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## Monthly Business Meetings

The next regularly scheduled meeting for the association will be on November 6<sup>th</sup>, at the AAA Complex, 700 Horizon Drive, Hamilton Township (Mercer County) starting at 10:00 AM.

There will be an executive board meeting at 0900 hours prior to the regular business meeting on November 6<sup>th</sup>.

## President's Message

Drowsy Driving Prevention Week, sponsored by the National Sleep Foundation, will be November 3-10, 2019. New Jersey boasts stringent laws concerning drowsy driving, by specifically including drowsy driving as part of our Death by Auto statute. As the holiday season approaches, so does increased traffic and time on the roads. Remain vigilant for drowsy drivers.

Nominations for elected office will be accepted up to and including the November meeting. Nominations may be made from the floor during the "New Business" portion of the meeting. Please consider running for office if you are interested.

Thanks, stay safe,  
Nick

## NJPTOA Elections for 2020

This is an election year for our association. Pursuant to the bylaws, a nominating committee has been established and will seek out members who wish to run for elected office. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the November meeting.

To be eligible for an elected office, a candidate must be from an Active member department in good standing for at least the past three (3) years including the year of the election. Candidates must also have attended at least 5 meetings per year during the same time period.

If you are interested in running for office, please contact one of the following:

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## Drowsy Driving Prevention Week

November 3-10, 2019 is Drowsy Driving Prevention Week. National Sleep Foundation's annual campaign aims to reduce the number of drivers who drive while sleep deprived.

NSF's annual campaign goal is to reduce the number of drivers who elect to drive while sleep deprived. Drowsy driving is responsible for more than 6,400 U.S. deaths annually. Fall asleep crashes are often caused by voluntarily not getting the sleep you need. Millions of Americans also experience excessive sleepiness as a result of sleep disorders, such as obstructive sleep apnea and narcolepsy. NSF encourages everyone to prioritize sleep and drive when alert and refreshed.

NSF is joined in this year's campaign by UPS. UPS is committed to safe driving and road safety and will be launching special efforts during the week. NSF invites transportation, safety and hospitality companies to promote drowsy driving prevention November 3 to 10.

### About the National Sleep Foundation

The NSF is dedicated to improving health and well-being through sleep education and advocacy. Founded in 1990, the NSF is committed to advancing excellence in sleep health theory, research and practice.



## Updates from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety

### NJDHTS Grant Workshops for 2020

#### Dates and Locations:

Tuesday, January 7, 2020	Middlesex County Fire Academy, Sayreville, NJ
Wednesday, January 8, 2020	Morris County Police Academy, Parsippany, NJ
Thursday, January 9, 2020	Anthony Canale Training Academy, Egg Harbor Twp., NJ

Start time is 8:30am.

The New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety is presenting a one-day workshop at three locations for potential and current 12-month highway safety grantees using funds from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. There is no charge to attend the workshop.

This workshop will emphasize the requirement from NHTSA that all projects be data driven, quantified, and measurable by developing proper problem identification, reasonable goals and objectives, methodology, and evaluation plans. The SAGE application process will be reviewed, but note that THIS IS NOT SAGE TRAINING.

To register for any of the above dates, or if you have any questions, please contact: Ed O'Connor at (609) 376-9708 or [Edward.OConnor@njoag.gov](mailto:Edward.OConnor@njoag.gov)

## NJDHTS Crash Analysis Tool - Demonstration

NJDHTS has developed a Crash Analysis Tool, which is a powerful analysis tool designed to allow police officers, engineers, planners, designers, and municipal executives to perform analysis, reporting, and crash data review in one streamlined, easy to use platform. The tool allows merging of multiple data sets including crash data, roadway data, and various safety layers for a seamless experience, referencing data from various sources and using it to make data-driven decisions regarding roadway safety. The tool includes the ability to quickly identify crash patterns, drill down within the data and analyze segments at varying levels

They are offering training demonstrations which provide an overview of the Crash Analysis Tool and how to use it. The training is three hours and will provide for a brief demonstration of the tool, as well as one-on-one assistance to create and save queries for future use.

Dates: November 13, 2019 or December 11, 2019  
Location: Rutgers CAIT Computer Lab (1st Floor), 100 Brett Road, Piscataway  
Times: 8:00 am – 11:00 am  
Cost: Free

To register or for questions, contact:

Joseph Weiss, Transportation Safety Analyst at (609) 376 9667 or email [Joseph.Weiss@njoag.gov](mailto:Joseph.Weiss@njoag.gov)

[Click here to download the training flyer](#)

## New Jersey Traffic Safety Summit 2020

NJDHTS is in the planning stages for a statewide Traffic Safety Summit for the year 2020. Some of the topics they are considering include:

- DRE exams
- DRE availability
- Drugged driving
- Marijuana and DWI
- Crash statistics
- NJTR-1 electronic data transfer
- Improved crash report accuracy
- Using grants and personnel most effectively for traffic safety
- Pedestrian countermeasures
- Autonomous vehicles
- Law Enforcement attitudes about traffic enforcement

They are looking for input on these and ideas aimed at other possible topics from members of our Association. If you have an idea for a topic or can help out with one of those listed, please contact Tomi-Anne Raue, Manager of Special Projects at Division of Highway Traffic Safety at 609-376-9712 or email [Tomi-Anne.Raue@njoag.gov](mailto:Tomi-Anne.Raue@njoag.gov)



## Updates from the New Jersey State Police

### Fatal Accident Investigation Unit

Below is fatal crash data for the state as of October 31, 2019

FATAL CRASHES			FATALITIES	
2019	446		2019	475
2018	429		2018	461
2017	475		2017	503

Difference in Fatalities from 2018 to 2019 = increase of 14  
Percentage of change between 2018 and 2019 = + 3.0%

Difference in Fatalities from 2017 to 2018 = decrease of 42  
Percentage of change between 2017 and 2018 = - 8.3%

[Click here for more details from the NJSP Fatal Accident Unit](#)



## Updates from AAA Clubs & Foundation for Traffic Safety



### VULNERABLE ROAD USERS Prevalence and Timing of Driver Licensing Among Young Adults, United States, 2019

**October 2019**

Obtaining a driver's license was once widely regarded as a "rite of passage" for teenagers in the US. However, only 36% of young people surveyed in 2012 by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety reported having obtained their first driver's license at or before the age of 16 and only 54% reported having done so before they turned 18.

At that time, it was not clear whether the apparent decrease in teen licensing was a temporary effect of the Great Recession of 2007–2009 or whether the prevalence of teen driver licensure would remain at that level.

To investigate this phenomenon, the AAA Foundation in 2019 surveyed a nationally-representative sample of 1,402 young adults ages 18–24 to estimate the proportion of young adults nationwide who possess a driver's license, the ages at which they first obtained their license, and factors associated with the timing of licensure.

Results show a slight increase, an estimated 41% received their first driver's license at or before age 16. But the numbers varied after that, 19% obtained a license at age 17, and 28% at age 18 or older.

This Research Brief presents current, detailed information on the prevalence and timing of licensure among young adults ages 18–24 in relation to demographic characteristics and other factors.

[Click here to download the full 9-page brief](#)



## 2018 Traffic Safety Culture Index

This annual Traffic Safety Culture Index (TSCI), a nationally representative survey, has been conducted to identify and assess key indicators regarding American drivers' attitudes toward and behaviors regarding traffic safety, since 2008.

### *June 2019*

For the last decade, the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety has been conducting the annual Traffic Safety Culture Index (TSCI), a nationally representative survey. In 2018, the questionnaire was revamped to include more measures such as perceived danger, risk of arrest, personal and perceived social approval of risky driving, support for laws and policies designed to curtail these behaviors, and self-reported engagement in these behaviors.

The 2018 TSCI reveals that American drivers value traveling safely and support strengthened laws that promote safer roads. They perceive distracted, drowsy, aggressive and impaired driving as dangerous. However, similar to years prior, this year's survey highlights the discordance between drivers' attitudes and their behaviors. For example, many drivers noted the serious dangers associated with holding and talking on cellphones while driving but admitted to having done so in the past month. Listed below are some highlights of the Index.

#### **Distracted Driving**

- More than 95% of drivers view reading or typing a text/email on a hand-held cellphone while driving to be very or extremely dangerous.
- More than 79% consider talking on a hand-held cellphone while driving to be very or extremely dangerous.
- Over 17% of drivers personally approve of talking on a hand-held cellphone while driving.
- A majority of drivers support laws restricting distracted driving, with almost 75% supporting a law against holding and talking on a cellphone,
- About 88% supporting a law against reading, typing, or sending a text or email while driving.
- More than 52% of drivers report having driven while talking on a hand-held cellphone at least once in the past 30 days.
- 32 % to 41% report engaging in distracted driving by typing a text/email or reading on a hand-held cellphone while driving.

#### **Risky and Aggressive Driving Behaviors**

- 54.2% of drivers indicate that speeding on a freeway is dangerous.
- 64% of drivers perceived speeding on a residential street as dangerous.
- Nearly 66% of respondents felt that the police would catch a person driving 15 miles per hour over the speed limit on a freeway, yet almost 50% reported having done so in the past 30 days.
- Over 85% of drivers consider speeding through a red light to be very or extremely dangerous, and 55% felt that the police would catch a driver for running a red light.

#### **Drowsy Driving**

- Over 96% of drivers identify drowsy driving as very or extremely dangerous.
- Less than 2% of drivers personally approve of drowsy driving.
- About 27% of drivers admitted to having driven while being so tired that they had a hard time keeping their eyes open at least once in the past 30 days.

## Impaired Driving

- 95% of drivers perceive driving after drinking as very or extremely dangerous. Almost 11% admitted to having done so in the past 30 days.
- 70% of respondents consider driving shortly (within an hour) after using marijuana to be very or extremely dangerous. Over 7% of drivers personally approve of driving shortly after using marijuana.
- 87% of drivers indicated driving after using potentially impairing prescription drugs as very or extremely dangerous.
- About 45% of drivers consider that a person driving after using potentially impairing prescription drugs would be likely to be caught by the police.
- Over 81% of respondents support laws making it illegal to drive with a certain amount of marijuana in your system.
- 76% of respondents support laws preventing the transport of a minor by a driver who has had any alcohol.

[Click here to download the full AAA 2018 traffic safety culture index](#)



## [Updates from the Office of the New Jersey Attorney General](#)

### **Governor Murphy Delivers Keynote Address at Resiliency Summit Promoting Mental Health in the Law Enforcement Community**

Governor Murphy delivered the keynote address at the first ever Resiliency Summit promoting mental health in the law enforcement community. At the summit, Governor Murphy presented Attorney General Gurbir Grewal with a proclamation declaring October 10th to be New Jersey Law Enforcement Resiliency Day.

“Our men and women in uniform make sacrifices – big and small – every day to keep the people of New Jersey safe,” said Governor Murphy. “In turn, we owe them the support they need to excel in both their professional and personal lives. Promoting mental health and preventing suicides within the law enforcement community is a critical step in ensuring that our officers and their families are prepared to deal with stresses experienced on the job. No one should ever suffer alone in silence.”



