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Dedicated to the memory of Anthony "Tony" Parenti*

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## President's Message

It's official.....the year that was 2020 has come to a close. Unfortunately, 2020 got in one last parting shot with the passing of longtime member Frank Volpicella. Frank was a friend and mentor to all of us, and I'm sure he taught many of you throughout various crash training. Frank was an integral part of the development of our crash training curriculum here in New Jersey. It was a pleasure knowing and working with Frank through the years, even though I could never convince him to try sushi at lunch. He will be missed. Rest easy, Frank.

As we turn the chapter to 2021, I wish you all the best for a safe and healthy new year. Hopefully, as the vaccine progresses and becomes more widespread, we can return to some state of normalcy and maybe even have an in-person meeting again. As always, be sure to check our website and keep an eye on your inbox for the latest news and updates.

Stay safe, Nick

## Association News

### Monthly Business & E-Board Meetings      Zoom Online

The next regular meeting is on Wednesday, February 3, 2021, at 10:00 am.

An invitation to the Zoom meetings will be emailed out the Monday before the meeting. If you do not receive an invitation email for the meeting, reach out to President Schock or Executive Director Maxwell for the link.

There will be an Executive Board Meeting on February 3, 2021, at 9:00 am.

## WWW.NJPTOA.ORG & COVID-19

Visit our association's website regularly for updated information and Law Enforcement resources dealing with the COVID-19 outbreak. There is a page containing all of the Governor's Executive Orders, OEM Administrative Orders, MVC Orders & NJ AG Directives related to the outbreak. [www.njptoa.com](http://www.njptoa.com). Please Stay Safe & Healthy out there!

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## NJPTOA Awarded an NJDHTS Grant to Fund the Association's Operations

### No More Dues Notices!

Along with January 1<sup>st</sup> ringing in the beginning of a new year, it also brings exciting news to our member agencies, both current and past.

Through Director Eric Heitmann's work, the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety (NJDHTS) has awarded a grant to the New Jersey Police Traffic Officers' Association, covering most, if not all, of our yearly operating costs.

NJDHTS Director Heitmann felt the dues' cost prevented some agencies from joining or continuing their Association membership. President Schock worked with Director Heitmann on this grant to cover the cost of membership for all police agencies and traffic safety organizations in the state.

The NJPTOA is the **only** statewide traffic safety organization of its type in the United States. NJDHTS feels that the Association's uniqueness is too crucial to the motoring public and police officers' safety to be underutilized. New Jersey police agencies could have a significant impact on highway safety by working together within the Association.

Therefore, your yearly Association dues will be waived during the NJHTS grant period, which is expected to be long term. If the grant is ever terminated, the NJPTOA Executive Board will determine the yearly dues from that point forward.

To facilitate an accurate membership database, we are revamping the membership and email communication procedures for 2021. The existing membership roster and email address book are going to be purged. This will require all agencies and associate members, current and new, to complete the 2021 Membership Form and submit it to the Association as soon as possible. The agency is the member of the Association with a name serving as the primary contact person. Agencies can add additional names and email addresses, which will also have access to the Association's material, by listing the names and email addresses in the appropriate spaces on the second page of the form.

The email addresses are required to receive the monthly newsletters, meeting notices, updates, grant information, education opportunities, and other communications. The Association no longer mails these items via the USPS; all communications are done electronically. Please check with your information technology people to ensure your agency's internal systems do not block the Association's emails.

Any questions can be directed to:

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**A copy of the 2021 Membership Form is in the appendix of this Newsletter and on our website.**

## RADAR Tuning Forks Testing

Mark Wilson has been working with the New Jersey Weights and Measures to set up a tuning fork certification procedure.

One agency within each region will be designated as a drop off location where agencies will leave their tuning forks. W&M will pick the batch of forks up and bring them back to the drop off agency after they have completed their work with them.

Agencies are still welcome to directly take their forks to W&M themselves by following the procedures outlined in the appendix of this Newsletter. Also in the appendix is the W&M instruction memo and invoice. These can also be downloaded from our website's forms section. [Click here to download the memo and invoice.](#)

The process is expected to begin in February. We will send out an email blast once the locations are finalized.

## In Memoriam Frank P. Volpicella - 1946 - 2020

With great sadness, we share news of the passing of our colleague, longtime NJPTOA member, and friend, Frank Volpicella.

Frank passed away peacefully on December 30, 2020, at the age of 74, surrounded by his wife and sons after losing his battle with cancer. He was born, September 23, 1946, in East Orange, NJ, the son of Leo and Mary (Celeste) Volpicella.

Frank is survived by his wife of 53 years, Jean (Karaska) Volpicella; his two sons Leonard and his wife Christine, Frank, Jr. and his wife Beth and his adored grandchildren, Brianna, Anthony, and Leo.

Frank started his police career with the Florham Park Police Department in 1968. The South Brunswick Township Police Department hired Frank on November 1, 1970. He retired from active police work in October of 1994.



Frank's primary efforts were in the field of Traffic Safety, dealing with all areas of traffic crash investigation, traffic enforcement, and supervision. After retirement, Frank became an adjunct faculty member with the Institute of Police Technology and Management (IPTM), Northwestern University Traffic Institute, and New Jersey's Crash Investigation Training Program, instructing classes in crash investigation.

Frank was a Charter member of this New Jersey Association of Accident Reconstructionists (NJAAR) since its inception in 1991. He held several positions on the Board of Directors, including President for over 20 years. He was recognized for his work across those years for the NJAAR with a Lifetime Achievement and Membership status.

The contributions of Frank's knowledge and experience were invaluable to the crash investigation classes here in New Jersey and around the country. He was blessed to be able to impart his knowledge to countless police officers over the years.

Frank always had a "kind word" for everyone, whether at a meeting or other gathering, and he received the "kind words" back all in good fun.

Visitation will be on Saturday, January 9, 2021, between 12:00-3:30 pm at the M. David DeMarco Funeral Home, 205 Rhode Hall Rd., Monroe Twp., NJ, 732-521-0555

A catholic blessing will begin after the visiting hours at 3:30 pm, followed by a private cremation.

In lieu of flowers, and for those who desire, memorial contributions may be made in Frank's memory to FOP Lodge 51 – PO Box 644, Dayton, NJ 08810.

[Click here for Frank's full obituary and the funeral home's website](#)

## Quick Points of Interest



Do you want to recognize acts of bravery performed by law enforcement officers in your agency, well now is your chance.

The nomination period for the [2020 Congressional Badge of Bravery](#) is open till February 15, 2021.

Each year, the Bureau of Justice Assistance recognizes law enforcement officers for their exceptional acts of bravery in the line of duty. Recipients are considered at the federal, state, and local review boards and will be honored during an awards ceremony in Washington, D.C.

