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**For Immediate Release:**

**Denver, Colorado – May 20, 2009:** There are only a handful of companies that offer **National Safety Council (NSC)** -approved Defensive Driving Courses. Denver-based FirstNet Learning is proud to announce that they are one of the select few to offer the following NSC-approved online courses:

- Defensive Driving Course in both English and Spanish
- DDC Online Motorcycle Safety Program
- Professional Truck Driver Course
- Alive at 25! Parent Program

For 45 years the National Safety Council has been a leader in Defensive Driver Training, first in the classroom and now online. Based on their classroom counterparts, these online courses are consistently updated with the latest in content and technology. Using state of the art animation, video, narration, and interactive screens, these courses are engaging. DDC Online courses are designed to cost effectively train people, whether private individuals or employees, fitting both budgetary and scheduling requirements.

***The NSC recorded 39,800 motor vehicle-related deaths in 2008 - a 9% decrease from 2007 attributable to many factors including fewer miles driven due to increased gas prices.***  
- National Safety Council

Whether a driver is new to the road or has years of experience, all drivers can benefit from taking Defensive Driving Online. The course contains updated statistics and driving tips; discusses how drugs, alcohol, physical conditions & emotions affect driving; teaches how to deal with distractions, fatigue, stress, and road rage. It also helps learners understand the physical forces of a collision and the importance and correct use of occupant safety devices. Additionally, many states offer auto insurance discounts with a DDC Online completion certificate (check with your insurance carrier to see if you qualify).

***Approximately three-fourths of fatal motorcycle accidents involved a collision with another vehicle.***  
NHTSA

As more drivers turn to motorcycles to save money on fuel, riders need to learn new, or refresh, riding knowledge and skills. Riders who take the Motorcycle Safety Program, developed in partnership with the Motorcycle Safety Foundation, can learn techniques and decision-making strategies for minimizing risk, as well as learn attitudinal information and crash avoidance measures that they may not be exposed to otherwise. This program is now being offered to traffic courts and traffic schools to educate riders who receive moving violations.

***The 10 States with the most fatalities from large truck crashes in 2007 were (in descending order): Texas, California, Florida, Georgia, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, New York, Illinois, Tennessee, and Indiana.***  
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

FirstNet Learning is also offering the NSC's Professional Truck Driver Online course, which offers classroom-quality content in a fraction of the time and at a fraction of the cost. This course uses state-of-the-art animation, narration, and interactive screens to teach defensive driving techniques to help truck drivers avoid collisions and violations. Participants will learn the most common causes of truck-related collisions and practical knowledge and techniques on how to avoid them. The course also teaches the DDC Collision Prevention Formula focusing on the unique challenges of driving large vehicles.

***Traffic crashes are the leading cause of teen fatalities.***  
NHTSA

The ALIVE at 25! PARENT PROGRAM helps parents partner with their teen driver understand the risks your teens face when behind the wheel and help your teens prepare to drive. This 2-hour Internet-based course identifies those risks, and helps parents reinforce basic driving skills and good decision making to help teens become safe, responsible, and defensive drivers.

There are many benefits to taking Defensive Driver training online:

- It's flexible - train any size group, from 1 to 1 million (or more!)
- It's convenient - train at any pace - any place - any time! Train anywhere a computer with an Internet connection is available -- 24/7
- It's easy to use - no special software is required! Courses have easy to follow directions and simple navigation -- users of all levels can complete courses with ease
- It's cost-effective - train all your drivers for a fraction of what it would cost to send them out for instruction -- and far less than the cost of one preventable collision
- It's green - reduce waste, time, travel, materials, and CO2 emissions

Learn Defensive Driving on a computer and not behind the wheel? FirstNet Learning stresses the use of a blended learning approach for both new and experienced drivers, combining a mixture of online and hands-on learning. Hands-on experience is of the highest importance, but prior to getting behind the wheel a driver of any degree of experience, and driving any type of vehicle, needs knowledge. FirstNet Learning is excited to be a provider of NSC online courses, offering defensive driving knowledge from the experts at the National Safety Council.

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