### **AG Grewal Announces \$6 Million in Grants to Establish Four Trauma Recovery Centers Offering Comprehensive Services to Underserved Crime Victims**

*Initiative will replicate proven UC San Francisco Trauma Recovery Center Model*

Nov 1, 2019

TRENTON – Attorney General Gurbir S. Grewal today announced that the Attorney General’s Office is offering \$6 million in federal Victims of Crime Act (“VOCA”) funding to qualified applicants to establish up to four Trauma

Recovery Centers, which will provide comprehensive mental health and support services to heal and assist crime victims in vulnerable, underserved populations that have historically been difficult to reach.

Each applicant seeking to establish one of the four demonstration sites for the New Jersey Trauma Recovery Center Program may apply for up to \$1.5 million in VOCA funds. The grants will fund the centers for 16 months from Jan. 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021. Each Trauma Recovery Center (“TRC”) must use the proven University of California San Francisco Trauma Recovery Center model. The Attorney General’s Office has secured the services of the founder of that model, Dr. Alicia Boccellari, Ph.D., Director of Special Programs at the UC San Francisco Trauma Recovery Center, to provide training and technical assistance to all selected grantees.

The TRC model recognizes that many crime victims do not receive the comprehensive post-trauma treatment and mental health services needed to heal their emotional and physical wounds, particularly if they are members of vulnerable populations, such as the homeless, the chronically mentally ill, the disabled, LGBTQ people, people of color, members of immigrant and refugee groups, those living in poverty, and juvenile victims, including those who have had contact with the juvenile dependency or juvenile justice system.

“Trauma Recovery Centers are a crucial component of supporting victims of crime,” said Governor Phil Murphy. “Establishing these centers in New Jersey will help victims heal emotional and mental wounds that last far beyond any of the physical impacts of violence. This proven and tested model will be integral to our efforts in helping those that are underserved.”

“Victims of violence suffer devastating physical and emotional wounds, and far too many go without the treatment and support they need to heal because of cultural, economic, and personal barriers,” said Attorney General Grewal. “The costs to victims and society of this untreated trauma are tremendous, in terms of risk of re-victimization, mental health issues, medical costs, and loss of wages and stable housing. With the New Jersey Trauma Recovery Center Program, we are implementing a model that has a proven track record of helping the most vulnerable victims to heal and gain control of their lives. Through this program, we will reduce cycles of violence and promote public safety.”

“There’s a wise saying that hurt people hurt people, and healed people heal people,” said Elizabeth E. Ruebman, who was appointed by the Attorney General to review and strengthen victims services statewide. “This program is an investment in healing and hope. Our goal with these Trauma Recovery Centers is to use VOCA funds to address the lack of affordable, culturally appropriate clinical and healing services in those communities that are most harmed by violence.”

Eligible TRC grant applicants must provide a staff of clinicians, including a clinical director, at least one social worker, at least one licensed psychologist, and at least one licensed psychiatrist on staff or contracted. These multidisciplinary teams will engage in aggressive outreach to offer victims comprehensive services, with case management coordinated through a single point of contact. Applicants may include a combination of public agencies, nonprofits, community and faith-based organizations, and qualified public or nonprofit colleges or universities. The Trauma Recovery Center model emphasizes an attitude of “cultural humility” on the part of TRC staff and an awareness that a victim’s culture and identity may affect his or her views on being a victim and receiving mental health treatment.

All grantees will use the UC San Francisco Trauma Recovery Center Manual, which outlines the following Core Elements of the TRC, among others:

**Assertive Outreach and Engagement with Underserved Populations.** TRCs conduct outreach and provide services to survivors of violent crime who typically are unable to access traditional services, including the vulnerable populations listed above.

**Serving Survivors of All Types of Violent Crime.** TRCs serve survivors of a range of violent crimes, including sexual assault; domestic violence; battery; crimes of violence (shootings, gang violence, and other forms of

community violence); vehicular assault; and human trafficking. They also serve family members of homicide victims.

**Comprehensive Mental Health and Support Services.** TRCs provide a variety of structured and evidence-based mental health and support services, including but not limited to crisis intervention, individual and group treatment, medication management, substance abuse treatment, and case management.

### **Multidisciplinary Team of Clinicians.**

**Clinical Case Management.** Assertive case management includes, among other things, accompanying clients to court proceedings and medical appointments; assistance in filing of applications to the Victims of Crime Compensation Board; filing of police reports; assistance with obtaining safe housing and financial entitlements; linkages to medical care; providing assistance securing employment; and acting as liaison to other community agencies, law enforcement, and support service providers.

**Use of Trauma-Informed, Evidence-Based Practices.** Approved practices include but are not limited to Motivational Interviewing, Seeking Safety, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Dialectical Behavior Therapy, and Cognitive Processing Therapy.

The Notice of Available Funds for the New Jersey Trauma Recovery Center Program is posted on the Attorney General's website at this link: [www.nj.gov/oag/grants.htm](http://www.nj.gov/oag/grants.htm)

The TRCs that will be established under the New Jersey Trauma Recovery Center Program will complement Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Programs, Family Justice Centers, and other victim services programs already established or being launched in New Jersey.

In September, Attorney General Grewal announced \$20 million in VOCA funding to establish nine new hospital-based or hospital linked violence intervention programs across New Jersey. Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Programs (HVIPs) reach victims of gun violence and others touched by violence right at the time of crisis and are proven to reduce repeat injury. They seek to leverage the trauma and its aftermath as a teachable moment, when medical treatment and recovery services can be combined with education, counseling, social services, and case management to change attitudes about guns and violence in a way that can prevent future involvement in violence. The New Jersey Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Program (NJHVIP) will serve to link hospitals and other medical facilities with community-based organizations that are working to assist victims and reduce violence.



## [Updates from NJ Civil Service Commission](#)



## **Statewide Domestic Violence Policy (DVP) for Public Employers**

Domestic Violence Policy for all Public Employers (P.L. 2017, c. 272) which was approved in January 2019, requires that the Civil Service Commission develop a uniform domestic violence policy for all public employers regardless if they fall under Civil Service or not. A "Public employer" is defined in the law as the State of New Jersey and any county, municipality, school district, or other political subdivision thereof, and any agency, authority, or instrumentality of the foregoing. The public employer must adopt and distribute this policy to their employees.



On Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> the Civil Service Commission announced the new Statewide Domestic Violence Policy (DVP) for Public Employers. The policy is for all public employers and covers all employees including seasonal, interns, volunteers and temporary employees at any workplace.

The law does permit a public employer to modify the uniform domestic violence policy to fit their unique circumstances, but modifications may not conflict with the requirements of the law.

The commission and the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs shall distribute the uniform domestic violence policy, and any modifications thereto, to public employers. The Director of the Division of Local Government Services shall release Local Finance Notices setting forth any changes to the uniform domestic violence policy, as changes occur. It is anticipated that the Division of Local Government Services will be issuing a Local Finance Notice shortly.

It is strongly suggested that your agency review the policy and Domestic Violence resources with your administrator and municipal attorney.

[Click here to download a copy of the Civil Service Comm press release](#)

[Click here to go to the Civil Service Comm website with the new DVP for Public Employers](#)



## [Updates from the New Jersey Department of Transportation](#)

### [New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Washington Win STIC Excellence Awards](#)

Nov 5, 2019

State Transportation Innovation Councils (STIC) in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Washington received 2019 [STIC Excellence Awards](#) for demonstrating success in fostering a strong culture of innovation. The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials and Federal Highway Administration collaborate on the annual award, which was presented to the winning STICs at AASHTO's annual meeting in St. Louis, MO.

The New Jersey STIC is developing a culture of innovation with broad stakeholder participation, shared metrics, and an engaged leadership. The STIC established processes to identify and move new technologies into practice, including an [online portal](#) to solicit potential ideas. The STIC also created three teams—Infrastructure Preservation, Safety, and Mobility and Operations—to champion innovations.

The STIC includes New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) communications, Local Technical Assistance Program, and research staff to promote innovations through social media, with local partners, and with the university community. A new [web page](#) features information on the STIC's [innovation initiatives](#) and a [searchable innovation database](#).

New Jersey's STIC is advancing [unmanned aerial systems](#) for bridge inspection and traffic incident monitoring, including developing guidance and specifications. To improve motorist and responder safety, the STIC is promoting the use of [crowdsourcing applications](#) to notify the public where NJDOT Safety Service Patrol vehicles are working on roadsides.

For information on the STIC Excellence Awards, contact [Sara Lowry](#) of the FHWA Center for Accelerating Innovation.

[Click here to read more](#)

## Safety Service Patrol celebrates 25th anniversary Program reduces congestion and increases mobility on our roads

Oct 31, 2019

(Trenton) - New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today celebrated the 25th Anniversary of the Safety Service Patrol (SSP).

Created in 1994, the SSP assists motorists whose vehicles have become disabled as a result of a crash, a mechanical failure or other cause, and provides safety for emergency responders. They patrol 225 linear miles of interstate and state highways throughout New Jersey, extending to over 394 miles during the winter season.



Photo courtesy of NJDOT website

“Feeling stranded on the road after a motor vehicle crash or car trouble is a nightmare scenario for many motorists,” said Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti, Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Transportation. “When motorists see an SSP truck pull up behind them they can breathe a sigh of relief because they know that they are in good hands, and that our drivers are there to help. Their hard work helps troubled motorists, avoids accidents involving stranded cars and reduces rubbernecking.”

Since its inception, this highly visible and successful program has responded to over 1.5 million incidents on NJ’s highly traveled road network. Assistance includes changing a flat tire, pushing a disabled vehicle off to the shoulder, pulling a vehicle trapped in mud or snow back onto the road, providing a small amount of gasoline and making minor repairs.

“For twenty-five years the men and women of New Jersey DOT’s Safety Service Patrol have been helping countless motorists on our highways. Each and every one of them are brave, highly capable and friendly. I am very proud to salute their selfless service and congratulate them on this wonderful anniversary,” said Andrew J. Tunnard, Assistant Commissioner of Transportation Operations Systems and Support.

“The men and women of NJDOT’s Safety Service Patrol are often called “angels” by the people they stop to help. They’re incredibly dedicated public servants who truly believe that the work they do makes a difference to the drivers of the state,” said Sal Cowan, Senior Director of Transportation Mobility.

The service is provided free of charge to the people they help and SSP drivers cannot accept tips. In addition to Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funding, State Farm® has sponsored NJDOT’s Safety Service Patrol Program since 2012 as part of a public-private partnership. This sponsorship is one of the first of its kind in New Jersey.

