

GRAHAM COUNTY COURTS

Thatcher Municipal Court
PO Box 670 / 3690 W. Main Street
Thatcher, AZ 85552
Phone (928) 428-2290 Ext. 3

You have just received a traffic citation and may be wondering about your options. The information enclosed within this Bond Envelope will explain your options. **Please read all sections in this document thoroughly.**

Be sure to read all parts of your traffic citation. It is very important that you know that you must respond to the court on or before the "Notice To Appear" date shown on the front of your citation. *Failure to do so may result in a warrant being issued for your arrest and/or suspension of your driver's license and/or other penalties.*

The following options are available to you (detailed information is included within this bond card):

OPTION 1

If you are eligible, you may attend a Defensive Driving School. No court appearance is required. You will be required to provide a copy of your traffic citation, driver's license, and full payment before you begin the class. Further instructions for registering for a Defensive Driving class are located on page 4.

Website:
<http://www.azcourts.gov/driveschoolinfo/home>

**RED LIGHT ADVISORY PURSUANT TO
A.R.S. § 28-645 & 28-647:**

If you are eligible you may attend Defensive Driving School or, if not eligible or if you choose NOT to attend Defensive Driving School and you are found responsible or plead responsible to this violation, you must attend and successfully complete Traffic Survival School training and education sessions. If you are required to attend Traffic Survival School you will receive a notice from the Arizona Motor Vehicle Division (MVD).

OPTION 2

You may request a trial/hearing by mail. You will be notified by mail of your assigned trial/hearing date. You must appear on that date and be ready to present evidence and examine witnesses. If you need reasonable accommodations pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) please call the Thatcher Municipal Court at the number listed above.

OPTION 3

If your citation is Civil traffic, you may pay your obligation by mail. No court appearance is required. All Criminal Violations must appear in Court, including Criminal Traffic Violations.

PLEASE READ

To pay your fine by mail:

1. Make Cashier's Check or Money Order payable to:
**THATCHER MUNICIPAL COURT
(NO PERSONAL CHECKS ACCEPTED)**
2. Include the citation number located on upper left corner of citation.
3. No partial payment accepted on fines.

If you are under the age of 18, you must appear with a parent or guardian.

BOND SCHEDULE

SPEED VIOLATIONS:

MPH OVER

0-10.....	\$90.00
11-15.....	\$125.00
16-19.....	\$145.00
20+.....	MUST CONTACT COURT

OTHER VIOLATIONS:

Child Restraint.....	\$132.00(Fine suspended with proof)
Violations involving accidents.....	\$132.00
Left of Center.....	\$90.00
Stop Sign Violation.....	\$90.00
Seat Belt Violation.....	\$53.00
No Driver's License.....	\$90.00
Red Light Violation.....	\$90.00
No Passing /Zone.....	\$125.00
Parking in Handicap or Fire Lane.....	\$140.00
All other Parking violations.....	\$52.00
M/I Suspended Plates (28-4139A).....	\$492.00

REGISTRATION VIOLATIONS:

28-2532A	\$584.00
28-2153A.....	\$492.00

(If proof of current AZ Registration is shown to the court on or before appearance date, the fine for either of the above charges may be reduced to \$127.00)

28-2158.....	\$132.00 (Fine may be suspended with a plea of Responsible and proof of valid registration)
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DRIVING WITHOUT INSURANCE:

The following is important information for you to know if you have received a driver license and/or registration suspension for driving without insurance pursuant to A.R.S. § 28-4135A, 28-4135B, or 28-4135C.

For a first offense	\$955.00
For a second offense.....	\$1,415.00
For a third offense.....	\$1,875.00

(If you provide proof of current insurance with a six-month policy, the fine may be reduced.)

THESE FIGURES INCLUDE ALL SURCHARGES.

BOND SCHEDULE (CONTINUED)

DRIVING ON A SUSPENDEND LICENSE:

If you are charged with 28-3473A due to unpaid fines, and you want to have your license reinstated, you need to do the following:

1. Call the Motor Vehicle Division at (800) 251-5866 or visit your local MVD office to find out which court(s) have your unpaid complaint(s).
2. Pay fines in full at the court where they are located.
3. Pay reinstatement fees to MVD.
4. Bring proof of reinstatement of license to Court on your appearance date.*

*Reinstatement of your driver's license can significantly affect your sentence.

IMPORTANT:

If you fail to appear or fail to pay a Civil Traffic Sanction on or before the court date, a time payment fee of \$20.00 will be assessed and a default judgment will be entered against you.

FINES PAID AFTER YOUR COURT DATE MUST INCLUDE A \$20.00 TIME PAYMENT FEE (per A.R.S. § 12-116.)

Failure to appear will result in forfeiture of your bond, additional monetary penalties, suspension of your driving privileges and/or issuance of a warrant for your arrest.