[Learn about past award recipients](#)

[Click here to nominate an officer](#)



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## **2020 Year-End Officer Fatality Report to Release on Jan. 11, 2021, Followed by Three Daily Programs**

On Monday, January 11, 2021, the National Law Enforcement Memorial and Museum will release its proprietary detailed report on all line-of-duty deaths in 2020. Following the release of the report, as part of the Destination Zero initiative, a series of critical programs will be held to provide lifesaving information of the highest relevance to our law enforcement officers, based on trends found in the leading line-of-duty death categories of firearms, traffic, and health-related circumstances.

Across the three days following the release of the report, on the 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 14<sup>th</sup>, in-depth one-on-one interviews will be held between leaders in law enforcement and the medical field from federal agencies, major cities, and counties to address the growing threats against officers based on our annual report data. These highly focused conversations will include resources and strategies for officers before, during, and after events, such as resilience and preparation, training and response, and support when recovering from traumatic and tragic events.

Each program will be streamed across multiple web and social media platforms and available after that to reach the greatest numbers of officers and their families to ensure that we reach zero annual fatalities as soon as possible. Please register for each program and to receive broadcast information.

[Click here to read more and register for the online events.](#)



## Any RADAR Instructors Out There??

Little Ferry Police Department is looking for some help; they do not have a RADAR Instructor on their staff. They have some officers that need to attend the basic RADAR Operator's Course to get certified.

If you or your agency can help them out by either doing a class at their agency or if you are doing one that they can send the officers to, reach out to Captain Ronald Klein Jr., Little Ferry Police Department at 201-641-2724 or email him at [RKleinJr@littleferrydpd.org](mailto:RKleinJr@littleferrydpd.org)

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

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## Some Words from the Director – Eric Heitmann

Across the country, people are taking the time to reflect on the extremely challenging year in anticipation of celebrating New Year 2021. A part of reflection is looking for ways to make our daily lives happier, healthier, and safer.

The year 2020 proved to be a more difficult and dangerous year than usual on roadways across the country. Here at home in New Jersey, traffic fatalities decreased in the first and second quarters of the year when there were fewer drivers on the road due to the pandemic. However, statistics show that as the year progressed, fatalities increased significantly, even as traffic volumes remained below average. As of January 5<sup>th</sup>, data shows there were 550 fatal crashes in 2020 resulting in 587 deaths as compared to the 524 fatal crashes 2019 that caused 558 deaths.

A study by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) suggests driving patterns and behaviors changed significantly and that drivers who remained on the roads engaged in riskier behavior, including speeding, failing to wear seat belts, and driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol. <https://www.nhtsa.gov/press-releases/2019-fatality-data-traffic-deaths-2020-q2-projections>

At the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety, we continue to strive towards our vision of zero deaths occurring on New Jersey's roadways. We hope the information from the NHTSA study will help you make positive changes in your driving behaviors for a safer 2021.



Here are some traffic safety goals to put on your agency's social media sites and convey to the motoring public to add to their New Year's resolutions:

- Obey all posted speed limits, even if the roads seem emptier than usual. #ArriveAlive
- Wear your seat belt – every seat, every trip, every time. It's the best way to avoid serious injuries or death in the event of a crash. #ClickItOrTicket
- If you've consumed drugs or alcohol, don't get behind the wheel of any vehicle. #DriveSober
- Put down your phone and pledge not to drive distracted. #JustDrive (And keep an eye out for our Division's comprehensive distracted driving campaign coming in Spring 2021!)
- By making - and keeping - these safety resolutions, you will help us create safer roadways in New Jersey so that everyone arrives home safely to their loved ones at the end of the day.

I invite you to contact our office via phone (609) 633-9300 or email [HTSWebInfo@njoag.gov](mailto:HTSWebInfo@njoag.gov) with questions, comments, or suggestions on how we can all make 2021 our safest year yet on New Jersey's roadways. You can also follow along with the NJ DHTS on social media to join the conversation on our traffic safety campaigns all year long:

Facebook - @NewJerseyDivisionofHighwayTrafficSafety

Twitter - @NJTrafficSafety

Instagram- @NJTrafficSafety,

For a wealth of information on a wide array of traffic safety topics, please visit the Division's frequently updated web site at [www.NJSafeRoads.com](http://www.NJSafeRoads.com).

We are listening and are here to help law enforcement achieve these safety goals. From all of us here at NJDHTS, we hope that 2021 is your best and safest year yet.



## First Quarter Grant Reports Due

December 31<sup>st</sup> was the end of the first quarter for FY2021 DHTS Grants. If your agency has a grant in place from DHTS, make sure you submit your first-quarter report using the SAGE system as soon as possible. Even if there was no activity, please submit a report just saying that.



## Traffic Safety Campaigns for January

DHTS has monthly social media safety campaigns lined up and they are looking for all of us to help by getting involved. Below is a list of the campaigns, information, and graphics. We encourage you to post these on your social media and web sites. If you have any questions related to any of these campaigns, contact your DHTS Regional Supervisor.

[Click here to download graphics for use on websites and social media.](#)

## Windshield Wipers

Does your windshield look like this? Then it's time to replace your windshield wipers so you can clearly see when driving.

Graphic:



## Remove Ice & Snow Before You Go

Reminder: It's the LAW in New Jersey to remove ice and snow from your car and defrost your windshield before you begin your drive. Not doing so can cause crashes and deaths on our roadways!

Graphic:



## Winter Storm Messaging Video

New Jersey Department of Transportation's Commissioner Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti, Colonel Patrick Callahan, Superintendent of the New Jersey State Police, and New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety's Director Eric Heitmann joined together to remind motorists of the importance of driving safely and staying off the roads during and directly after a winter storm.

[Click here to view the Winter Storm Driving PSA](#)

## Stick to It campaign and website <http://www.njsaferoads.com/sticktoit/>

Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL) laws are recognized as the single most effective tool for keeping young drivers safe and reducing teen driver crashes, injuries, and deaths. New Jersey has some of the most effective laws in the country, so to celebrate ten years of Kyleigh's Law and 20 years of the GDL, we're asking NJ to #StickToIt.



## Mark Your Calendars – Enforcement Grant Coming for April

April 5<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> - Distracted Driving Awareness Week

NJ DHTS will soon be announcing an upcoming grant opportunity for agencies. April 5<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup> is Distracted Driving Awareness Week, which is part of NHTSA's safety campaign for the entire month of April. Even if your agency is not part of the state grant program, all departments should make an effort to put extra patrols out this week to put forth a unified effort to make the highways safer for the motoring public.





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## Just Drive – 2020-2021 PSA Video Contest

**Share this information with the high schools in your jurisdiction!!!**

NJ Manufacturers Insurance Group is proud to announce that they have partnered with the Brain Injury Association of New Jersey to launch the “Just Drive” PSA Contest for New Jersey high schools. First prize is \$15,000, second prize is \$10,000, while third prize is \$5,000.