For more information about the Safety Service Patrol, please visit:

<http://www.state.nj.us/transportation/commuter/motoristassistance/ssp.shtm>



## **Commissioner Gutierrez-Scaccetti and District Legislators Announce Main Street/Route 71 Streetscape project in Asbury Park**

**Additional Federal funds allowing more work to get done**

*Oct 23, 2019*

(Trenton) - New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) Commissioner Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti, along with Senator Vin Gopal, Assemblywoman Joann Downey, and Assemblyman Eric Houghtaling, today announced the advancement of a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant to make Streetscape Improvements along Main Street/Route 71 and Deal Lake Drive in Asbury Park. This is one of 28 projects that are moving forward because of an additional \$100 million in federal funding that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) awarded to NJDOT in September.

“The Federal Highway Administration recognized the New Jersey Department of Transportation’s effectiveness in delivering projects that increase safety and make a positive difference in our communities,” NJDOT Commissioner Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti said. “That’s why they authorized an additional \$100 million this year, allowing NJDOT to advance this Main Street/Route 71 Streetscape improvements project in Asbury – allowing it to go to construction six months to a year earlier than scheduled.” In 2017 Asbury Park received a \$237,000 TAP grant to make streetscape improvements to Main Street/Route 71 from Springwood Avenue north to Deal Lake Drive and along Deal Lake Drive from Main Street to Park Avenue.

The project includes the installation of 20 benches, 112 bike racks and the planting of 116 trees. The TAP Program provides federal funds for community based "non-traditional" projects designed to strengthen the cultural, aesthetic and environmental aspects of the nation's intermodal system. The new federal funds NJDOT received in September will allow this project to go to construction approximately 6 months to a year earlier than originally scheduled, which means Asbury Park’s Main Street will have more benches and bike racks to serve the community even sooner than planned.

This project is currently in design and Asbury Park chose to utilize the NJDOT local Design Assistance consultant to advance the design, which is a service provided at NJDOT’s cost above and beyond the amount of the grant. The Design Assistance helps reduce costs, improve quality and speed the delivery of these types of Local Aid projects. “Thriving communities provide their residents and visitors with both a safe space to live and shop, and a visually stunning location in which to go about their daily lives,” said Senator Vin Gopal. “This project will invigorate Asbury Park’s commercial corridor, it will install benches and bike racks, as well as plant more than 100 trees along Main Street/Route 71. Thanks to NJDOT and this administration for advancing this project and recognizing the value of improving Asbury Park’s community.”



## **Commissioner Gutierrez-Scaccetti and District Legislators announce Safe Routes to School project in Highland Park**

**Additional Federal funds allowing more work to get done**

*Oct 23, 2019*

(Trenton) - New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) Commissioner Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti, along with Senator Patrick Diegnan, Assemblyman Robert Karabinchak and Assemblywoman Nancy Pinkin, today announced the advancement of a Safe Routes To School (SRTS) project that will improve the safety and access of sidewalks near the Irving School and the Bartle School in Highland Park.

This is one of 28 projects that are moving forward because of an additional \$100 million in federal funding that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) awarded to NJDOT in September. “The Federal Highway

Administration recognized the New Jersey Department of Transportation’s effectiveness in delivering projects that increase safety and make a positive difference in our communities,” NJDOT Commissioner Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti said. “That’s why they authorized an additional \$100 million this year, allowing NJDOT to advance this Safe Routes to School project to construction six months to a year earlier than scheduled.”

In 2017 Highland Park received a \$216,000 Safe Routes to School grant to improve the safety and access of sidewalks at 16 intersections within Highland Park near the Irving School and the Bartle School. Safe Routes to School is a federally-funded program that was created to make pedestrian safety improvements near K-8 schools to encourage children, including those with disabilities, to walk and bike to school. The new federal funds NJDOT received in September will allow this project to go to construction approximately 6 months to a year earlier than originally scheduled, which means Highland Park’s school children will have safer routes to school even sooner than planned. This project is currently in design and Highland Park chose to utilize the

NJDOT local Design Assistance consultant to advance the design, which is a service provided at NJDOT’s cost above and beyond the amount of the grant. The Design Assistance helps reduce costs, improve quality and speed the delivery of these types of Local Aid projects. “More students walking and biking means less traffic on the road and near schools, improving safety and promoting healthier kids,” added Senator Patrick Diegnan. “We are very appreciative of NJDOT for working side by side with us in this process to improve the quality of life for residents of Highland Park and other communities throughout the state.”

“I am grateful that the Department of Transportation and Federal Highway Administration have afforded Highland Park this opportunity to make the community safer, more accessible, and healthier for everyone,” Assemblywoman Pinkin said. “New Jersey is an aging state with an infrastructure that enables the region’s economic growth. This funding will help keep New Jerseyans moving.”



## Updates from New Jersey Transit

### **Governor Murphy Celebrates Milestone for Latest Class of NJ TRANSIT Locomotive Engineers**

**KEARNY** – Governor Phil Murphy and NJ TRANSIT President and CEO Kevin Corbett on October 16<sup>th</sup> recognized NJ TRANSIT’s latest locomotive engineer training class for completing their formal training. The class of seven trainees will be graduating in the upcoming weeks after they complete the final requirements and certifications necessary to become locomotive engineers with NJ TRANSIT.

“New Jersey’s future relies on a safe, properly staffed NJ TRANSIT,” **said Governor Murphy.** “The trainees here today are the critical pieces we need to get NJ TRANSIT working for commuters, our communities, and our state’s economy. I applaud each trainee and congratulate them on a new career that will help us restore NJ TRANSIT as the nation’s most efficient, effective, and safest mass transit system.”

“We are proud of the accomplishments of this class of locomotive engineers,” **said Transportation Commissioner and NJ TRANSIT Board Chair Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti.** Throughout their training program they have demonstrated a commitment to serving NJ TRANSIT’s customers. Our efforts to maintain and upgrade our trains are meaningless without the availability of qualified individuals to operate them, and each new engineer will have a meaningful impact on NJ TRANSIT’s ability to serve the public.”

"I'd like to congratulate the locomotive engineer trainees on their success and wish them all the best during these final few weeks," said **NJ TRANSIT President and CEO Kevin Corbett**. "These engineers – along with six other graduating classes between 2019 and 2020 – will be key members of the NJ TRANSIT team, helping us make delays due to engineer availability a thing of the past."

The completion of this class in mid to late November will help fulfill the agency's continued commitment to hiring and training more locomotive engineers. This graduating class will bring the total number of new engineers this year to 19. Two additional engineer trainee classes are set to graduate in the next three months.

This is the second class of trainees this year to complete the 24 weeks of formal classroom instruction and pass extensive testing, including a final exam of nearly 800 questions. The soon-to-be graduates are near the end of the final stage of the 78-week long program.

NJ TRANSIT has increased the number of engineer training classes to a record-setting eight classes running concurrently. That brings the total number of engineer trainees enrolled in the program to more than one hundred. The newest class of locomotive engineer trainees began their training on October 9, 2019.



## **NJ TRANSIT LOOKS TO THE FUTURE OF SELF-DRIVING VEHICLES**

*October 8, 2019*

NJ TRANSIT presented local municipalities and community-based transportation groups with their first glimpse at autonomous, self-driving shuttles at the NJ Council on Special Transportation (COST) Expo in Edison. NJ TRANSIT hopes to test the self-driving shuttles as part of a highly innovative pilot program which fills the gap on first and last-mile transit options.

NJ TRANSIT submitted a proposal to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for a \$950,000 grant to test three self-driving shuttles as part of the pilot program that would last several years. The first phase would be closed-course testing on a 40-acre site on a closed section of Fort Monmouth. Phase two would require obtaining permits to allow the vehicles to drive on public roads and carry passengers within the Fort Monmouth property.

"Autonomous vehicles have the potential to add significant value to our service," said NJ TRANSIT President & CEO Kevin Corbett. "The 'need' is also there – especially for NJ TRANSIT customers. Despite low gas prices and declining nationwide rail ridership trends, NJ TRANSIT's rail ridership went up approximately three percent from fiscal year 2018 to 2019. Our customers are clearly looking for 'first mile, last mile' options, and that's what this pilot program is all about – exploring options for our customers, staying ahead of the curve, and studying the benefits and challenges of this rapidly-advancing technology in real-world scenarios."

The autonomous shuttles have a 15-passenger capacity, travel at speeds up to 15 miles per hour and are 100% electric. NJ TRANSIT has partnered with Rutgers University Center for Advanced Infrastructure and Transportation and Fort Monmouth Economic Revitalization Authority for the pilot program.

By conducting the pilot program of low-speed autonomous shuttles, NJ TRANSIT will learn what is needed to recommend these types of vehicles to community transportation providers who serve senior citizens, people with disabilities and other transit dependent residents.

This program will enhance the understanding of the community-based transportation providers to potentially use these innovative solutions for their customers who have fewer mobility options and would benefit from additional travel capacity. The self-driving shuttles can serve small area trips and feed NJ TRANSIT and other fixed-route services, thereby enhancing ridership and customer satisfaction among community and traditional transit.

This winter, the FTA is scheduled to announce recipients of funding on the grant proposals.



## **NJ TRANSIT EXPANDS CONFLICT DE-ESCALATION TRAINING FOR FRONT-LINE EMPLOYEES**

**Employee Court Advocate Partners with National Transit Institute to Include New Best Practices to Protect Employees and Customers**

Oct 28, 2019

NJ TRANSIT is expanding its de-escalation training for front-line employees to include curriculum from Rutgers' National Transit Institute (NTI). The NTI presented a "Train the Trainers" program on conflict de-escalation techniques for bus and rail operations, and New Jersey Transit Police. These highly effective techniques will be incorporated into existing internal NJ TRANSIT de-escalation training programs to create a set of best practices for use in real-world situations.

"This new de-escalation training demonstrates our commitment to our front-line employees and to their safety," said NJ TRANSIT President & CEO Kevin Corbett.

"One of our main missions as a police department is promoting the safety of our customers and crews, and this expansion of our de-escalation training fits squarely in that space," said New Jersey Transit Police Chief Christopher Trucillo. "It is always preferable to have situations managed before it rises to the level of police involvement."

"The best way to help employees at risk of on-the-job assaults is to help them prevent the assault in the first place," said NJ TRANSIT Employee Court Advocate Michael Rubin. "With this expanded training program our bus operators, conductors, police, and other customer-facing employees will have additional tools at hand to de-escalate situations and protect themselves and their customers from possible assaults.

All of NJ TRANSIT's employees who work with the public on buses, trains or as police officers receive training on how to manage difficult situations to minimize the possibility of violence. With the assistance of NTI, the trainings will be more robust and help to reduce assaults on bus operators, conductors, police, and other personnel.

"The ATU is pleased that NJ TRANSIT is utilizing these national resources to advance our common goal of reducing assaults on bus operators," said Amalgamated Transit Union, NJ State Council Chairman Ray Greaves.

"Smart-TD Local 60 applauds NJ TRANSIT's efforts in protecting our front-line employees from assaults. NTI's de-escalation training is a great step in the right direction," said Jerome C. Johnson, General Chairman/President/Alternate Delegate Smart-TD Local 60. "We look forward to collaborating further with NJ TRANSIT to reduce assaults and provide training for our brothers and sisters in conflict avoidance."



