



Cowboy Law Group Releases Educational Guide on 2025 Texas DWI Law Changes Affecting The Woodlands Residents

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Cowboy Law Group has published a comprehensive educational resource addressing significant changes to Texas DWI laws that took effect September 1, 2025, and their implications for residents of The Woodlands and Montgomery County facing drunk driving charges.

The new legislation includes Senate Bill 826, which elevates DWI offenses occurring in school crossing zones from misdemeanors to state jail felonies. Senate Bill 1886 grants peace officers expanded authority to execute blood draw warrants across county lines, strengthening evidence collection capabilities. Additionally, Senate Bill 745 upgrades intoxication manslaughter cases involving multiple fatalities from second-degree to first-degree felonies, increasing potential sentences from 2-20 years to 5-99 years in prison.

These legislative changes coincide with Montgomery County's aggressive No Refusal Program, which operates on weekends, holidays, and select dates. The program enables prosecutors to obtain blood draw

warrants from on-call judges within minutes of a DWI arrest, even when suspects refuse breath tests. During the 2025 Labor Day enforcement initiative alone, Montgomery County recorded 60 DWI arrests, including four felony cases.

"The September 2025 legislative changes have fundamentally altered the DWI defense landscape in Montgomery County," said Chris Warren, attorney at Cowboy Law Group. "What once might have been handled as a misdemeanor can now result in felony prosecution, particularly for offenses in school zones. Understanding these changes and the critical 15-day Administrative License Revocation hearing deadline is essential for anyone facing DWI charges."

Montgomery County consistently ranks among the deadliest counties in Texas for roadway fatalities, with DWI remaining the most frequently committed crime according to the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office. First-time DWI offenses with a blood alcohol concentration of 0.08% or higher remain Class B misdemeanors, carrying fines up to \$2,000, jail time from 72 hours to 180 days, and license suspension from 90 days to one year. However, DWI cases with BAC levels of 0.15% or higher are classified as Class A misdemeanors with enhanced penalties.

The educational resource developed by Cowboy Law Group The Woodlands DWI lawyer team examines how the expanded cross-county blood draw warrant authority affects evidence collection and defense strategies. The guide also addresses the implications of Montgomery County's No Refusal infrastructure on defense options and constitutional protections.

Individuals charged with DWI in Montgomery County face immediate consequences, including potential license suspension if they fail to request an Administrative License Revocation hearing within 15 days of arrest. Missing this deadline results in automatic license suspension, regardless of the criminal case outcome. The Woodlands DWI lawyer professionals at the firm emphasize the importance of understanding these time-sensitive requirements and the enhanced penalties now in effect.

Cowboy Law Group is a criminal defense law firm serving clients in The Woodlands, Montgomery County, and surrounding Houston-area communities. The firm's attorneys ? Chris H. Warren, Brian C. Burns, and J. Paxton Adams ? handle DWI defense, drug crimes, assault, gun charges, federal criminal charges, juvenile crime, and related matters. Cowboy Law Group offers free case reviews and provides representation in both English and Spanish.

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