This year, BIANJ is graciously allowing high schools to use their Just Drive PSA as their [Champion Schools](#) project entry. This means schools have the opportunity to **win up to \$25,000** for their driver education and safety initiatives!

Visit [JustDrive.NJM.com](http://JustDrive.NJM.com) to enter. The entry deadline is 1/29/2021. PSA Submission deadline 3/15/2021. [Click here for the official rules and more details.](#)  
[Brain Injury Alliance of New Jersey](#) Champion School Facebook page.

2020-2021  
**Just Drive**  
PSA VIDEO CONTEST

Create a **30 SECOND VIDEO** emphasizing the importance of avoiding distracted driving.

**COMPETE TO WIN!**

GRAND PRIZE	\$ 15,000
2 <sup>ND</sup> PRIZE	\$ 10,000
3 <sup>RD</sup> PRIZE	\$ 5,000

TWO GREAT WAYS FOR NEW JERSEY SCHOOLS TO WIN! Become a Champion School and earn 25 BONUS POINTS for your entry. Your PSA can also be used as part of Champion Schools project submission.

Visit [JustDrive.NJM.com](http://JustDrive.NJM.com) to enter

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Jersey Drives

Entry deadline is January 29, 2021. PSA submission deadline March 15, 2021. Winners will be announced at JustDrive PSA Showcase in April 2021. Please see official rules for more details.

## Updates from the New Jersey State Police



### Division of NJ State Police Top 12 Most Wanted Fugitives

Click the below link to see who is on the NJ State Police's Most Wanted List:

<https://www.njsp.org/wanted/index.shtml>



### Fatal Accident Investigation Unit

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

Preliminary data shows that there were 548 fatal crashes, which resulted in 585 deaths for the year 2020, which was an increase over 2019. These numbers could change as more data is collected and analyzed. This rise in crashes and fatalities is of great concern as the actual miles traveled on our roadways in 2020 was significantly reduced due to the COVID Pandemic. The January 8<sup>th</sup> report sheet with more significant details can be found in the appendix of this Newsletter.

Below is the statewide fatal crash data for the year 2020 as of 10:00 am, January 8, 2021

<b>Fatal Crashes</b>			<b>Fatalities</b>	
2020	548		2020	585
2019	524		2019	558
2018	524		2018	563

Difference in Fatalities from 2019 to 2020 = increase of 27  
Percentage of change between 2019 and 2020 = + 4.8%

Difference in Fatalities from 2018 to 2019 = decrease of 5  
Percentage of change between 2018 and 2019 = - 0.9%

If you ever have a question about a fatal crash or want to update information about one, feel free to contact the NJSP Fatal Accident Unit at (609) 882-2000 Ext. 2038

## Updates from the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission



### MVC Agency Closings

As of January 7<sup>th</sup> - Due to employees testing positive for COVID-19 at these locations, each center is scheduled to reopen on the following dates:

Rahway Licensing Center will be closed until Tuesday, January 19.

Springfield Vehicle Center will be closed until Tuesday, January 19.

South Plainfield Licensing Center will be closed until Friday, January 15.

Edison Licensing Center will be closed until Tuesday, January 12.

Somerville Vehicle Center will be closed until Friday, January 15.

Six additional MVC Centers are currently closed due to an employee testing positive for COVID-19 at each location. These Centers are scheduled to reopen on the following dates:

- Manahawkin Vehicle Center – Tuesday, Jan. 12
- Toms River Licensing Center – Tuesday, Jan. 12
- Delanco Licensing Center – Tuesday, Jan. 12
- Edison Licensing Center – Tuesday, Jan. 12
- South Plainfield Licensing Center – Friday, Jan. 15
- Somerville Vehicle Center – Friday, Jan. 15



### All MVC Licensing Centers and Vehicle Centers are Now Appointment-Only

All MVC Vehicle Centers are open by appointment only, with no walk-ins allowed, while MVC Licensing Centers accept walk-in customers for new permits, licenses, and non-driver IDs.

License/ID renewals that cannot be completed online, including for those with visa restrictions, require an appointment. Renewals are not available on a walk-in basis at Licensing Centers.

Appointments at Vehicle and Licensing Centers are scheduled 30 days in advance at [NJMVC.gov](http://NJMVC.gov). The MVC adds thousands of appointments each day, and customers should check online early in the morning and at multiple MVC locations to best secure an appointment.

Customers are further reminded that most basic licenses/IDs and registrations can be renewed online at [NJMVC.gov](http://NJMVC.gov). When you successfully renew online, the renewal goes into effect immediately, and your printable receipt and expired document are valid for driving.

Customers should log on to [NJMVC.gov](http://NJMVC.gov) to check the status of locations before visiting any MVC facility.

[Click here to read the full MVC info sheet](#)

[Click here for the "Cheat Sheet" for MVC services](#)

## NJMVC On Twitter and Facebook

On December 29, 2020, the following message was posted by MVC on their social media sites.

DID YOU KNOW...when you renew online, your printable receipt is valid immediately? Even if you renew on the last day, your receipt – along with your expired document – are valid for driving.

## Licensing Without Regard to Immigration Status Delayed

December 28, 2020

The New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission has announced that the implementation of licensing for those without legal immigration status will be delayed from the original January 1<sup>st</sup> date. No new date has been announced, as the MVC continues to monitor the impact of the Public Health Emergency on its operations.



### MVC Law Enforcement Advisory 2020-16 Extensions and CDLs

Jan 1, 2021

There are no current extensions in place for:

- All standard driver licenses (including permits)
- Standard non-driver IDs
- Vehicle registrations
- Inspections
- Temporary tags

### What about CDL Extensions?

Any valid New Jersey CDL or CLP due for renewal between March 1, 2020, and February 28, 2021, has been extended until February 28, 2021.

For CDL and CLP holders holding valid medical certification or medical variance for a period of 90 days or longer that expired on or after September 1, 2020, will remain “certified.”

Medical Examiner Certificates and Medical Certifications that expired prior to September 1, 2020, are NOT extended.

Medical Examiner Certificates issued for less than 90 days are NOT extended.

Extensions for HAZMAT endorsements have expired.

The extensions mirror those issued by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, which oversees CDLs, and the federal Transportation Security Administration, which oversees Hazardous Materials endorsements (HAZMAT).