## Updates from the US Department of Transportation



### **U.S. Transportation Secretary Elaine L. Chao Announces Further Decreases in Roadway Fatalities** **Fatalities are down for the second straight year**

OCTOBER 22, 2019

The U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration today released highway crash fatality data for 2018, showing a 2.4 percent decline in overall fatalities, the second consecutive year of reduced crash fatalities. Under this Administration and Secretary Chao's leadership, the USDOT has focused on safety as its top priority.

"This is encouraging news, but still far too many perished or were injured, and nearly all crashes are preventable, so much more work remains to be done to make America's roads safer for everyone," U.S. Transportation Secretary Elaine L. Chao said.

The data, compiled by NHTSA's Fatality Analysis Reporting System, shows that highway fatalities decreased in 2018 with 913 fewer fatalities, down to 36,560 people from 37,473 people in 2017. The fatality rate per 100 million vehicle miles traveled also decreased by 3.4 percent (from 1.17 in 2017 to 1.13 in 2018), the lowest fatality rate since 2014.

Other findings from the 2018 FARS data include:

- Fatalities among children (14 and younger) declined 10.3 percent;
- Alcohol-impaired-driving fatalities declined 3.6 percent;
- Speeding-related fatalities declined 5.7 percent; and
- Motorcyclist fatalities declined 4.7 percent.

"New vehicles are safer than older ones and when crashes occur, more new vehicles are equipped with advanced technologies that prevent or reduce the severity of crashes," NHTSA Acting Administrator James Owens said. "NHTSA has spent recent years partnering with state and local governments and safety advocates to urge the public to never drive impaired or distracted, to avoid excessive speed, and to always buckle up."

In addition to the 2018 numbers, NHTSA also released initial estimates for the first half of 2019, which suggest that this overall positive trend may be continuing.

The estimated number of fatalities in the first half of 2019 declined by 3.4 percent from the same period in 2018, with 589 fewer fatalities over that time. That translates to an estimated first-half 2019 fatality rate of 1.06, the lowest first-half level since 2015. The estimates for the second quarter of 2019 represent the seventh-consecutive year-over-year quarterly decline in fatalities, starting in the last quarter of 2017.

NHTSA is identifying opportunities to leverage its resources and collaborate with modal partners within USDOT to reduce fatalities among pedestrians and pedalcyclists (bicyclists and riders of two-wheel, nonmotorized vehicles, tricycles, and unicycles powered solely by pedals), among whom 2018 fatalities unfortunately increased by 3.4 percent (to 6,283) and 6.3 percent (to 857), respectively. According to the FARS data:

- Pedestrian fatalities occurred overwhelmingly after dark (76 percent), when many pedestrians had some alcohol in their systems (38 percent), and were not at intersections (74 percent; i.e., crossing in the middle of a street or road).

- Pedalcyclist fatalities often occurred after dark (50 percent of the time), with some alcohol in their systems (26 percent), and outside of intersections (60 percent).

To address these numbers:

- NHTSA is examining current and planned research related to these vulnerable road users, including recently announced plans for upgrades to the New Car Assessment Program – the 5-Star Ratings system for new vehicles. As part of these NCAP upgrades, NHTSA will consider new technologies tied to the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists, among other vulnerable road users.
- The Federal Highway Administration is working to reduce fatalities with the Bicycle and Pedestrian Program, which promotes safe, comfortable, and convenient walking and bicycling for people of all ages and abilities.
- FHWA also is focused on pedestrian and bicycle transportation through funding, policy guidance, program management, and resource development, and the availability of an FHWA Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator point of contact in each of its division offices.

The 2018 FARS release also clarifies previously released data on large trucks involved in fatal crashes. NHTSA reexamined supporting material and reclassified several light pickup trucks to an appropriate large truck category. As a result, the 9 percent increase in large-truck-related fatalities reported for 2017 has been revised to 4.9 percent. For 2018, large-truck related fatalities increased by 0.9 percent. The details of the scope of the changes are documented in the 2018 fatal motor vehicle crashes overview research note.

With this release, NHTSA also introduced its new Fatality and Injury Reporting System Tool (FIRST), a modernized crash query tool that lets users not only query fatal crash data but also generate estimates of crashes and people injured in crashes. The upgraded functionalities in the new tool include generating multi-year trends, estimates of alcohol involvement, and charting/tabulation/mapping of query results. The tool, along with instructions on its usage, can be accessed [here](#).

[Click here](#) to view the 2018 fatal motor vehicle crashes overview research note. [Click here](#) to view the 2019 six-month estimate data.



## NHTSA Launches New OTC/Rx Impaired Driving Prevention Initiative September 23 - November 17, 2019

Impaired driving is generally associated with alcohol, prescription drug abuse, or illegal drug use. The use of legally obtained prescription (Rx) or over-the-counter (OTC) medication can also impair driving.

*There's more than one way to drive under the influence.*

Many legally obtained - and commonly used - Rx drugs and OTC medications can affect a user's ability to drive safely. For example, antidepressants, opioids, and sleep aids, and even cold and allergy medicines can cause side effects such as drowsiness, nausea, blurred vision, which can put drivers at risk.



New social media videos and audio files to help prevent Rx impaired driving are now available. Please share these videos widely through your social media accounts. Additionally, we include sample press releases, draft op-eds, and other materials that you can use to help prevent impaired driving in your community.

Click [here](#) and get your campaign materials now.





## NHTSA Announces Coming Upgrades to New Car Assessment Program

October 16, 2019 | Washington, DC

The U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration today announced its plan to propose significant updates and upgrades to the New Car Assessment Program in 2020.

"NCAP is celebrating its 40-year anniversary, and we're proud that it continues to encourage automakers to invest in safety," said NHTSA Acting Administrator James Owens. "[NHTSA's Government 5-Star Safety Ratings Program](#) has been replicated around the world, and for good reason: thanks in large measure to NCAP, new vehicles today are safer than ever."

NCAP is the government's premier consumer information program for evaluating vehicle safety performance. The program tests vehicle performance in various crash scenarios and provides an objective rating on a 5-star scale to clearly inform consumers of a vehicle's safety performance.

"Our program has been a tremendous success and has saved many lives, but far too many American families still lose loved ones every year, and we firmly believe that vehicles can and should be even safer in the future," Owens said. "That is why NHTSA is working on improving the program to make the 5-Star Safety Ratings Program even more dynamic, and to accelerate NCAP modernization to keep pace with advancements in safety technology. American car buyers want safety, and NHTSA wants to help by creating additional market-based incentives for automakers to continue investing in innovative safety technologies that will save lives and prevent injuries."

Drawing, in part, from the comments and feedback received late last year from a public meeting, NHTSA plans to propose major upgrades to NCAP in 2020. These will involve new technologies, new test procedures, updates to vehicle labeling, advancements in crash-test dummies, and continued consumer research to ensure NCAP's products are effectively meeting the public's needs. NHTSA will also consider new technologies tied to the safety of pedestrians and other vulnerable road users such as cyclists.

NHTSA is working to publish a Federal Register Notice in 2020 that will seek comment on upgrades to NCAP.



## U.S. Secretary of Transportation Elaine L. Chao Announces Major New Initiative to Support Rural Transportation Needs

Oct 8, 2019

ST. LOUIS, MO – U.S. Secretary of Transportation Elaine L. Chao today announced the creation of a major new initiative to support transportation needs in rural America. The initiative, known as the Rural Opportunities to Use Transportation for Economic Success (ROUTES) Initiative, will analyze the Department's discretionary funding and financing opportunities to ensure nationwide outcomes for rural communities' transportation infrastructure. Secretary Chao made the announcement during her remarks at the annual meeting of the American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO) in St. Louis, Missouri.

"Rural America, which has a disproportionately high rate of fatalities and is historically neglected, needs to have its transportation needs addressed," said U.S. Secretary of Transportation Elaine L. Chao.

Rural communities and their transportation networks have been instrumental in building and supplying urban areas throughout our nation's history, carrying people from city-to-city and carrying freight from bedrock American industries such as agriculture, mining, forestry, and manufacturing. Yet rural transportation infrastructure has significant challenges. Over 70% of America's road miles are in rural areas. While one-fifth

of Americans live in rural areas, rural America's traffic fatalities are disproportionately high, totaling 46% of fatalities in 2018. Further, of the nation's bridges that are posted for weight limits, 90 percent are in rural areas.

The new ROUTES Initiative will address these challenges by assisting rural stakeholders in understanding how to access DOT grants and financing products, and developing data-driven approaches to better assess needs and benefits of rural transportation projects. This builds on the Department's Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) Loan Program's Rural Project Initiative, which offers lower project-cost thresholds for loan eligibility, subsidized interest rates, and the coverage of fees to encourage use of the credit program for infrastructure projects in rural areas. The Department will engage rural transportation stakeholders at events over the coming year to educate project sponsors about the funding and finance opportunities at DOT, as well as to receive their feedback.

Secretary Chao also announced the formation of a rural transportation infrastructure council, the ROUTES Council, to lead the way on this initiative. This new internal deliberative body at the Department will identify critical rural transportation concerns and coordinate efforts among DOT's different modal administrations. The Council will initially review public comments and create a rural resources handbook, holding its first meeting in November 2019.

Learn more about the ROUTES Initiative [here](#).



## **U.S. Transportation Secretary Elaine L. Chao Celebrates Groundbreaking of New John A. Volpe National Transportation Systems Center**

*Innovative Land Swap Includes GSA, MIT, City of Cambridge*

Oct 30, 2019

CAMBRIDGE, MA – U.S. Transportation Secretary Elaine L. Chao today celebrated the official groundbreaking of the new U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) John A. Volpe Transportation Systems Center in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Secretary Chao was joined by Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker, Cambridge Mayor Marc McGovern, U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) Chief of Staff Robert Borden, U.S. Senator Edward Markey's State Director James Cantwell, and Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Vice President for Research Maria Zuber for the groundbreaking ceremony.

"This new facility will provide important research in transportation technologies, and help create policies that will increase safety and protect lives," said U.S. Transportation Secretary Elaine L. Chao.

The Volpe Center currently occupies approximately 14 acres of land in the Kendall Square section of the city. Following the conclusion of a two-phase solicitation process, GSA entered into an Exchange Agreement with MIT, which will pay \$750 million to design and construct a state-of-the-art-facility for Volpe on approximately four acres. In exchange, the portion of the property no longer needed by the federal government will be conveyed to MIT for mixed-use development.

"GSA is proud to provide our partners at the Department of Transportation with this impressive facility that serves USDOT's vital mission of providing the US the safest, most efficient, and modern transportation system in the world, while saving hundreds of millions of dollars for taxpayers," said GSA Administrator Emily Murphy. "GSA's innovative real estate solution converts an underused and outdated asset into a state of the art research facility and an economic engine for the community."

