



RESTORATIVE TRAFFIC CIRCLES

WHAT IS IT? Restorative Traffic Circles (RTC) provide young people (ages 20 and under) with serious traffic infractions and misdemeanors in **Fort Collins Municipal Court**, with an option to deal with their charge in a meaningful way.

HOW DOES IT WORK? Cases are referred by the City of Fort Collins Prosecutor's Office. You must contact probation staff within seven days and schedule an intake meeting. At the intake meeting, our probation staff will explain the RTC Program to you and your parent/support person and determine if RTC is a good fit for you. If you decide to participate in the program, you will complete the necessary forms and sign up for Circle #1. If you are under the age of 18, we require a parent/guardian in attendance at all meetings.

CIRCLE #1 - consists of 3 parts and will take approximately 3 hours.

Impact- You and your parent/support person will listen to an educational presentation provided by a panel of speakers who have been impacted by traffic offenses. Guests may include parents, community members impacted by the traffic offenses, law enforcement, fire department, insurance companies, etc. You may also hear other youth speak about how traffic violations have affected them, their peers, and their families.

Accountability – You and your parent/support person then will meet in a small group to talk about the incident you were involved in and how it affected you, your family, and your community. This group will be facilitated by trained facilitators. The group will also include community members and other youth with traffic offenses and their parents.

Action Plan - When the small group is complete, you and your parent/support person will create a personalized action plan to address the impact your traffic incident had on yourself, family, and community. The Action Plan must be approved by probation staff. The contract consists of 20 "restorative hours," including eight hours community service.

CIRCLE #2: Completion Circle - will take approximately one hour.

About one to two months after Circle #1, you will return to the RTC Program with your completed Action Plan items. You will meet with probation staff to review your Action Plan and provide verification of items completed. If your completed items are approved, probation staff will notify the City Prosecutor's Office. If your items are not approved, you may be given a short extension to complete them, or you may need to return to Court.

Not guilty: If you believe you are not guilty, RTC will not be a good fit. To participate, you must acknowledge your part in the incident.

BY PARTICIPATING IN THE RTC PROGRAM, YOU CAN:

- Learn how unsafe driving affects you, those around you, and the community
- Repair the harm caused by the incident in a meaningful way
- Make choices about the consequences of your actions
- Have points and/or fines reduced, depending on your agreement with the Prosecutor

FOR MORE INFORMATION about Restorative Traffic Circles, please contact Fort Collins Municipal Court Probation at (970) 416-8003.

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