



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

Region 6  
Louisiana, Mississippi  
New Mexico, Oklahoma  
Texas, Indian Nations

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Dear Pastor:

Traffic crashes are one of the top causes of death in the United States, and are the *leading* cause of death for African Americans ages 5 through 14. These alarming statistics greatly affect the families of African American communities, but can be improved through diligent promotion of traffic safety.

Enclosed is the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Region 6 Quarterly African American Traffic Safety Clergy Kit for January through March. We appreciate your continued support in spreading safety messages to your congregation, aiding in our mission to reduce traffic crashes.

In this quarter, the vital messages consist of attentive driving as well as alcohol impaired driving prevention. In addition, we are emphasizing responsibility by parents and adults to keep children and young people safe on the road.

The Clergy Kit contains:

- Church Bulletin Safety Announcements for January through March 2008
- Pastor Notes for a Traffic Safety Sermon Message
- Weekly Safety Reminders
- Sunday School Activity

If you need additional information or other assistance to help promote traffic safety within your church, please contact Ministers Against Crime Regional Diversity Outreach Liaison Luther Perry at 817-978-0661, or visit [www.coremessages.com](http://www.coremessages.com) for downloadable versions.

Sincerely,

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