The new facility will replace Volpe's six existing buildings and surface parking lots with an energy efficient structure accompanied by underground parking and approximately 100 bicycle parking spaces. The new facility will meet LEED Gold v.4 standards, focusing on sustainability.

“The Volpe Center’s multidisciplinary workforce supports all facets of the Department of Transportation’s mission, including safe integration of unmanned aircraft systems and commercial space vehicles into the National Airspace System; developing, testing, and evaluating automated mobility applications; and ensuring the safety and reliability of terrestrial-based global positioning systems – to give just a few examples. No other center can match Volpe’s impressive concentration of multimodal transportation expertise,” said Diana Furchtgott-Roth, U.S. Department of Transportation Deputy Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology.

A leader in transportation systems, analysis, and innovation, the USDOT’s [Volpe](#) Center is flexible and responsive to the needs and strategic goals of the Department and the priorities of the Secretary of Transportation. The Volpe Center is a unique federal organization that is 100% funded by sponsored projects. Although the majority of its work is sponsored by USDOT, the Volpe Center also lends key technical support to over a dozen other federal agencies including the Department of Defense, NASA, Department of the Interior, and Department of Homeland Security, as well as state and local governments. Since its founding in 1970, the Volpe Center has established a rich legacy of looking beyond the horizon to anticipate emerging and future transportation challenges.

“This innovative opportunity will allow the U.S. Department of Transportation to strengthen the Volpe Center’s technical capabilities at no cost to taxpayers and continue our important work,” said Volpe Center Director Anne Aylward. “For 50 years, the Volpe Center’s extensive cross-modal partnerships have led to innovative solutions that advance national and global transportation systems for the public good. We look forward to working with the transportation enterprise to meet the nation’s current and future needs and priorities.”

As part of the federal government’s [Art in Architecture](#) program, which commissions artworks for new buildings nationwide, the new building will feature an art piece designed by Maya Lin integrated into the landscape on the east side of the site, adjacent to Fifth Street.



## [Updates from the Federal Railroad Administration](#)

The [Federal Railroad Administration](#) (FRA) is soliciting applications for a total of \$150,000 in fiscal-year 2019 grant dollars under the FRA's [Railroad Trespassing Enforcement Grant Program](#).

The program funds efforts to enforce laws aimed at reducing trespassing incidents along rail rights of way. Grant applications are due Dec. 23, according to an announcement in the *Federal Register*.

Enforcement activities may include investigating incidents of trespassing, as well as providing warnings and citations to the trespassers.

Eligible grant applicants are state, county, municipal, local and regional enforcement agencies. At least one mile of FRA-regulated track must be within the boundaries of the applicant's jurisdiction.

The grant program is part of the FRA's work to improve rail safety by reducing trespassing.

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2019/10/22/2019-22925/notice-of-funding-opportunity-for-railroad-trespassing-enforcement-grant-program>

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-10-22/pdf/2019-22925.pdf>



Federal Aviation  
Administration

## Updates from the Federal Aviation Administration



**PUBLIC SAFETY**  
NATIONAL DRONE SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK

**National Drone Safety Awareness Week -  
November 4-10, 2019**

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is calling attention to drone safety during [National Drone Safety Awareness Week](#) November 4-10, 2019.

National Drone Safety Awareness Week will help educate the public about drone safety by highlighting how key sectors of the drone community are engaging with the public and spreading awareness throughout the U.S.

During this week, the FAA will promote your safety stories, successes, events, and educational programs. Everyone is welcome to participate in this weeklong campaign, whether to engage the public in ongoing drone work, or to kick off new safety initiatives.

### Focus Areas

Each day, we'll focus on targeted audiences:

- Monday: Public Safety and Security
- Tuesday: Business – Photography, Real Estate, Insurance
- Wednesday: Business – Infrastructure and Agriculture
- Thursday: Business – Commercial and Medical Package Delivery
- Friday: Education and STEM
- Saturday and Sunday: Recreational Flyers

### Get Started Today

- Check out the [Stakeholder Playbook](#) for ideas and inspiration.
- Download the [National Drone Safety Awareness Week graphics](#) and apply them to your event materials.
- Visit the [Voluntary Tracking Tool \(VTT\)](#) on the Unmanned Aircraft Safety Team (UAST) website to log your planned events.
- Tag your social media stories with #DroneWeek to let us know you're participating in National Drone Safety Awareness Week.

For additional information, visit [faa.gov/go/DroneWeek](http://faa.gov/go/DroneWeek) or email [DroneSafetyWeek@faa.gov](mailto:DroneSafetyWeek@faa.gov)



**NATIONAL**  
**DRONE SAFETY**  
**AWARENESS WEEK**  
NOV. 4-10, 2019



THE UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT of JUSTICE

## Updates from the US Department of Justice

### **Department Of Justice Announces Pilot Program for Use of Body-Worn Cameras by Federally Deputized Task Force Officers**

10/28/2019

Today, the Department of Justice has announced a pilot program that will allow – for the first time – federally deputized task force officers to use body-worn cameras while serving arrest warrants, or other planned arrest operations, and during the execution of search warrants. The Department of Justice, through its law enforcement agencies, partners with state, local and tribal law enforcement on hundreds of federal task forces throughout the nation.

### **Owner of New Jersey Tax Return Preparation Business Sentenced to Prison for Tax Fraud**

10/28/2019

A Keasbey, New Jersey, tax return preparer was sentenced to 29 months in prison today for filing false tax returns on behalf of clients and failing to file his own tax returns, announced Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Richard E. Zuckerman of the Justice Department's Tax Division and U.S. Attorney Craig Carpenito of the District of New Jersey.



## Updates from the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey

### **Port Authority Police Department Reaches Record Staffing Levels Following Graduation of 113 Recruits**

*Class included seven legacy officers who have family members who served or are serving in law enforcement*

On October 11<sup>th</sup> the Port Authority Police Department reached record police staffing levels following the graduation of 113 new police officers from the 118th Police Academy class, including seven legacy officers who have a family member who served with the PAPD or other law enforcement agency. The new officers bring the total department staffing to 2,169, the highest levels in its history.

The graduation ceremony was held at St. Joseph's High School in Metuchen, N.J., included in the class were 80 college graduates and 15 military veterans, with 47 of the graduates having prior law enforcement experience. In the agency's ongoing commitment to building a diverse department that reflects the metropolitan region in which Port Authority facilities are located, the graduates speak a total of 12 languages. Hispanics, African Americans and Asian Americans make up 30 percent of the graduating class.

“These new recruits will bolster the ranks of the PAPD to its highest levels ever, furthering our commitment to public safety and to the millions of travelers who use our transportation facilities each year,” said Port Authority Chairman Kevin O’Toole. “We applaud these new officers as they join the ranks of one of the nation’s premier police agencies, and we wish them well as they begin their law enforcement careers.”

“Our goal is to build a highly skilled, highly diverse department whose members are trained to handle the ongoing post 9/11 policing issues and are equally equipped to deal with the region’s changing demographic population,” said Port Authority Chief Security Officer John Bilich. “We believe the extensive training these officers have received have provided them with the skills they need to serve the traveling public at all of our transportation facilities.”

As part of their 25-week training sessions, the new graduates studied the laws of both New York and New Jersey and received comprehensive instruction in police procedures, firearms usage, First Aid and counter-terrorism techniques. They also received training from a Holocaust survivor to help them examine the roots of prejudice and intolerance and apply those lessons to police work.

The Port Authority Police Department is responsible for ensuring the safety and security of the agency's land, sea, air and rail facilities, which include airports, bridges and tunnels, the Port Authority Bus Terminal, the PATH rail system, the regional ports in New York and New Jersey and the 16-acre World Trade Center site.

Anyone interested in joining the department are encouraged to access the website through [PAPDrecruit.com](http://PAPDrecruit.com).

## **PANYNJ OKs billions in funding for AirTrain, PATH projects**

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey’s board (PANYNJ) board authorized \$4.5 billion in infrastructure projects during a recent meeting.

Part of the monies are earmarked to two projects in New Jersey:

- A new AirTrain Newark to serve Newark Liberty International Airport
- Future replacement of Terminal B at Newark Liberty International Airport

\$2.05 billion to develop a new AirTrain Newark that will replace the existing 3-mile monorail system that opened in 1996 and has outlived its useful life.

AirTrain Newark requires extensive maintenance and repair and can no longer meet current or future demand, they said. AirTrain Newark carries an average 33,000 passengers a day or about 12 million passengers a year. It provides access to the Northeast Corridor Rail Link and allows travelers and employees the ability to transfer between terminals, parking lots and rental car facilities.

\$35 million to pay for vision and master planning initiatives that would allow for the future replacement of Terminal B at Newark Liberty International Airport with a new world class Terminal Two.

[Click here to read the full progressive railroading article](#)



## Updates from Drug Enforcement Administration

### **DEA Announces Additional Regulatory Steps to Address the Opioid Epidemic**

The Drug Enforcement Administration announced proposed regulations to improve DEA's ability to oversee the production of dangerous drugs at the height of the national opioid crisis. This proposed regulation would further limit excess quantities of medications that might be vulnerable to diversion for illicit distribution and use.

The proposal has been published in the Federal Register, it incorporates important and necessary changes to DEA's quota regulations resulting from comprehensive legislation passed by Congress last year to address the nation's deadliest drug epidemic in history, the Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery Treatment for Patients and Communities Act, or SUPPORT Act. The SUPPORT Act requires that appropriate quota reductions be made after estimating potential for diversion. This estimate is based on rates of overdose deaths and abuse, the overall public health impact related to specific controlled substances and may include other factors as appropriate.

The proposal amends the manner in which DEA grants quotas to manufacturers for maintaining inventories. These proposed levels align with current manufacturing standards aimed at promoting quality and efficiency, while also ensuring that the country has sufficient quantities of Schedule II substances necessary for the medical, scientific, research and industrial needs of patients nationwide.

The proposal also introduces several new types of quotas that DEA would grant to certain DEA-registered manufacturers. These use-specific quotas include quantities of controlled substances for use in commercial sales, product development, packaging/repackaging and labeling/relabeling, or replacement for quantities destroyed. These use-specific quotas will greatly improve the timeliness of DEA's responses to applications filed by manufacturers while simultaneously improving DEA's ability to respond quickly to drug shortages.

This regulation builds on important regulatory changes finalized in 2018 which gave a role to state attorneys general and certain federal partners – including the Department of Health and Human Services, Food and Drug Administration, the Centers for Disease Control and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services – in setting the aggregate production quotas for Schedule I and II controlled substances.

The full text of the proposal may be found [by clicking here](#). The public has 60 days to review and comment on this proposal, which DEA must then consider before drafting final regulations.



### **DEA Issues Warning Over Counterfeit Prescription Pills from Mexico**

The Drug Enforcement Administration is alerting the public of dangerous counterfeit pills killing Americans. Mexican drug cartels are manufacturing mass quantities of counterfeit prescription pills containing fentanyl, a dangerous synthetic opioid that is lethal in minute doses, for distribution throughout North America.

