

## **Austin Attorney Urges Texans to #Endthestreak**

Chip Evans, whose practice includes representation of those harmed in motor vehicle accidents, reminds drivers that following some simple safety tips can save lives – including their own.

Austin, TX (<u>PRWEB</u>) February 20, 2016 -- Leading Central Texas personal injury lawyer Chip Evans is concerned about the Lone Star State's alarming trend having of at least one traffic fatality on Texas roads every day for the last 15 years straight.

"We all know everything is bigger in Texas," commented Evans. "But the huge number of lives lost on our roads is not the kind of excess we want to be known for. That's a minimum of 5,478 vehicle accident fatalities within the same number of days. Statistics from the Texas Department of Transportation estimate that the actual number of deaths is much, much higher – 50,000. That's a lot of loved ones that never come home."

Traffic fatalities, injuries and costs are up nationwide. The National Safety Council reports that nearly 19,000 people were killed in car wrecks between January and June last year, which was a 14 percent increase over the same period in 2014. The first half of 2015 also saw a 30 percent increase in serious injuries and a 24 percent increase in costs from crashes. KXAN-TV in Austin reports a new record for motor vehicle fatalities in that city.

"It's hard to qualify this as anything other than an epidemic," Evans noted. "Of course, accidents happen, and it's impossible to prevent them all, but there are some simple things that every driver can do to help reduce the risk and end the streak of daily deaths. First and foremost, don't drink and drive. It's distressing that with all the information out there about this dangerous behavior, people still drive while intoxicated. It's inexcusable that around 1,000 deaths annually in Texas are attributable to drunk driving, according to the <u>Texas Department of Transportation</u>. Another big problem is distracted driving, so please, put your phone down when you're behind the wheel."

Also advisable for safe travel is buckling up your seatbelt, not speeding, leaving adequate stopping distance, and keeping your vehicle properly maintained. "This is everyone's problem," remarked Evans. "We ask all Texans to make a few adjustments in their driving for safety's sake and to encourage others to do the same. Ending the streak is up to us, and it's long overdue."

## About the Evans Law Firm

Chip Evans has spent almost two decades protecting the interests of injury and accident victims. He is the owner and lead lawyer at <u>The Evans Law Firm</u>, which has several convenient locations across Texas, including Austin, San Antonio, Dallas, and Houston. Known for personalized legal assistance, the firm aims to make each client feel that their case is a priority. For more information or to get help with a potential claim, call 1-855-414-1012.



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