A copy of the Advisory can be found in the appendix of this Newsletter or [click here to download the LE Advisory 2020-16](#)



## MVC Law Enforcement Advisory 2020-15

Authorization for Individuals Who Have Passed Road Test to Use Driving Permit to Operate Motor Vehicle for 60 Days During COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

December 17, 2020

Effective immediately, P.L.2020, c.136 allows an applicant for a driver's license who has passed the road test to use the examination permit or special learner's permit as a probationary driver license to operate a motor vehicle for sixty (60) days during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

The Motor Vehicle Commission shall provide applicants who have passed the road test with a stamped permit, as shown in the Advisory in the appendix of this Newsletter. This stamped permit is valid for driving ONLY during the 60-day period as indicated by the stamp. After that time, the document can only be used as an examination permit or special learner's permit, as applicable.

A copy of the Advisory can be found in the appendix of this Newsletter or [click here to download the LE Advisory 2020-15](#)

## Updates from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Follow NHTSA on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) to keep up to date with the latest recalls and safety campaigns



US Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

## DWI Prosecutor's Handbook

This handbook published by NHTSA is a comprehensive guide for prosecutors covering the fundamentals of DWI prosecution.

It is also valuable for patrol officers who are involved in traffic safety. It is essential for all officers to have a clear understanding of what the prosecutor will need in order to turn your arrest into a conviction.

The 36-page handbook covers such topics as:

- Physical Evidence
- Scene of the Crime
- Witness Preparation
- Expert Witnesses
- Common Defenses and Challenges

This is an excellent reference to have on hand for periodic review.

<https://ndaa.org/wp-content/uploads/810864.pdf>





## Provide Public Comment on Draft Report for Systematic Review of Prehospital Airway Management

*The comment period closes on Jan. 11, 2021*

Members of the EMS community and the public are invited to review and submit comments on a new draft report for a systematic review of prehospital airway management. You can read the draft report, submit comments, and learn more about the project by visiting the [AHRQ website](#).

The purpose of the review is to assess comparative benefits and harms across three airway management approaches—bag valve mask, supraglottic airway, and endotracheal intubation—by emergency medical services in the prehospital setting and how these benefits and harms differ based on patient characteristics, techniques and devices used. The report describes findings from the evidence review. Your feedback will help improve its relevance and ensure the evidence is understood. All comments will be reviewed, considered, and appreciated.

[Click here for the complete story.](#)



## Join the National EMS Advisory Council

*Applications to serve a 2-year term are due January 15, 2021*

Joining the National EMS Advisory Council (NEMSAC) is an excellent opportunity to get involved in EMS at a national level and make a difference in your community. Complete applications must be received on or before **January 15, 2021**, at 5 pm EST.

### About NEMSAC

The Department of Transportation established the NEMSAC to provide information, advice, and recommendations on matters relating to all aspects of the development and implementation of EMS. The council is comprised of 25 members that collectively represent all sectors of the EMS community. The broad-based membership ensures that it has sufficient EMS system expertise as well as geographic and demographic diversity to accurately reflect the whole EMS community.

Members serve 2-year terms and may be reappointed for one additional successive term. The council meets in plenary session approximately three to four times per year. Members will not receive pay or other compensation for their service but are entitled to reimbursement for their travel expenses, including per diem.

### How to Apply

Applicants must submit a resume or CV and letters of recommendation via email or mail at the addresses below. Applicants should also identify which sector or discipline they hope to represent.

Nominations are open to all individuals without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, mental or physical disability, marital status, or sexual orientation.

For further details about the application process or more information on the program, contact Clary Mole with the NHTSA Office of EMS at [Clary.Mole@dot.gov](mailto:Clary.Mole@dot.gov) or 202-366-2795 or visit [EMS.gov](#)





## 2020 Winter Driving Tips - Focus on Safety

When the chilly temperatures of winter set in, will your vehicle be ready for the cold?

Are motorists prepared to drive in inclement weather, such as heavy rain, snow, and ice? Planning and preventative maintenance are important year-round ... but especially when it comes to winter driving.

[Click here for NHTSA's 2020 winter driving tips.](#)



## NHTSA Communications Calendar

The 2021 NHTSA Communications Calendar and the 2021 Highway Traffic Safety Events Calendar are available in TSM.

[Click here to get a head start on your planning and to align with NHTSA's traffic safety campaigns for 2021](#)



## Fans Don't Let Fans Drive Drunk Super Bowl Sunday Weekend – February 5, 6, & 7, 2021

Super Bowl has become synonymous with drinking and celebrating, making roads on Super Bowl weekend dangerous. Using these materials, you can raise awareness in your community or with your officers about the heightened dangers of drunk driving on Super Bowl weekend.

These marketing materials should only be used in support of the Super Bowl drunk driving prevention campaign period. Specific requests and questions regarding their use outside of this time period should be directed to [Feedback-TSM@dot.gov](mailto:Feedback-TSM@dot.gov).

[Click here for Super Bowl Weekend material](#)



## Vehicle Safety Recalls Week / March 8-12, 2021

NHTSA manages vehicle safety recalls, sets vehicle safety standards, and requires automakers to recall vehicles with safety defects or do not meet those standards.

During Vehicle Safety Recalls Week, NHTSA wants to increase awareness of the urgency of safety recalls and to encourage the driving public to check and see if there's an open recall on their vehicle. Vehicle Safety Recalls Week is March 8-12, 2021.

[Click here to get the 2021 campaign materials.](#)



## Upcoming National NHTSA Safety Campaigns

Below is the schedule of upcoming national traffic safety campaigns sponsored by NHTSA.

**March 22–April 12 Rail Grade Crossing Campaign NHTSA**

[www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/get-materials/rail-grade-crossing](http://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/get-materials/rail-grade-crossing)

**April (Entire Month) National Distracted Driving Awareness Month NHTSA**

[www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/get-materials/distracted-driving](http://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/get-materials/distracted-driving)

**April 1 National Walking Day NHTSA**

[www.nhtsa.gov](http://www.nhtsa.gov)

**April 5–12 National Distracted Driving Awareness Week NHTSA**

[www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/get-materials/distracted-driving](http://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/get-materials/distracted-driving)

**April 11–17 National 911 Public Safety Telecommunicators Week**

[www.npstw.org](http://www.npstw.org)

**April 26–30 National Work Zone Awareness Week Federal Highway Administration**

[www.ops.fhwa.dot.gov/wz/outreach/wz\\_awareness.htm](http://www.ops.fhwa.dot.gov/wz/outreach/wz_awareness.htm)

## Updates from the Federal Bureau of Investigation

The latest edition of the [FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin](#) is now available online.



## Ten Most Wanted Fugitives

The official FBI Ten Most Wanted Fugitives list is maintained on the FBI website. This information may be copied and distributed. However, any unauthorized alteration of any portion of the FBI's Ten Most Wanted Fugitives posters is a violation of federal law

[Click here to go to the FBI's Ten Most Wanted website](#)

## Innocent Images Program Marks 25 Years

When a 1990s kidnapping case led FBI agents to individuals who were using the internet to share images of child sexual abuse and lure children into harm, it launched a revolution in how the FBI investigates these crimes

## [Federal Agencies Warn of Emerging Fraud Schemes Related to COVID-19 Vaccines](#)

The FBI, Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General, and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services are warning the public about several emerging fraud schemes related to COVID-19 vaccines.