Based on a sampling of tablets seized nationwide between January and March 2019, DEA found that 27 percent contained potentially lethal doses of fentanyl.

“Capitalizing on the opioid epidemic and prescription drug abuse in the United States, drug trafficking organizations are now sending counterfeit pills made with fentanyl in bulk to the United States for distribution,” said DEA Acting Administrator Uttam Dhillon. “Counterfeit pills that contain fentanyl and fentanyl-laced heroin are responsible for thousands of opioid-related deaths in the United States each year.”

Fentanyl and other highly potent synthetic opioids remain the primary driver behind the ongoing opioid crisis, with fentanyl involved in more deaths than any other illicit drug.

A lethal dose of fentanyl is estimated to be about two milligrams, but can vary based on an individual’s body size, tolerance, amount of previous usage and other factors. The full Fentanyl Signature Profiling Program Report on the recent drug sampling and testing is available here:

[https://admin.dea.gov/sites/default/files/2019-10/DEA\\_Fentanyl\\_Signature\\_Profiling\\_Program\\_Report-Oct-2019.pdf](https://admin.dea.gov/sites/default/files/2019-10/DEA_Fentanyl_Signature_Profiling_Program_Report-Oct-2019.pdf).



## [Updates from the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission](#)

### **About DVRPC**

*DVRPC is the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for a diverse nine-county region in two states: Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia in Pennsylvania; and Burlington, Camden, Gloucester, and Mercer in New Jersey.*

## **DVRPC Approves \$1.679 Billion in Transportation Projects for Southern New Jersey**

(Philadelphia, PA) – The Board of the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) has adopted the FY2020 Transportation Improvement Program for New Jersey (NJ TIP). The TIP is the agreed-upon list of priority transportation projects for Burlington, Camden, Gloucester, and Mercer counties, including the cities of Camden and Trenton.

The NJ TIP includes 123 projects over four years (FY20-FY23) that are worth \$1.679 billion (an average of about \$420 million per year). It includes \$1.079 billion for projects addressing the highway system and \$600 million for the transit system (\$523 million for NJ TRANSIT and \$77 million for DRPA/PATCO).

“The production of the TIP is the culmination of the transportation planning process and represents a consensus among state, regional, and local officials as to which near term improvements to pursue,” said Barry Seymour, DVRPC Executive Director. “Consensus is crucial because federal and state governments want assurances that all interested parties have participated in developing the priorities before committing significant sums of money. A project’s inclusion in the TIP signifies regional agreement on the priority of the project and establishes eligibility for federal funding.”

Below is a list of counties and transit agencies with major projects. To view and/or search projects by county or type, visit [www.dvrpc.org/TIP](http://www.dvrpc.org/TIP).

Burlington County  
Camden County

Gloucester County  
Mercer County

NJ TRANSIT  
DRPA/PATCO





South Jersey  
Transportation  
Planning Organization

## Updates from the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization

The South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization (SJTPO) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) covering Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland, and Salem Counties in southern New Jersey.

### **SJTPO Host a New Webpage: Emergency Preparedness**

The South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization has announced their new web page. Each year, countless natural disasters cause significant damage and upend lives. Take caution by reviewing our [Emergency Preparedness](#) webpage, which offers resources to prepare for natural disasters



## Updates from Traffic Incident Management TIM



### **National Traffic Incident Response Awareness Week November 10th-16th, 2019**

***Traffic Emergency Actions Matter Be part of the Team!***

Every minute of every day, emergency responders across the country work to help save lives at the scene of traffic incidents. Too many are struck on the scene - too many die. The goal of National Traffic Incident Response Awareness Week is, for the fourth year, to reach out to every responder, and every driver, and every passenger, to make it clearer that every person has a role to play. Stay tuned here for resources to help you reach out to your communities, to your organizations, and your hero responders.

[click here to go to the timnetwork.org TIM Awareness Week website](http://timnetwork.org)

[click here to view the NJTIMs video](#)



### **Ohio DOT District 12 Traffic Incident Management Tips**

Ohio DOT has made a TIMs rollcall video to be utilized by all police and first responders.

[Click here to view the Ohio DOT TIMS Rollcall Video](#)

# NATIONAL TRAFFIC INCIDENT RESPONSE AWARENESS WEEK

## NOVEMBER 10-16, 2019



## Safety is a TEAM Effort

### Traffic Emergency Actions Matter

National Traffic Incident Response Awareness Week 2019 is a chance for all responder communities to individually and jointly make a difference by teaching each other, and the motoring public, about our common goals and responsibilities to one another.

In the past three years, State DOTs, Turnpike Authorities, and responder agencies and organizations marked Incident Response Week with:

- Targeted DMS messaging
- Ride-along opportunities
- Video sharing
- Social media campaigns
- Open houses
- Special exercise activities
- Events marking the lives wasted in preventable crashes



U.S. Department of Transportation  
**Federal Highway Administration**

**Millions of responders are working on the roadway at traffic incident scenes, 24/7/365. Millions more motorists are passing near or through that TIM work zone. Traffic Emergency Actions Matter! Are you part of the TEAM? Tell us what you are doing to promote safer incident scenes.**

## What Are You Putting Together?

What is your police department doing? Are you working with your local fire department and emergency medical services folks? Maybe your 911 center is planning an event. We know there are towing companies and associations hooked up with partners to call attention to their shared interests! Is your AAA office or trucking association involved? How about the folks at your TMC?

A toolkit focused on community outreach is on the TIM Network website at <http://timnetwork.org>.

### Try out ideas like these detailed at [timnetwork.org](http://timnetwork.org)

- Opportunities for media to ride with responders or safety patrols
- Tours of your fire house, police station, EMS garage, or tow truck yard
- Set a training goal and conduct multiple TIM Responder Training courses
- Distribute outreach materials in every venue you can think of

**PLEASE TELL US WHAT YOU PLAN AND SHARE YOUR SUCCESS STORIES AFTER THE EVENTS BY EMAILING Chuck Yorks at [cyorks@afnet.com](mailto:cyorks@afnet.com)**



*Sunday, November 17 is the World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims*

## Miscellaneous Traffic Safety Items



### Below 100 Campaign

POLICE Contributing Web Editor Doug Wyllie sits down with Below 100 Executive Director Roy Bethge to discuss the program and how it can reduce duty deaths.

[Click here to see the video on the 5 Tenets of "Below 100" Can Reduce Officer Deaths](#)

[Click here to read the full Police Magazine article](#)



### Pedestrian Safety Relative to Traffic-Speed Management

Measures that are effective at reducing speed, such as speed humps and mini traffic circles, are sometimes used in low-speed areas such as school zones. But they are often not recommended or allowed (via local policy) on the higher-speed streets typically associated with the highest injury severity for pedestrians.

The TRB National Cooperative Highway Research Program's *NCHRP Synthesis 535: Pedestrian Safety Relative to Traffic-Speed Management* aims to document what is known about strategies and countermeasures to address pedestrian safety via traffic-speed management in urban environments. For example, the City of San Francisco regularly uses curb extensions as traffic-calming devices on its streets. However, the political and land use context of each city heavily influences the types of treatments that are considered feasible for each city. Thus, the City of Los Angeles has had to find alternatives to both ASE and road diets, the latter of which have been the subject of intense public backlash in some cases.

These realities—that speed management can be fraught with difficulty—have spurred creative thinking about how to work within contextual confines, resulting in some particularly noteworthy and promising practices. For example, the City of Nashville anticipated potential backlash against speed-management efforts and thus chose to work with advocacy groups to identify areas of the city desiring walkability improvements. By installing walkability improvements in those areas first, city leaders created instant wins that could be used as leverage for future projects.

[Click here for more info and to download the report](#)



## Legal Update

Some information is courtesy of:

Muni-Mail, 2000 Hamilton Ave. Hamilton, NJ

Kenneth Vercammen & Associates, 2053 Woodbridge Ave, Edison, NJ [www.njlaws.com](http://www.njlaws.com)

<https://www.justia.com/>

Legal Information Institute, 477 Myron Taylor Hall, Cornell Law School, Ithaca, NY

*The information in this newsletter does not constitute legal advice and does not establish an attorney-client relationship if you need legal advice; please contact an attorney directly.*

## **New DWI Law – Point of Interest**

The new amendments to the DWI statute create a powerful incentive for first offenders to refuse to submit to a breath test. A person who refuses under the new law and is a first offender can avoid a suspension by getting an ignition interlock device hooked up to his vehicle before going to court.

On the other hand, a defendant who takes a test and has a BAC of 0.15% or greater must lose his driving privileges for a term of 4 to 6 months. This is one of the many new consequences that will begin for offenses on or after December 1, 2019.

## **Supreme Court of Kansas Kansas v. Glover**

Issues:

Under the Fourth Amendment, can a police officer pull over a vehicle merely because its registered owner has a suspended driver's license, even if the officer is unsure whether that owner is driving?

[Read more...](#)



## What's Happening In the News ???



## **NTSB Distracted Driving Roundtable Seeks Roadway Safety Improvements**

*Aashto journal Nov. 1, 2019*

Distracted driving is “truly one of the most significant issues in transportation across our nation,” noted Patrick McKenna, director of the Missouri Department of Transportation and the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials 2019-2020 president, in remarks during a one-day roundtable hosted by the National Transportation Safety Board in Columbia, MO.

[Click here to read the full aashto journal article](#)

## electrek **Tesla Updates Driving Visualization to Detect Traffic Cones**

Electrek.co Nov. 3, 2019

Tesla has again updated its driving visualizations powered by Autopilot to detect construction cones and plan around them.

Over the last few months, Tesla has been spending more time on its driving visualizations.

Powered by Autopilot's suite of sensors and the automaker's computer vision system, Tesla renders the vehicle's surroundings on the screen.

[Click here to read the full electrek article](#)



## **Body Cameras Were Supposed to Fix a Broken System. What happened?**

route fifty.com Nov, 1, 2019

In 2014, when Police Officer Darren Wilson fatally shot an unarmed black teenager on a street in Ferguson, Missouri, police brutality rocketed to the center of the national discourse on race. Law enforcement needed more accountability, activists argued, and body cameras became the state's preferred corrective. The Obama administration's Department of Justice offered more than [\\$23 million](#) in grants for new cameras in 2015, the year after the teen's death, and another [\\$20 million](#) in 2016. Then-candidate Hillary Clinton called for [mandatory](#) body cameras [nationwide](#). In 2018, a New York judge mandated that all NYPD officers wear them, as part of efforts to end "[stop and frisk](#)" tactics. The future of policing, it seemed, had arrived.

Less than five years later, though, that momentum has slowed. Cameras have allegedly [fallen off](#); data have been [deleted or mislabeled](#). A 2018 report found that most body-camera [footage from fatal shootings](#) never sees the light of day. As of June, the NYPD had a [backlog of nearly 800](#) footage requests.