Your Driver's license may remain suspended until the civil sanction is paid to the Court and you have your license reinstated by MVD. You may be arrested and incarcerated for a suspended license.

FOR ALL OTHER VIOLATIONS NOT LISTED HERE, DEFENDANT MUST CONTACT COURT.

NO WEAPONS PERMITTED IN THE COURTHOUSE.

If you have any questions or need additional information, call the Court at the number listed on this page. Have a copy of the Arizona Traffic Ticket and Complaint available when you call.

OPTION 1

DEFENSIVE DRIVING PROGRAM

Defensive Driving classes are available for persons who receive a citation for certain minor traffic violations.

ADVANTAGES:

1. You will not need to go to court.
2. Your violation will be dismissed.
3. There will be no fine.
4. You will receive no points on your driving record.

AM I ELIGIBLE?

You may be eligible for the program if:

1. You have not attended Defensive Driving class within the last 12 months (violation date to violation date).
2. You have a valid driver's license or valid I.D. Drivers with a Commercial Driver's License are not eligible.
3. You must contact a Defensive Driving School to verify that your violation is eligible.
4. Your citation did not result from an accident involving death or a serious injury.
5. Yours was not a major traffic citation.
6. Your citation has not already been set for a hearing or trial.

IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE AND WISH TO ATTEND, DO THE FOLLOWING:

1. You must notify the Court prior to the appearance date on the citation of your intention to attend the school.

2. Contact a Defensive Driving school within the first week of receiving the citation:

ARIZONA DEFENSIVE DRIVING SCHOOLS

**www.azdrive.com or
1-888-334-5565**

3. Register for a Defensive Driving School course.
4. Attend and satisfactorily complete the class at least **SEVEN DAYS** before the Court appearance date that is listed on your citation.
5. You must bring your copy of your Citation to class. If you have lost it, you must return to the Court and obtain a new copy before the date of class.

OUT OF STATE RESIDENTS

Out-of-State Residents must contact Arizona Defensive Driving School at the phone number listed above to coordinate the Out-of-State attendance.

**OPTION 2
REQUEST A TRIAL HEARING BY MAIL**

1. READ AND SIGN THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

"I request a trial/hearing to contest the charge(s) indicated below. I enter my plea of not guilty/responsible. I understand I am giving up my option of attending a Defensive Driving Program. I understand I may voluntarily enclose a bond (cashier's check or money order) equal to the fine/sanction, which will be forfeited should I fail to appear for my hearing/trial. I further understand that the bond/forfeiture will relieve me of the possibility of the court assessing additional monetary sanctions, issuing a suspension of my Driver's license, or a warrant for my arrest should I fail to appear for trial/hearing."

SIGN HERE X: _____

BOND: IS _____ IS NOT _____ ENCLOSED.

2. **WRITE** the complaint number, located at the top left corner of the citation on the line below.

3. **ENTER** the Violation Code(s) for which you are requesting a hearing:

4. PRINT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

NAME: _____
(As it appears on the citation)

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

DAYTIME PHONE #: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

5. **TAKE** this page, place it with your bond (cashier's check or money order only) and a copy of your citation in the envelope provided and mail to the Court.

6. **MAIL** the envelope at least 5 working days before the court date. You will be notified by mail of a trial hearing date.

7. **CHECK ONE:** I will be represented by a lawyer.
 I will not be represented by a lawyer.

IMPORTANT:

If you don't receive a court date within 10 days after mailing in a request for a trial/hearing, call the Court.

You must appear on the date assigned and be prepared to present evidence and/or examine witnesses before the Judge.

OPTION 3

1. **READ & SIGN THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:**
"I waive my right to a trial hearing and enter a plea of responsible."

SIGN HERE X: _____

2. **WRITE** the complaint number, located at the top left corner of the citation on the line below.

3. **MATCH** the Violation Code(s) on the COMPLAINT to the codes listed on the BOND SCHEDULE in order to determine amount owed. If code is not listed on bond schedule, please contact the Court.

4. PRINT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

NAME: _____
(As it appears on your citation)

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

DAYTIME PHONE #: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

5. **MAIL** this page along with a copy of your citation, in the envelope provided, to the Court at least 5 working days prior to your court date.

Circle the charge(s) being paid, enter amount for each charge and fee, then total in the space below.

CHARGE#

- 1A = \$ _____
- 2B = \$ _____
- 3C = \$ _____
- 4D = \$ _____
- 5E = \$ _____

(\$20.00 Time Payment fee if applicable) \$ _____

TOTAL DUE = \$ _____

METHOD OF PAYMENT (Cash not accepted by mail)

CHECK ONE:

- CASHIER'S CHECK
- MONEY ORDER

NO PERSONAL CHECKS ACCEPTED!