Zone Control Tree of Space Management Habits

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Car crashes result from a mismanagement of space.

In order to help drivers avoid crashes over a lifetime of driving, there must be a well orchestrated plan for the development and nurturing of space management habits.

We will compare space management habits to a fruit-bearing tree.
The Zone Control Tree of Space Management

Avoid Crashes

The fruits we want our tree to bear are stress-free, crash-prevention, lifelong space management habits.
These are the major limbs of our tree.
These are the major branches.
The Ten Empowering Habits are the fruits that our tree bears.
10 EMPOWERING HABITS
To Avoid Crashes Drivers Need Lifelong Habits

1. Establish Driver-Vehicle Readiness
2. Keep the car in Balance
3. See Path Before Putting the Car in Motion
4. Use Reference Points
5. Do the LOS-POT Eye/Brain Dance
6. Turn Decisions into Zone Controlled Actions
7. Search Left, Front, Right Zones
   Before Entering Intersections
8. Get Rear Zone Control
9. Get Control With a Vehicle in Front
10. Interact Courteously with others

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE 10 HABITS GO TO:
http://www.armemorial.org/empoweringbehaviors.html
The ABC Steps of the Zone Control System create the trunk of our tree.
The Application of the Zone Control System becomes the main tap roots for our tree.
The behavioral patterns for each of the Ten Habits become secondary tree roots. Listed below are behaviors for habits 3, 1 and 2.

3.1 See path you intend to use is clear.
3.2 Turn head in direction of intended path before turning wheel.
3.3 Use Transition Pegs

1.1 Driver Fitness, Safety Belts On
1.2 Doors Locked, Windows Up
1.3 Headlights On

2.1 Make Smooth Starts
2.2 Make Smooth Stops
2.3 Make Smooth Steering Actions
In order for the tree to grow and bear fruit, it depends upon its root system.

Especially important are the root-hairs that absorb minerals and nurture the tree.
The supporting skills and behavioral patterns for each of the Ten Habits are like root-hairs that nurture the habit. Shown are partial behaviors for habit 3.

- Target Identification
- Selection of Target
- See Target with Central Vision
- See Vehicle to Target with Fringe Vision
- Looking into Turns
- Identify Targeting Path

Without this level of support the habits cannot flourish!
The supporting skills and behavioral patterns for each of the Ten Habits are like root-hairs that nurture the habit. Shown are partial behaviors for habit 1.

- Driver Physical Condition
- Driver Physiological Condition
- Driver Emotional Condition
- Approaching the Vehicle
- Opening the Door
- After Entering the Car
- Facts about Safety Belt Usage
- Butt In Seating Position
- Orientation to Vehicle Controls
- Turning Headlights On
The supporting skills and behavioral patterns for each of the Ten Habits are like root-hairs that nurture the habit. Shown are partial behaviors for habit 2.

- Putting the Car in Motion
  Shift Usage
- Inching the Car
  Control speed with brake
  Move inch-by-inch
- Creeping the Car
  Up and Down grades
- Acceleration Control
  Idle speed movement
  Keep steady speed
- Braking Control
- Use of Steering
- Use Transition Pegs for Smooth Transfer of Forces
- Recovery of Steering Wheel
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Imagine how difficult it would be for a tree to survive if it was merely planted and never thereafter to receive any water or sunlight.

If our Tree of Space Management is to last a lifetime we need to have well established roots and feed them on a regular basis.

The goal of the our Risk Prevention Curriculum is to plant habits and help the driver feed them on a regular basis.
A tree is only as strong and productive as its root system.

A driver is only as good as his/her foundation of habits.
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Whether the tree is barren or productive depends upon the care and nurture it is given.

To supplement the Driver Risk Prevention Curriculum Teachers, Students and Drivers can be nurtured on a regular basis by subscribing to the free Zone Control Digest.

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