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Municipal Courts Week November 7 – 11: Impaired and Distracted Driving Display to be Placed Outside Melissa City Hall

Melissa, TX – The Melissa Municipal Court cordially invites the public to attend our second annual "**Municipal Courts Week**" starting **Monday, November 7th through Friday, November 11th, 2016**.

This is a special week celebrated in communities across Texas to show appreciation for the dedicated judges, clerks, court administrators, prosecutors, juvenile case managers, bailiffs, and warrant officers that comprise the Texas Municipal Courts.

Texas Municipal Courts Week is not only a great time to recognize Municipal Courts, but also a time to share with the public the important role that Municipal courts play in the criminal justice system and making Texas roads safer.

City of Melissa Municipal Courts uses MCW as a week to educate the public on traffic safety, specifically impaired and distracted driving. Drunk driving can have serious consequences, far beyond the legal and financial ones. Thousands of lives are permanently impacted each year because of someone's decision to get behind the wheel while impaired from the effects of alcohol. All distractions can be **dangerous and life threatening** but **texting** is one of the most dangerous distractions.

We encourage you to join us in our week long celebration and hope you can attend all or some of our activities below:

City of Melissa Municipal Court Municipal Court Week Activities - November 7-11, 2016

- **Monday 11/7/16 - Food Drive** (Nov. 7-11):
Melissa Municipal Court will collect nonperishable food or hygiene products for a local food bank. Help those in need by dropping off items while you visit the court or the City Hall lobby.
- **Tuesday 11/8/16 - Free Coffee Bar**
Located in the Court lobby, grab a cup of coffee & traffic safety goodies too!
- **Wednesday 11/9/16 - Cookies & Punch**:
Located in Court lobby, join us for a cookie & punch honoring our court staff.
- **Thursday 11/10/16 - Free Popcorn**:
Located in the Court lobby, pick up traffic safety materials on impaired driving.
- **Friday 11/11/16 - Impaired/Distracted Driving "Crash Display"**
Melissa Municipal Court will be promoting traffic safety awareness, & bringing attention to texting while driving, drinking and driving, & distracted driving with our "crash display" located in front of City Hall. Pictures & stories TXDOTS Face of Drunk Driving will be displayed.

For more information on these events, contact Melissa Municipal Court Staff at 972-838-2034 or email courts@cityofmelissa.com. You can also visit www.cityofmelissa.com.

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