

# COACHING THE VAN DRIVER



**"Driving to save lives, time, and money in spite of the conditions around you and the actions of others."**

## Why are 15-passenger vans different?

- **Designed for cargo, not people.**
- **High degree of roll-over accidents with a 70 % fatality rate.**
- **Precious cargo on board. The more people, the greater risk.**
- **Most drivers are used to driving something else.**

The National Safety Council's Coaching the Van Driver II course is now available at no cost to IHL member institutions. Recognizing that vans are longer, taller, wider, heavier and react differently than passenger cars, drivers are trained to compensate for these differences which can help keep them on the road and on the job. Emphasis is on 15-passenger vans. University policies and procedures are easily incorporated into the class.

Through multi-media presentation, discussion and actual behind-the-wheel demonstration, students will learn about:

- **Vehicle Characteristics**
- **Pre-Trip Inspections**
- **Situational Awareness**
- **Driving Skills**
- **Special Hazards such as backing, parking, cell phones, blind spots**
- **City, Highway and Rural Conditions**
- **Passenger and Cargo Loading**

Students will receive a 32 page booklet and a certificate upon successful completion of the written and practical exams.

**Classes of up to 10 people can be scheduled by contacting Andy Taylor at:** [attaylor@ihl.state.ms.us](mailto:attaylor@ihl.state.ms.us) or 601-432-6659. To allow adequate time for student involvement, 5 hours should be scheduled.