## [Joint Statement by the FBI, CISA, ODNI, and NSA](#)

The Cyber Unified Coordination Group—which includes the FBI, CISA, and ODNI, with support from NSA—issued a statement about the significant cyber incident involving federal government networks.

## [FBI New Jersey News](#)

*Click on the headline to read the press release for each story.*

### [Camden County Man Admits Trafficking in Oxycodone Pills](#)

A Camden County man admitted conspiring to distribute and selling oxycodone pills in connection with his role in a drug trafficking ring

### [Securities Trader Sentenced to 18 Months in Prison for Market Manipulation Scheme That Netted More Than \\$17 Million in Illicit Profits](#)

A New Jersey-based securities trader was sentenced to 18 months in prison for orchestrating a massive, long-running market manipulation scheme.

### [Lucchese Crime Family Soldier Admits Aggravated Assault](#)

A soldier in the Lucchese Crime Family admitted planning and carrying out an aggravated assault on the current husband of one of the former stars of “The Real Housewives of New Jersey.”

### [Bergen County Man Admits Stealing Millions of Dollars from Lenders and Corporations in Wire Fraud Scheme](#)

New Jersey man admitted that he defrauded lenders and corporations of \$4.9 million by impersonating two bank executives interested in funding syndicated loans for global companies.

### [Essex County Man Admits Participating in Armed Robbery Spree Spanning Multiple Counties in Northern and Central New Jersey](#)

An Essex County resident admitted to participating in a string of convenience store robberies that took place across New Jersey in November and December 2017.

### [New Jersey Man Charged with Stealing Unemployment Insurance Benefits](#)

A Union County man was charged with using other individuals’ personal identification information to obtain unemployment insurance benefits.

### [Two Individuals Admit Role in Multi-Million-Dollar Compounded Prescription Drug Scheme](#)

Two individuals admitted their roles in a multi-million-dollar scheme that defrauded health benefits programs

### [New York For-Hire Vehicle Driver Admits Federal Sex Crimes](#)

A New York man admitted to enticing a minor, transporting the minor across NJ state lines to engage in sexual activity, and child pornography crimes.

### [New Jersey Man Admits Violating Foreign Corrupt Practices Act](#)

A New Jersey man admitted that he paid a foreign official \$100,000 in bribes to secure an improper business advantage and to obtain and retain business contracts.

### [Previously Convicted Felon Admits to Unlawfully Possessing Firearm](#)

A Riverside resident pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm.

### [Leader of Newark Drug Trafficking Organization Admits Participation in Heroin Conspiracy](#)

A Newark man admitted to his role as a member of a heroin trafficking conspiracy in Newark.

### [Sussex County Man Charged with Fraudulently Obtaining \\$5.6 Million Loan Meant to Help Small Businesses During COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

A Sussex County resident is making his initial appearance in court on charges of fraudulently obtaining a federal PPP loan of over \$5 million.

### [Monmouth County Man Sentenced to 13 Months in Prison for Role in Multi-State Patient Brokering and Bribery Scheme](#)

A Monmouth County man was sentenced to 13 months in prison for participating in a conspiracy to defraud health insurance companies.

### [Camden Man Admits Trafficking in High-Dose Oxycodone Pills](#)

A Camden resident admitted to conspiring to distribute and selling high-dose oxycodone pills in connection with his role in a drug trafficking ring.

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

<https://www.njoag.gov/> is the new website of the New Jersey Office of the Attorney General. If you have any comments, issues, or feedback, please contact the webmaster@njoag.gov or Citizen Services at 609-984-5828. Here is the new web address for the AG's Directives <https://www.njoag.gov/resources/ag-directives/>



## [Attorney General Grewal Overhauls Statewide Use of Force Policies](#)

On December 21, 2020, Attorney General Gurbir S. Grewal announced a new, statewide use of force policy for all 38,000 state, county, and local law enforcement officers in New Jersey. The new policy – the first comprehensive statewide use of force policy of its kind in the U.S. – is built around seven core principles, beginning with the sanctity of human life and dignity of all persons. It is designed to prevent excessive force, eliminate disparities in the use of force, and save lives.

### **Click the links below to read the Policy**

- [Full Policy](#)
- [Use of Force Policy, Attorney General Directive No. 2020-13](#)
- [Conducted Energy Devices and other less-lethal devices and ammunition, Addendum A](#)
- [Vehicular Pursuit Policy, Addendum B](#)

### **Additional Policy Documents**

- [Establishing Countywide Working Groups to Address Mental Health and Special Needs Populations and Creating a Framework for Coordination with State Partners, Attorney General Directive 2020-14](#)
- [Review of Use of Canines by New Jersey Law Enforcement, Attorney General Letter to Law Enforcement Executives](#)



## Related Content

- What are the core principles in the Use of Force Policy?
  - Watch This: [Use of Force Policy Core Principles Explainer Video](#)
  - Read a Summary: [Use of Force Policy Core Principles](#)
- What will New Jersey's multi-day law enforcement training entail?
  - Review the training: [Best-in-Class Use of Force Training Summary](#)
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  - Read a summary: [Use of Force Portal Infographic](#)
- What information does law enforcement enter into the Use of Force Portal?
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## Division of Criminal Justice Top 12 Most Wanted Fugitives

[Click here to go to the dcj's 12 wanted list](#)

## Division of Criminal Justice News

*Click on the links below to read more:*

[AG Grewal Sues to Stop Trump Administration from Letting Predatory Lenders Take Advantage of New Jersey Borrowers](#)

[AG Grewal Announces Charges Seeking to Suspend Liquor Licenses of 12 Bars and Restaurants Accused of Violating Gov. Murphy's COVID-19 Executive Orders](#)

[AG Grewal Announces Further Actions Against Red Bank Securities Broker-Dealer and Its Agents Who Defrauded Unsuspecting Investors](#)

[AG Grewal Takes Action Against Pharmacist Who Offered Unproven COVID-19 Treatments for Unauthorized Practice of Medicine](#)

[Proposed Regulation – Board of Court Reporting](#)

[AG Grewal Files Lawsuit to Stop Misleading Fundraising and Other Misconduct at Service Animal Charity](#)

[Attorney General, DEP Commissioner Announce Seven New Environmental Cost Recovery Lawsuits Targeting Polluters, Responsible Parties](#)

[Paul R. Rodríguez is Confirmed by the New Jersey Senate as Director of the New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs](#)

[The New Jersey Senate Confirms James B. Graziano as Director of the New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control](#)