[Click here to read the full routefifty.com article](#)



## **Transportation Leaders Officially Kick Off Volpe Center Construction**

Aashto journal Oct. 31, 2019

Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao recently celebrated the groundbreaking of a construction project for the agency's new John A. Volpe Transportation Systems Center in Cambridge, Mass.

The Volpe Center, a hub for transportation experts that focuses on infrastructure and innovation, currently occupies 14 acres in Cambridge's Kendall Square neighborhood. The General Services Administration and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology entered into an exchange agreement to replace the existing facility with a new one.

[Click here to read the full article](#)

## How to Avoid Collisions with Deer This Fall

WXYZ 7 Action News Oct 30, 2019

State Farm Insurance estimates there were over 1.9 million animal collision insurance claims this past year.

The Highway Data Loss Institute (HLDI) reports that the severity of crashes also increases in the fall. The average cost of November animal-strike claims over the past 13 years was \$3,560, compared with \$2,801 for February, the month with the least severe crashes.

[Click here to see the wxyz.com news story](#)



## President Signs Executive Order on Understanding Crime, Law Enforcement

*FEDagent* October 31, 2019.

Following a speech at the International Association of Chiefs of Police 2019 conference, President Trump signed an executive order establishing a commission to review law enforcement priorities. The commission will be established through the Department of Justice to better understand crime and law enforcement trends

[Click here to read the executive-order](#)



## PennDOT, PA Turnpike Announce Implementation of Statewide Automated Work Zone Speed Enforcement Pilot

10/30/2019

**Harrisburg, PA** – The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) and the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission (PTC), in partnership with the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP), today announced the implementation of a statewide Automated Work Zone Speed Enforcement (AWZSE) pilot program to reduce work zone speeds, change driver behavior, and improve work zone safety for workers and motorists.

"The Automated Work Zone Speed Enforcement program isn't about issuing violations, it's about saving lives," said PennDOT Secretary Leslie S. Richards. "Last year, 23 motorists were killed in a Pennsylvania work zone. Through this program we are urging motorists to slow down and pay attention while driving, especially in work zones where roadway conditions can change on a daily basis."

The AWZSE program was established by the Pennsylvania General Assembly in [Act 86 of 2018](#). A minimum 60-day pre-enforcement pilot period will begin next week. During the pre-enforcement period, violations will not be issued. Enforcement is expected to begin in early 2020.

Automated speed enforcement units will be deployed to a number of active work zones during the pre-enforcement period. These work zones will be in various types of projects and will initially focus on our interstate and other limited access work zones, such as Interstate 78 in Berks County. Work zones are selected by a data-driven process to maximize the effectiveness of the systems and will be marked with signage in advance of the enforcement area.

"When a crash occurs in an active work zone, it's just as likely to result in death or injury to a driver or passenger inside that vehicle," said PA Turnpike CEO Mark Compton. "This program is about protecting everybody's safety. If not for these workers in an active work zone, I ask you to slow down for yourself and other travelers."

Pennsylvania's AWZSE program uses vehicle-mounted systems to detect and record motorists exceeding posted work zone speed limits by 11 miles per hour or more using electronic speed timing devices. AWZSE systems are only operational in active work zones where workers are present. Once enforcement begins, registered owners will receive a warning letter for a first offense, a violation notice and \$75 fine for a second offense, and a violation notice and \$150 fine for third and subsequent offenses. These violations are civil penalties only; no points will be assessed to driver's licenses.

In 2018, there were 1,804 work zone crashes in Pennsylvania, resulting in 23 fatalities, and 43 percent of work zone crashes resulted in fatalities and/or injuries. Since 1970, PennDOT has lost 89 workers in the line of duty and the PA Turnpike has lost 45 workers since 1945.

"We are committed to facilitating the efficient movement of traffic through work zones while ensuring the safety of drivers, passengers, and workers," said Director of the Pennsylvania State Police Bureau of Patrol Major James Basinger. "PSP continues to work closely with our safety partners to explore how to best leverage evolving technology to make Pennsylvania's roads safer."

For more information on the Automated Work Zone Speed Enforcement program, visit <https://WorkZoneCameras.PennDOT.gov>.

## **Detroit plant now producing self-driving vehicles with Waymo**

*The Detroit News* Oct. 28, 2019

*Detroit* — Not only is Detroit building vehicles people can drive, but now it is producing vehicles that can drive themselves.

John Krafcik, CEO of Google self-driving affiliate Waymo LLC, said Monday that its Detroit plant is operating and outfitting fleets of vehicles with its autonomous driving hardware and software. The milestone allows the Alphabet Inc. subsidiary to put its automated "driver" into vehicles at mass scale. Doing so will help Waymo, an acknowledged leader in the self-driving space, to test its technology and expand its robotaxi service.

[Click here to read the full detroitnews.com article](#)



## **As Cyclist and Pedestrian Fatalities Rise, Watchdog Flags Shortcomings With Traffic Safety Data**

*route fifty.com*

A federal oversight agency is offering recommendations for improving the consistency and availability of fatality and injury statistics reported by states.

The federal government and states direct billions of dollars each year toward programs that are intended to make the nation's roads safer and to cut down on the thousands of serious and fatal crashes that occur annually on U.S. highways.

But they have some work to do when it comes to assembling and reporting the data that helps to guide how this money is spent and that provides insight into the results that the spending is achieving, a government watchdog suggests in a new report.

[Click here to read the full routefifty.com article](#)

## **Picking up the pace on electric vehicles — and charging stations — in N.J.**

*NJ Spotlight, 10/28/2019*

A new consensus bill to accelerate adoption of plug-in electric vehicles could end gridlock over how to electrify the transportation sector in the state, a step most view as critical to New Jersey achieving its goals to combat global warming.

[Click here to read the full njspotlight article](#)

## **Widespread EV Adoption Will Require Infrastructure, Education**

*Government Technology, Oct. 28, 2019*

A report by the International Council on Clean Transportation looked at the growth of the electric vehicle market across the U.S. It found that adoption is strongest in urban centers and along the east and west coasts.

[Click here to read the full govtech article](#)

## **US Senate Minority Leader Promotes Bus Cameras**

*Nov 5, 2019 TheNewspaper.com*

The scandal-plagued school bus stop-arm camera industry has a new ally in Washington -- US Senate minority leader Charles E. Schumer. The New York Democrat last week said turning the nation's school buses into ticketing platforms is "an issue of the utmost importance." Schumer wrote National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) acting administrator James C. Owens, urging him to release a report promoting the use of automated ticketing machines. Schumer is also asking the agency to direct federal grant cash to the private companies that install the devices.

"For years, the federal government has slow-walked the release of critical data and a report on the effectiveness of installing cameras on school bus stop signs as a measure of enforcing traffic laws and deterring perpetrators, essentially kneecapping safety improvement efforts," Schumer said in a statement. "So my message to the feds is simple: it's time to slow down cars and speed up the release of this potentially life-saving report, and if deemed necessary, change safety standards to require the installation of these cameras on all new school buses."

[Click here to read the full article](#)



## Training Events



### **Webinar - The Opioid Crisis: One State's Approach to Supporting the Health and Wellness of Its First Responders**

Date: November 6, 2019  
Time: 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm  
Cost: Free

This webinar will feature representatives from the Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS), who will speak about how first responders are becoming trauma-informed and discuss the practical applications of putting trauma-informed strategies in place. Presenters will discuss several innovative state and local programs, including training programs and support initiatives.

Participants will learn:

- Ohio's multilevel, statewide strategy to improve mental health and substance use prevention, treatment, and recovery support services in Ohio.
- Strategies to increase support for first responders dealing with primary and witness trauma.
- How trauma-informed approaches can help first responders be safer and more effective.
- New tools and resources for using trauma-informed approaches to common situations encountered by first responders, including responses to opioid overdose

[Click here to register for this webinar](#)

### **SAE International Webinar Safety Products and Electric/Autonomous Vehicle Standards Discussing the Standards Vital to Autonomous Vehicle Development**

Date: November 6, 2019  
Time: 2:00 pm – 2:30 pm  
Cost: Free

Product development in autonomous vehicles will need to incorporate IATF 16949 and risk prevention techniques that have long been used in the automotive industry, such as APQP, FMEA, SPC, MSA, and SPC. However, IATF 16949 and the Core Tools handbooks will have to change to accommodate the system architecture of system, sub-system, hardware, and software required in safety, electric vehicle (EV), and autonomous vehicle (AV) products as well as the requirements flow among the customer, supplier, and sub-suppliers.

New standards such as ISO 26262, functional safety, cybersecurity (SAE J3061 and ISO/SAE 21434), ISO/PAS 21448:2019 (SOTIF), and Automotive SPICE are key to the implementation of safety, EV, and AV products. They have already become requirements in the automotive industry. This is the rate of change that is forecasted for the global automotive market as OEMs shift product from the combustion engine to electric vehicles. Organizations planning on supporting safety products or entering the EV and AV markets need to study these standards that are vital to the future of the automotive industry.

This 30-minute Webinar examines these important issues. An audience Q&A follows the technical presentation.



## **TNJ Institute: Roundabouts** ***Roundabouts: Not Your Parents' Traffic Circle Anymore***

Date: Thursday, November 7, 2019  
Location: North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority  
1085 Raymond Boulevard, Newark, NJ  
Time: 8:30 am – 12:30 pm

Roundabouts are a proven strategy for improving the safety and operations of intersections. Modern and compact, these traffic calming countermeasures place responsibility for traffic management upon motorist cooperation, thereby reducing the frequency and severity of intersection crashes.

Co-sponsored by the Federal Highway Administration Resource Center and the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, this workshop will explore the benefits of roundabouts in different settings, highlight successful examples in the NJTPA region and across the United States, offer guidance on generating community and stakeholder support and teach you how to plan and develop a roundabout project in your community.

Contact Miriam Salerno if you have any questions at [miriam.salerno@ejb.rutgers.edu](mailto:miriam.salerno@ejb.rutgers.edu).  
[Click here to register for this class](#)



## **CARMA Webinar Series:** **How to Get Started With CARMA and Become a Leader in Cooperative Driving Automation Research**

Date: November 7, 2019  
Time: 2:00 pm  
Cost: Free

CARMA is a USDOT program involved in advancing research and development of cooperative driving automation (CDA) with the objective of accelerating market readiness and deployment. This webinar will cover CARMA's latest software release and how organizations can implement CARMA to enrich transportation research. Join our webinar to see how you can get involved and benefit from available CARMA resources, including the CARMA Collaborative and new CARMA Help Desk.

More information on this webinar, including speakers and registration, [is available here](#).



## NJSACOP Front Line Supervision Program

Dates/Locations: November 7 - November 15      Stockton University  
Time: 8:00am - 6:00pm  
Cost: \$600

The foundation for this course is the mandatory course project. Each participant will be required to identify a process, procedure, or operation that needs to be improved or currently does not exist within their respective departments. After choosing the topic, the participant must develop a new process, procedure, or approach that will then be presented to their respective Chief of Police for consideration. There is sufficient time dedicated to the completion of a comprehensive project that will be presented orally to the class.

