision Driving is located at Eaton Corporation's Proving Grounds in Marshall, Michigan. The Center is a state-of-the-art facility specializing in training drivers how to improve their defensive driving skills. Training at the Center is administered by the safety professionals of the Michigan Trucking Association.

The Marshall Proving Grounds are a "fence-to-fence" tobacco-free location; no smoking or chewing is allowed anywhere on the Eaton property.





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# **Are Your Drivers Trained to Avoid This Crash?**



Michigan Center for Decision Driving

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# What Is **Decision Driving?**

At the Michigan Center for Decision Driving (MCDD), professional truck drivers learn decision driving techniques both in the classroom and in actual hands-on activities using the facility's skid course.



#### Instruction

MCDD is an all-day course in decision driving and vehicle control at the Eaton Corporation Proving Grounds in Marshall, Michigan. The course is offered Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. The course work is divided into two segments:

classroom instruction and individual assessment of defensive driving skills on the driving range.

#### Classroom

This segment provides drivers with basic knowledge of types of vehicle crashes, their causes, decision driving principles and an overview of the driving skills portion of the course.

## **Driving Range**

The driving range activities enable drivers to sharpen their defensive driving skills. Drivers will practice maneuvering techniques on both wet and dry pavement. The drivers will then be evaluated on their ability to make correct defensive driving decisions when confronted with potential accident situations.

#### **Prevention Is the Key**

Studies show that even the best of drivers have a tendency to overestimate their driving abilities. This could have serious, even deadly, consequences in a dangerous situation that requires highly developed decision-making skills and quick reactions.

To reduce crashes and improve highway safety, it is essential that commercial drivers fully understand proper stopping and skid-control techniques that are unique to the type of vehicle they operate.

#### **CSA Tracks Crash Data**

Under CSA, carriers' crash data is maintained for **5 years**.

Don't wait for your drivers to practice crash avoidance on the road and negatively impact your company's rating.

# **Drivers Develop Essential Skills**

At the MCDD drivers will develop essential decision-making skills and learn fundamental crash avoidance techniques. Areas of emphasis include:

- Braking control
- Skid control techniques
- Off-road recovery (countersteering)
- Cornering (city and highway)
- Serpentine maneuvers
- Evasive action exercises
- Jackknife control and recovery
- · Factors affecting stopping distances



#### **Enrollment Information**

The fee for Michigan drivers is \$50.

The fee for out-of-state drivers is \$200.

Contact MCDD at 1-800-325-6733 to enroll.

Payment is made through the Michigan Trucking Association. Your order will be placed automatically by your scheduler. Scheduler will provide confirmation of registration and payment.

## **Cancellation Policy**

Cancellations made less than 72 hours (3 days) prior to the start of their scheduled training are subject to a cancellation fee of \$75.

Enrollees who do not cancel out of their class and do not attend will be charged a no-show fee of \$175.

For more information, call 1-800-325-6733 or visit www.mitrucking.org