[New Jersey Joins Antitrust Lawsuit Challenging Google's Search Engine and Search Advertising Monopolies](#)

[New Jersey Joins Multistate Challenge to Federal Government's Failure to Take Action on "Ghost Guns"](#)

[AG Grewal Leads 51 AGs in Backing Federal Version of "Daniel's Law" to Protect Judges and their Families](#)

[AG Grewal and Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control Announce Charges Seeking to Suspend Liquor Licenses of 10 Bars and Restaurants Accused of Numerous Violations of Gov. Murphy's Executive Order 194](#)

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



### **USDOT Secretary Elaine Chao Resigns Over Capitol Hill Riot**

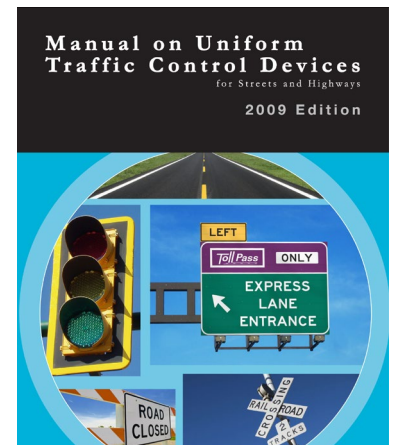
Elaine Chao stepped down as U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary on January 7, with her resignation to take effect January 11, due to the Capitol Hill riot that occurred.

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

## MUTCD - Official Interpretation Ruling 2(09)-174 (I) Uses of and Nonstandard Syntax on Changeable Message Signs

The FHWA has issued [Official Ruling No. 2\(09\)-174 \(I\)](#). This interpretation provides information and clarification on how the basic principles of effective traffic control devices apply to Changeable Message signs (CMS) in Chapter 2L of the MUTCD.

**Background:** A CMS can be an effective tool in providing real-time traffic information to the traveling public. CMS, when used judiciously, help road users navigate congestion and prepare for other unexpected roadway conditions. As with any official traffic control device, relevance and timeliness, simplicity and familiarity of the message, and consistency all contribute to ensuring that these signs fulfill their mission in supporting the safe and efficient utilization of the highways.



## Every Day County (EDC) Enters Round Six in 2021

For more than a decade, the Federal Highway Administration's [Every Day Counts](#) program has promoted proven but underused innovations that enhance roadway safety, improve project delivery and reduce traffic congestion. Across the country, highway agencies attest to the value of adopting these new technologies and processes, along with a cultural change in how they deploy innovation. In 2021, the transportation community participates in EDC round six.

Safety is the top priority of the U.S. Department of Transportation and highway agencies throughout the country. From the EDC program's early years, FHWA has promoted a portfolio of tools and resources to reduce fatalities and serious injuries across the transportation system.

As a result of EDC, the use of informed decision making through [data-driven safety analysis](#) (DDSA) is now widespread. EDC also expanded deployment of safety countermeasures such as the [SafetyEdgeSM](#), [high-friction surface treatments \(HFST\)](#), [road diets](#), and [innovative intersections](#).

Through EDC, FHWA's marketing and outreach approaches—including [webinars](#), [videos](#), [infographics](#), [how-to guides](#), and a [DDSA toolbox](#)—expanded the reach of DDSA to many audiences. Besides offering [technical assistance and training](#) to aid State agencies in incorporating DDSA into processes and policies, the EDC team helped local agencies gain proficiency with DDSA technology and create [local road safety plans](#).

[Click here to read the full article in the Jan Feb 2021 issue of FHWA's Innovator](#)

## STEP Up With Pedestrian Safety Resources

The Every Day Counts initiative on safe transportation for every pedestrian (STEP) offers several new educational resources, case studies, and tools to help agencies improve pedestrian safety at crossings.

[STEP Studio](#) is a toolbox for selecting and implementing countermeasures to improve pedestrian crossing safety. This visual and interactive resource follows the steps outlined in the “[Guide for Improving Pedestrian Safety at Uncontrolled Crossing Locations](#)” to identify potential countermeasures for various contexts. STEP Studio connects users to case studies, research reports, videos, and Federal Highway Administration guidance that go deeper into the benefits and design considerations of enhancing pedestrian safety.

STEP has produced more than 30 [case studies](#) on the “spectacular seven” countermeasures:

- rectangular rapid-flashing beacons
- leading pedestrian intervals
- crosswalk visibility enhancements
- raised crosswalks
- pedestrian crossing/refuge island
- pedestrian hybrid beacons, and
- road diets

The case studies feature State transportation departments that developed crosswalk inventories and conducted systemic analyses to prioritize pedestrian safety improvements. They also share how local agencies integrate data into transportation plans and policies for improving pedestrian safety

[Click here read more and access the materials](#)



## Next-Generation Traffic Incident Management

**Integrating technology, data, and training takes TIM to the next level**

An estimated 6 million collisions are reported by police, 32 million motorist assists, and 174,000 vehicle fires occur every year in the United States. Each incident places responders and motorists at high risk of secondary collisions, cause congestion, and negatively impact the economy and the public’s quality of life. Traffic incident management (TIM) has become the state of the practice to effectively reduce the dangers and mitigate the impacts of incidents.

[Next-generation traffic incident management](#) (NextGen TIM) focuses on working with State, local, and Tribal partners to improve TIM on all roadways by integrating proven, yet underutilized, innovative technology, data, and training strategies. In Every Day Counts round six, these entities are poised to take TIM to the next level using innovative approaches that will continue to improve safety and travel reliability and save lives, time, and money.

### Applying TIM Locally

While TIM efforts have assumed focus on high-speed roadways, the concepts of TIM are applicable to all roads. NextGen TIM applies TIM to local roadways by encouraging the application of low-cost solutions like stakeholder meetings, development of policies and procedures, and participation in TIM training.

When officers from the Oro Valley Police Department in Arizona became focused on TIM practices and began tracking TIM-related metrics in computer-aided dispatch (CAD), roadway and incident clearance times were reduced by 32 percent during the first 6 months of 2018.

[Click here to read the full article in the Jan Feb 2021 issue of FHWA’s Innovator](#)

Using tools to analyze crash and roadway data to predict the safety impacts of highway projects allows agencies to target investments with more confidence and reduce severe crashes on the roadways.

Traditional crash and roadway analysis methods mostly rely on subjective or limited quantitative measures of safety performance. This makes it difficult to calculate safety impacts alongside other criteria when planning projects. Data-driven safety analysis (DDSA) employs newer, evidence-based models that provide state and local agencies with the means to quantify safety impacts similar to the way they do other impacts such as environmental effects, traffic operations, and pavement life.