[Click here for more information and to register for this class](#)

### Transport Topics

## Webinar - Real-World Fuel Economy Answers-What Every Fleet Needs

Date: November 14, 2019  
Time: 2:00 pm  
Cost: Free

Race car engineer developed process to help Mesilla Valley Transportation (MVT) make better decisions on fuel economy technologies. This webinar explains the process and how it accounts for fleets' real-world conditions and can predict their customized fuel savings. Fuel economy is a real science and this webinar explains the science – the facts – and dispels myths in ways any fleet can use to uncover their potential fuel savings.

In this webinar you'll learn:

- The unbiased facts about fuel economy
- How to choose the right technologies for YOUR fleet
- How to get reliable answers on fuel economy
- And this will give you and your business these great takeaways:
- Predict real-world fuel savings for YOUR fleet
- Make fuel economy decisions easier
- Maximize your profits through fuel economy

[Click here to register for this webinar](#)



## NJDEP Seminar on Underground Storage Tank Compliance

Date: Thursday November 14,  
Location: State Police Auditorium, Hamilton Twp. (Mercer County)  
Times: 8:30 am – 2:00 pm  
Cost: Free

The Bureau of Underground Storage Tanks is hosting a compliance seminar for all facilities that maintain a regulated underground storage tank (UST) system. If your town has gasoline or diesel fuel stored underground this seminar will provide you with rule requirements and guidance for maintaining compliance. They will also be discussing commonly found violations since the new air rule took effect in 2017 and the new UST rule took effect in 2018. Speakers will be from NJDEP, NJ Weights & Measures, and Department of Community Affairs. NJDEP inspectors will be available after the seminar for site specific questions and compliance assistance. Pre-registration is required.

To register for this seminar or questions contact: Jenna DiNuzzo at NJDEP, 609-672-1309 or

[Click here to register online](#)



New Jersey State League  
of Municipalities

## NJ League of Municipalities 104<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference

Dates: November 19 to 21, 2019  
Locations: Atlantic City Convention Center

The New Jersey League of Municipalities is holding its 104<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in November 2019. Municipal officials will gather together with the theme of "Igniting Local Engagement."

[Click here to read more about the conference](#)



## Webinar - Words Matter: How to Safely Communicate About Suicide

Date: November 21, 2019  
Time: 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm  
Cost: Free

The public safety sector—including fire service, law enforcement, EMS and corrections—has made significant gains in raising awareness around suicide among first responders. But did you know that sometimes the very messages used to promote awareness can cause harm and undermine suicide prevention efforts?

Fortunately, there *is* a safe way to talk about suicide. Public safety professionals of all ranks and positions can learn to convey messages of hope and resiliency and promote positive, help-seeking behaviors.

This webinar, brought to you by the National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention and Lexipol, will share actionable steps public safety professionals can take to create honest, empathetic, effective messages that support departmental prevention efforts and focus on solutions. A significant portion of the webinar will be set aside for audience Q&A.

**You'll Learn:**

- The importance of first developing a strategy for your communication efforts
- The need to move from “messaging for awareness” to “messaging for action”
- How to avoid messages that can increase the risk someone will take their own life
- How to create messages that convey help is available and recovery is possible

*If you or someone you know is struggling with thoughts of suicide, help is available 24/7. Please reach out to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255) or the Crisis Text Line by sending 'HOME' to 741741.*

[Click here to register for this lexipol webinar](#)



## **Webinar - The Connected Fleet Challenge Webinar Series, Webinar #2**

Date: November 21, 2019  
Time: 2:00 pm  
Cost: Free

This webinar will present an overview of the Connected Fleet Challenge and available resources, as well as from agencies that have or are currently deploying On-Board Units (OBUs) on fleet vehicles. This will include a discussion of the agency motivations and lessons learned from applications related to the SPaT Challenge and Connected Fleet Challenge.

### **Target Audience**

State and local transportation agency engineering and technical staff interested in deploying SPaT and connected fleet broadcasts; private contractors and consultants that support state and local transportation agencies; private-sector vendors and manufacturers of connected vehicle equipment related to DSRC, roadside equipment, and signal controllers.

### **Learning Objectives**

Participants will learn about the Connected Fleet Challenge, available resources, and understand agency motivations, experiences, and lessons learned regarding the deployment of OBUs and related applications.

[Register for this webinar today.](#)



## Webinar - Connected Work Zones: Mapping Toolchain Overview

Date: November 22, 2019  
Time: 1:00 pm  
Cost: Free

The Crash Avoidance Metrics Partners (CAMP) LLC, working in collaboration with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), recently developed a suite of software products referred to as the RSZW / Work Zone Software Toolchain for use in a connected vehicle (CV) environment. This toolchain is intended to be a resource to assist state and local DOTs in creating the information needed to describe lane configurations of work zones and other areas with reduced speed or lane drops. This information is used to populate infrastructure-to-vehicle (I2V) messages broadcast by the roadside to support in-vehicle warning systems. This toolchain is now available for agencies to download and use through a 'click-through' license at the following address: <https://www.campllc.org/> - under the software/tools tab.

On November 22, 2019 from 1:00-2:30 ET there will be a webinar introducing the software toolchain and encouraging state and local DOTs to download, test, and use the toolchain. It is important to note that this outreach and circulation is part of the testing and verification process. The goal is for as many DOTs to test the software as possible in order to understand what works well and what needs improvement. The software is not being described as a final product, but rather a work in progress that is ready for wider use, testing, and feedback.

To ultimately understand the potential use of the software to support state and local DOTs in creating work zone data to support connected work zones.

**[Register for this webinar today.](#)**



## Radar Instructor Recertification Class

Date: November 22, 2019  
Location: Stamler Police Academy (Union County)  
Time: 8:00am - 1:00pm  
Cost: Free

The refresher course is required for radar instructors once every three years. A radar instructor/operator certificate is valid for three years. In the third year, before expiration, each instructor must attend the refresher course. The course will run from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. You will no longer receive notification that you are due for recertification. It is your responsibility to renew your certification before it expires. This one-day course consists of classroom instruction covering the basic principles of radar, speed measurement, legal and operational considerations, instrument components and their function, record keeping, and case preparation.

The registration form for these classes is in the appendix of this newsletter or **[click here for the DCJ 2019 Catalog](#)**



## LEL November Webinar: Pursuits

Date: Wednesday, November 20, 2019  
Time: 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm ET  
Cost: Free

<https://www.nlelp.org/event/lel-november-webinar-pursuits/>



## Upcoming Rutgers CAIT Courses

### NJLTAP - Traffic Incident Management Training for Emergency Responders

Date: November 21, 2019  
Location: Rutgers CAIT, Piscataway  
Times: 8:00 am–1:00 pm  
Cost: Free

The training covers topics including TIM guidelines, fundamentals, and terminology; notifications and scene size up; scene safety and risk management; traffic management; special circumstances; clearance; and termination.

[Click here to register for the November 21<sup>st</sup> class](#)



### The Americans with Disabilities Act: What Public Employers Need to Know

Date: Thursday, December 5, 2019  
Location: DoubleTree Hotel, Tinton Falls  
Times: 8:30 am – 12:30 pm  
Cost: \$90.00 Member, \$110.00 Non Member

This seminar is being presented by the NJ League of Municipalities. The goal of this seminar is to help attendees understand their obligation as employers pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act (as amended). More specifically, it will provide information about entitlements afforded to qualified individuals with a disability in the hiring and employment process; the obligation to provide reasonable accommodations and engage in the interactive process; and interaction of the ADA with other state and federal law. This seminar will also address the intersection between protection under the ADA and routine personnel actions, as well as the implications for medical marijuana and drug-free workplace policies.

Contact: Danielle Holland-Htut, at 609-695-3481 ext 118, or email [dholland@njlm.org](mailto:dholland@njlm.org)

## Advanced Collision Reconstruction with Excel Applications

Dates: December 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Location: Morris County Public Safety Academy, Parsippany, NJ  
Cost: \$750

This is an advanced reconstruction course that also covers approximately 40 Excel based programs.

The theory and foundation for each program are based upon is discussed in detail before the operation of the program is discussed. This way, the program used has a complete understanding of the basis of each program. Even though the programs are Excel-based, this is not an Excel course. No Excel knowledge is needed to use any of the programs properly.

Some of the topics covered:

- Linear Momentum, working with other than post-impact speeds
- Working with Delta V and PDOF
- Commercial Brake Force Calculations
- Critical Speed
- Time Distance
- Airborne Equations
- Pedestrian Investigation

Those attending will be provided a copy of the programs and a windows computer with a full version of Excel is required for the course. (some of the programs use Excel commands that are not supported in the iPhone, iPad, and android based versions of Excel). The recommended course prerequisite is Collision Reconstruction.

For course registration contact: Greg Russell vis email [C.G.RUSSELL@ME.COM](mailto:C.G.RUSSELL@ME.COM)  
or by phone at (443) 889-3657

NJDHTS has approved the use of DDEF funds to pay for attending this course, if you have questions contact Paul Grofie, NJDHTS at 609-376-9707.



## Webinar - Applying the Latest Research to Prevent Bullying: Empowering Schools to Change Behavior and Attitudes

Date: December 3, 2019  
Time: 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm  
Cost: Free

Bullying prevention is an important aspect of school safety. During this webinar, co-sponsored by NIJ and the Federal Partners in Bullying Prevention, renowned bullying prevention researchers will share information schools can use to address bullying. This information will include helping teachers respond to bullying in the classroom and giving students who see bullying tools to take action to address it. The webinar will be moderated by an education professional and participants will have an opportunity to interact with presenters.

[Click here to register for this webinar](#)





## Save the Date for Future LEL Webinars

**LEL December Webinar:**  
GHSA LE/HSO Engagement Project  
December 18 @ 1:30 pm

*The National LEL Program is a project of the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA), funded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).*

<https://www.nlelp.org/event/lel-december-webinar-ghsa-le-hso-engagement-project/>

### Quote of the month

This month we have two special quotes to share, they were made by two different presidential candidates at the same event, the Second Step Presidential Justice Forum, on October 26<sup>th</sup> at the Benedict College in South Carolina.

*"I would respect what they are doing so that you don't get shot  
in the back of the head."*

*Democratic presidential candidate Bernie Sander's reply to the question by a student who asked: "If I were your son, what advice would you give me the next time I pulled over by a police officer?"*

### Remember the five tenets of Below 100

**Wear your seat belt  
Watch your speed  
Wear your vest  
WIN: What's Important Now  
Complacency kills  
&  
When in traffic  
Wear your high visibility safety vest !!  
Stay Safe Out There**

**Next meeting is November 6<sup>th</sup> at the AAA Complex in Hamilton @ 10:00 AM**

## Newsletter Information

If any member would like to submit an article, information about events and training, or anything you want to spread the word about dealing with traffic safety, please email it to Rich Maxwell at [rmax@att.net](mailto:rmax@att.net).

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