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UPCOMING EVENTS



Ryan and Susan Gatti Invite You

GOOD FRIDAY CRAWFISH BOIL

FRIDAY, APRIL 18TH 2025
FROM 11:30-1:30
AT THE STABLE

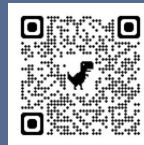


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We're excited to announce that our Annual Crawfish Boil is will take place on **Good Friday, April 18th**, and we're thrilled to invite you to join us for a day of food, fun, and fellowship.

While the event is free, we encourage guests to consider bringing a **gift card donation** to support local foster parents in our community. Your contribution will make a meaningful difference to families caring for children in need.

We hope to see you there!

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF SERVICE - HAPPY NEW YEAR!



This New Year is extra special for us as 2025 marks 25 years of the Ryan E. Gatti Law Firm. We've had the privilege of standing beside countless clients, advocating for justice, and making a meaningful impact in our community. We are deeply grateful for the trust, support, and relationships that have made this milestone possible. Whether you've been a client, colleague, or friend of the firm, you've played a vital role in our journey, and we can't thank you enough for being part of it.

As we reflect on the past 25 years, we are reminded of why we do what we do: to serve, to protect, and to fight for what's right. This anniversary is not just a celebration of our achievements but also a recommitment to the values that have guided us since day one. As we celebrate this milestone, we look forward to continuing our mission with the same dedication and care. Here's to a bright and prosperous New Year—and to the next 25 years together!

GATTI'S TOP FIVE

WAYS TO REDUCE CAR ACCIDENTS

After 25 years of helping our community through some of the toughest times, we've seen firsthand how small actions can prevent big accidents.

Here are Gatti's **Top Five ways** to reduce your chances of being in a crash this holiday season.

And if you do end up in a crash, call us at (318) 752-1012—we're here to help.

1 DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE

This holiday season, making smart choices is more important than ever. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), nearly 30% of all traffic-related deaths in the U.S. each year are caused by impaired drivers. During the holiday season, this risk increases, with festive celebrations often leading to an uptick in alcohol consumption.

2 PAUSE BEFORE PROCEEDING AT GREEN LIGHTS

If you're the first car at a red light, wait three seconds after it turns green before moving forward. This simple pause can eliminate 90% of "ran red light" injuries. There's no need to race like a dragster—safety comes first.

3 GET ENOUGH SLEEP

We all know how important sleep is for our overall health, but did you know that sleep deprivation can impair your driving just as much as alcohol? Studies show that being awake for 18 hours or more can impair your reaction time, judgment, and decision-making.

4 AVOID CONGESTED ROUTES

High-traffic routes like Interstate 20 and Airline Drive are prone to congestion, accidents, and delays, which increase the likelihood of collisions. In these areas, drivers often experience frustration, distraction, and impatience—leading to higher risks on the road.

5 MINIMIZE LEFT TURNS

According to traffic studies, left turns are involved in a disproportionate number of collisions, often resulting in serious accidents. To reduce your risk, plan your routes around right turns whenever possible. Right turns are typically safer because they allow you to avoid crossing into oncoming traffic.

DECEMBER: NATIONAL IMPAIRED DRIVING PREVENTION MONTH

While alcohol is a well-known cause of impaired driving, other factors can also compromise a driver's ability to operate a vehicle safely. Drugs — including opioids, marijuana, and some over-the-counter medications — can impair driving by causing drowsiness, altering vision, and affecting judgment or motor skills. Fatigue and stress are additional factors that can significantly impact driving performance.

Drivers should avoid getting behind the wheel when affected by any of these impairments, just as they would if they had been drinking. To learn more about the various causes of impairment and how to stay safe, visit nsc.org/impaired.

Impaired drivers often display erratic behavior that signals their inability to operate a vehicle safely.

Look out for:

- **Weaving or Swerving:** Frequent drifting between lanes or onto the shoulder.
- **Delayed Reactions:** Hesitation at traffic signals, such as failing to move when the light turns green.
- **Excessive Speed or Slow Driving:** Driving significantly over or under the speed limit without apparent reason.
- **Wide Turns:** Difficulty maintaining control during turns, resulting in overly wide or unsafe maneuvers.
- **Tailgating or Erratic Distance Control:** Inability to maintain a safe following distance.
- **Driving Without Headlights at Night:** Forgetting to use headlights after dark, a common mistake among impaired drivers.