The analyses provide scientifically sound, data-driven approaches to identifying high-risk roadway features and executing the most beneficial projects with limited resources to achieve fewer fatal and serious injury crashes. During round four of Every Day Counts (EDC-4), this effort focused on both predictive and systemic analyses—two types of data-driven approaches that state and local agencies can implement individually or in combination.

Predictive analysis helps identify roadway sites with the greatest potential for improvement and quantify the expected safety performance of different project alternatives. Predictive approaches combine crash, roadway inventory, and traffic volume data to provide more reliable estimates of an existing or proposed roadway's expected safety performance. The results inform roadway safety management and project development decision-making. The data not only help agencies make better decisions, but also inform the public as to what safety benefits they can expect from their investment.

Systemic analysis uses crash and roadway data in combination to identify high-risk roadway features that correlate with particular crash types. Agencies have traditionally relied on crash history data to identify “hot spots,” or sites with high crash frequency. However, severe crashes are widely dispersed over road networks, and their location and frequency fluctuate over time. Systemic analysis identifies locations that are at risk for severe crashes, even if there is not a high crash frequency. Practitioners can then apply low-cost countermeasures to those locations. The benefit is wider, but more targeted, safety investment.

### Benefits

- **Informed Decision-Making.** Predictive and systemic analyses improve on traditional decision-making approaches that rely on subjective and limited quantitative measures of safety performance.
- **Targeted Investment.** Agencies use the analyses to optimize funding by selecting the most appropriate roadway features and project sites.
- **Improved Safety.** DDSA offers a scientifically sound, data-driven approach to allocating resources that results in fewer fatal and serious injury crashes on the Nation's roadways.

### State of the Practice

To date, 75 percent of states are applying DDSA in one or more of their project development processes. This effort is a result of collaborative work by AASHTO, FHWA, the Transportation Research Board and industry over the past two decades. DDSA was originally promoted under the third round of EDC (EDC-3), and it continued under the fourth round (EDC-4) with an additional focus on broadening use among local agencies.

The DDSA fact sheet can be found in the appendix for this Newsletter.

[Click here to see a promotional video about local highway safety plans.](#)

In 2016, DDSA helped determine the appropriate solution for a rural intersection in Burlington County NJ. The project group involved federal, state, county, and local officials who used data-driven safety analysis predictive tools to justify investment in a modern roundabout at the rural intersection. [Watch the story here.](#)



## Updates from the Federal Transit Administration



### **FTA gives transit agencies a break from certain rules during the pandemic**

*Progressive Railroading*

In response to the COVID-19 public health emergency, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announced new actions to improve access to grant funding and provide relief from certain federal regulations and administrative rules.

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



## Updates from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration



### **Under FMCSA proposal, drivers would no longer be required to report traffic violations to carriers**

*CDLLife*

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) unveiled a plan to drop a requirement for drivers to submit a list of traffic violations to their employers.

On December 14, the FMCSA issued a Notice of Proposed Rule-Making intended to cut down on the administrative burden for both truck drivers and motor carriers by eliminating a record of violations requirement.

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

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



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

### **FRA Publishes Final Rule for State Highway-Rail Grade Crossing Action Plans**

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) published a final rule requiring 40 states and the District of Columbia to develop and implement highway-rail grade crossing action plans to improve public safety. In addition, the rule requires ten states that have already developed grade crossing action plans, as required by the Rail Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (RSIA) and FRA's implementing regulation, to update their plans and submit reports describing the actions they have taken to implement them.

[Click here to read the press release](#)

### **Federal Railroad Administration Announces Landmark Achievement with Full Implementation of Positive Train Control**

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) announced today that positive train control (PTC) technology is in operation on all 57,536 required freight and passenger railroad route miles, prior to the statutory deadline of December 31, 2020, set by Congress. In addition, as required, FRA has certified that each host railroad's PTC system complies with the technical requirements for PTC systems.

[Click here to read the press release](#)

### **Driver Behavior at Highway-Rail Grade Crossings Using NDS and Driving Simulators**

A report dealing with Grade Crossing Modeling and Simulation, Highway-Rail Grade Crossings, Human Factors by Michigan Technological University for the FRA.

[Click here for more information on this report](#)

[Click here for a copy of the report](#)

### **Video and Audio Recorders in Rail Transit Vehicles**

FTA issued Safety Bulletin 20-2: Inward and Outward Facing Image and Audio Recorders that provides information on the implementation of inward and outward-facing image and audio recorders in rail transit compartments. Rail transit vehicles that are not equipped with inward and outward-facing image and audio recorders may pose an increased risk of repeat accidents, operator rule violations, and unidentified hazards for rail transit agencies. The Safety Bulletin provides resources for implementing inward-and outward facing image and audio recorders.

Link to: [Safety Bulletin 20-2: Inward- and Outward-Facing Image and Audio Recorders](#)

## Updates from the Maritime Administration



### **Federal Maritime Commission Worries About Delays at Ports**

*Transport Topics*

The leadership of the Federal Maritime Commission says it is becoming worried that ocean carriers may be assessing unfair detention and demurrage charges at the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, Calif., as well as the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

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

### **White House Unveils National Maritime Cybersecurity Plan**

On January 5, the White House issued a 36-page [National Maritime Cybersecurity Plan](#) that sets forth how the federal government will defend the nation's economy via enhanced cybersecurity coordination, policies, and practices, aimed at mitigating risks to the maritime industry

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

## Updates from the Federal Aviation Administration



Federal Aviation  
Administration

### **Five top FAA officials announce resignations one day after attack on U.S. Capitol**

Washington Post

### **U.S. DOT Supports Record Number of Licensed Commercial Space Launches**

The U.S. Department of Transportation is having a record year with supporting 35 [licensed commercial space launches](#) thus far in 2020 with the potential for even more before the year ends. The prior record of 33 was established in 2018.

For 2021, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) forecasts continued growth in licensed commercial space launches that could reach 50 or more.

[Click here to read the press release](#)

### **FAA Announces Final Rule to Facilitate the Reintroduction of Civil Supersonic Flight**

January 06, 2021

### **New Members Appointed to the Drone Advisory Committee**

January 05, 2021

### **Record Year for FAA Commercial Space Activity**

December 31, 2020

## **FAA Announces New Airport Grant Program**

December 31, 2020 – \$2 Billion in funds will provide economic relief to airports around the country during COVID-19 public health emergency.

## **FAA Issues Restrictions on UAS Operations at DOD Facilities**

December 29, 2020 – UAS operations restricted at Rock Island Arsenal and Biometric Technology Center.

## **FAA Issues Two New Drone Rules to Advance Safety and Innovation in the U.S.**

December 28, 2020 – Rules require Remote ID of drones and allow small drone operators to fly over people and at night under some conditions.

