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Via U.S. Mail

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Dear Brian:

I am following up on our conversation to thank you again for your consideration of National Safety Commission's publication of information related to the DMV Handbook.

We realize that the Director and you are very busy and appreciate the time that both of you took to consider our request. As I understand our conversation, the National Safety Commission may paraphrase and reword the DMV Handbook, but may not directly copy text from the Handbook in their publication.

Please let me know if my understanding is correct.

Best regards,



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cc: George Valverde
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March 13, 2006

Debra E. Deardourff
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Dear Ms. Deardourff:

I am responding to your letter dated March 9, 2006, requesting that the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) grant permission to the National Safety Commission, Inc. to print and distribute the contents of the *California Driver Handbook*.

Copyright law prohibits the commercial distribution, display or derivative work without the written permission of the copyright owner. The Department is not able to give you any of its rights under the copyright law regarding the *California Driver Handbook*. This means that you do not have permission to prepare or commercially distribute copies of the Department's *California Driver Handbook*. You may paraphrase the *California Driver Handbook* to develop a handbook of your own, but you may not infer that the DMV has approved your publication and you may not use the California State Seal or the DMV logo.

I applaud your organization's attempt to provide increased consumer awareness of important safety issues through education and outreach programs. The Department of Motor Vehicles wishes your organization success in its' endeavors.

If you need further assistance, please contact me at the address noted above.

Sincerely,


SUSAN MCBRIDE, Chief

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Re: Permission to Copy the State of California's Driver Handbook

Dear Madam and/or Sir:

Holland & Knight LLP represents the National Safety Commission, Inc. ("NSC"). NSC is one of the largest providers of online driver education in the country providing safety training to over 300,000 students each year. NSC has partnered with the United States Secretary of Transportation to increase consumer awareness of important safety issues through education and outreach programs.

Now, the NSC intends to create a Safety Publication for the State of California which will include the state's Driver Handbook contents and distribute it to thousands of consumers at no charge. This will likely impact your Department in two ways by (1) reducing the number of handbooks that will need to be printed since many consumers will already have a copy and (2) reduce lines at Driver's License offices since the number of consumers who are there to simply pick up a handbook will be significantly reduced. This publication will be distributed in early 2007, however, in order to ensure compliance with federal copyright laws, the NSC is seeking permission to copy your Driver Handbook for its safety publication.

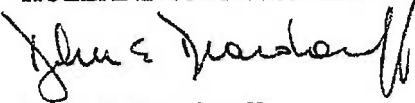
Thus, the NSC seeks permission to copy the State of California's Driver Handbook. Please sign this letter as an acknowledgement of the NSC's permission to copy the State of California's most recent Driver Handbook.

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If possible, we would greatly appreciate to have permission granted by March 24, 2006. For your convenience, a pre-paid Federal Express envelope has been included. Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at (813) 227-6356.

Sincerely,

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Debra E. Deardourff

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On behalf of the State of California, we grant National Safety Commission, Inc. permission to copy the State of California's Driver Handbook.

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