

DENVER MEMORIAL SIGNS



A program honoring those who died in motor vehicle accidents.

For many years, the Denver Police Department and other local law enforcement agencies have made concerted efforts to remove reckless drivers from the road before a traffic incident occurs. Despite these efforts, Colorado drivers are involved with approximately 600 traffic fatalities statewide every year.

The Denver Memorial Sign Program was implemented in 1998 to give grieving families a way to honor their loved ones and to raise awareness about a crime that is 100 % preventable.

The program gives family members of the victim(s) an opportunity to provide a personal memorial for their lost loved one(s). The signs also serve as a reminder to drivers of the results of driving recklessly and/or under the influence of alcohol/drugs. The City and County of Denver in conjunction with the Denver District Attorney's Office will produce, install, and maintain the sign, which will remain in place for two years from the initial date of installation. After two years, the victims' family will be notified and they will decide if the sign will remain in place.

If you know someone who was killed in a fatal automobile crash and would like a memorial sign erected in his/her memory, please review the Program Criteria and contact the Program Coordinator, Jenny Lomeli, at Jenny.Lomeli@DenverDA.org or (720) 913-9002.

QUICK FACTS

There is no fee associated with Memorial Signs.

Memorial Signs can be placed for automobile drivers, passengers, motorcyclists, bicyclists, and pedestrians.

There is no need for a criminal conviction for a sign to be placed.

There is an optional dedication ceremony, planned and paid for by the Denver DA's Office once a sign has been installed.

The two types of signs offered are **Please Don't Drink & Drive** and **Please Drive Safely**.

The sign will remain posted for up to 10 years or until the applicant asks for it to be taken down.

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PROGRAM CRITERIA

Please review the following in detail before applying for a Memorial Sign. For any questions, contact Jenny.Lomeli@DenverDA.org.

- ◆ The sign must be requested by the family of the victim(s) or another sponsor with the approval of the victim's family(s). Where there are multiple fatalities, each victims' family must approve the sign prior to each victim's name being placed on the memorial sign.
- ◆ The deceased cannot have engaged in any contributory behavior during the crash and cannot have a significant criminal background.
- ◆ Only fatal alcohol or drug-related crashes or vehicular homicides which occurred **after January 1, 1998**, qualify for the program in the City and County of Denver.
- ◆ Signs may not be placed on I-25, I-70 or on certain portions of 6th Avenue that are state highways.
- ◆ Typically, the memorial sign will be installed at or near the location of the crash. However, the City and County of Denver reserves the right to install the sign at an alternate location to accommodate restricted room, property owner complaints, interference with essential traffic control devices or other safety concerns.
- ◆ All applications for signs are processed and reviewed by the Denver District Attorney's Office. The Denver District Attorney's Office reserves the right to the final decision concerning the application.