## **FAA Proposes Civil Penalties Against Passengers for Allegedly Interfering with and Assaulting Flight Attendants**

December 18, 2020

## **U.S. Department of Transportation is Advancing Space Policy**

December 09, 2020

## **Updates from the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration**



U.S. Department of Transportation  
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials  
Safety Administration

## **U.S. Transportation Secretary Elaine L. Chao Applauds Signing of Legislation to Reauthorize the Nation’s Pipeline Safety Program**

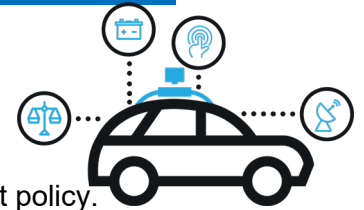
Transportation Secretary Elaine L. Chao praised Congressional efforts to pass the Protecting our Infrastructure of Pipelines and Enhancing Safety (PIPES) Act of 2020. The legislation reauthorizes pipeline safety programs within the Department’s Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA).

In 2019, Secretary Chao [forwarded](#) a legislative proposal for pipeline safety to Congress that prioritized safety, promoted innovation, and encouraged a reliable U.S. energy infrastructure.

The PIPES Act of 2020 allows the Department to further its investments in pipeline safety research and works to improve the safety of natural gas distribution pipelines, including strengthening requirements for distribution integrity management programs and mandating the adoption of safety management systems, among other provisions.

“Reauthorizing PHMSA’s pipeline safety program couldn’t come at a more crucial time and will have an immense impact on safety,” said PHMSA Administrator Skip Elliott. “Thanks to Congress’s actions, consumers and communities will benefit from this robust legislation, including a safer pipeline system, greater pipeline capacity, more innovation, and a heightened focus on safety culture among all stakeholders.”

# [What's Happening in the World of Automated Vehicles, Artificial Intelligence, and Electric Vehicles](#)



## [Ann Arbor Buys Electric Mustangs for Police Officers](#)

The purchase of the Ford Mach-E AWD vehicles is consistent with the city's green fleet policy.  
[Click here to read more](#)

## [New York Municipality Introduces First Police Outfitted Tesla](#)

The Hastings on Hudson Police Department took delivery of the vehicle on Dec. 21, 2020.  
[Click here to read more](#)

## [A new EV battery shows big promise](#)

*GreenBiz*

For decades, battery researchers have toiled away trying to crack the code for a new battery that could trump lithium-ion batteries — the technology that brought the electric vehicle industry to where it is today. Now a decade-old startup backed by members of the tech investing elite and global auto giants says it has created working batteries that could lead to electric vehicles with significantly longer ranges, that can be produced at a lower cost, are safer to operate, boast longer lifespans and support faster charging.

## [The FCC Just Upended Decades of Research on Connected Vehicles](#)

*Car and Driver*

## [Miscellaneous Traffic Safety Points of Interest](#)



### [Helmet Safety Vital for Cyclists and Boarders](#)

In 2017, according to the National Safety Council, more than 98,000 people were treated in hospital emergency rooms after being injured while skateboarding. Children wearing helmets are less likely to suffer head and neck injuries and less likely to be hospitalized.  
[Read more >>](#)

### [Rethinking “Show Me Your Hands!”](#)

By - Von Kliem, JD, LL.M. When the police give an order to “show me your hands,” they may inadvertently get the same movement from a compliant person as someone trying to kill them, leaving virtually no time to identify or respond to the threat. Join Force Science’s Von Kliem as he invites readers to rethink “Show me your hands!”  
[Click here to read more](#)

### [Historic NYPD Patrol Cars \[Photos\]](#)

The NYPD began using horse-drawn police wagons in the later part of the 19th Century to move police forces from place to place.  
[Click here to read more](#)

## **Legal Update      Traffic & Police Related**



Some information in this Newsletter is courtesy of:  
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### **State v. Sims - Nature of Charges Must Be Told to Arrestee**

State v. Sims, released on January 4, 2021, dramatically expands New Jersey criminal procedure by holding that a defendant under arrest must be informed of the nature of the charges against him as part of the Miranda warnings process. It does not matter whether the arrest occurred due to a judicially authorized arrest warrant or a police officer's warrantless arrest based upon probable cause. The failure to advise the defendant of the charges against him will result in a suppression of his statement to the police.

[The PDF of State v. Sims is available here.](#)

### **Municipal courts no longer have the authority to issue driver license suspensions for a failure to appear on a non-parking violation.**

This went into effect on January 1, 2021. It will remain in effect pending amendments to the court rules.

NJSA 2B:12-31 Suspension of driving privileges was repealed on January 1, 2021.

In an Order signed by Chief Justice Rabner, the Supreme Court relaxed & supplemented Rule 7:8-9(b) Driving Privileges; Report to Motor Vehicle Commission.

**DRIVER'S LICENSE SUSPENSIONS NOT AVAILABLE FOR NON-PARKING VIOLATIONS; RELAXATION OF RULE 7:8-9(b)** The Supreme Court has relaxed and supplemented Rule 7:8-9(b) ("Driving Privileges; Report to Motor Vehicle Commission") so as to conform to L. 2019, c. 276, §20, which repealed N.J.S.A. 2B:12-31 and thereby eliminated the authority for municipal courts to issue driver's license suspensions for failures to appear for non-parking violations. The Court's December 11, 2020 Order is attached. The relaxation takes effect on January 1, 2021, consistent with the effective date of the legislation, and will remain in effect pending the development and adoption of conforming rule amendments.

[Click here for a copy of the Supreme Court Order](#)



## [Bills Recently Signed into Law by the Governor](#)

### **Governor Murphy Signs Legislation Eliminating the Use of Mandatory Driver's License Suspensions as a Penalty for Certain Non-Moving Offenses**

Governor Murphy signed S1080 into law on December 12, 2020, eliminating the use of mandatory driver's license suspensions as a penalty for certain non-moving offenses.

S1080 eliminates mandatory driver's license suspensions for certain non-moving violations. The law also repeals the driver's license suspension required for criminal convictions related to the possession or sale of illegal drugs and removes the provision that a person's driver's license be suspended by operation of law upon the issuance of a child support-related warrant.

[Click here to read the press release](#)

### **Governor Murphy Signs Legislation to Fund Police Body Cameras**

On December 23, 2020, Gov. Murphy signed legislation to pay for the equipment to supply officers with body-worn cameras. ACS for A-4907/SCS for S-3089

Murphy [signed two bills in November](#). One mandated that officers wear cameras most of the time when interacting with the public; the second set rules for using the cameras, when they can be turned off, and storing the recordings they made. The camera mandate was subject to funding from the Legislature.

The Senate and Assembly sent Murphy [A-4907/S-3089](#), which makes \$58 million available to the Attorney General's Office to pay for body-worn cameras for police officers beginning Jan. 1, 2022.

[Click here to read the NJ Spotlight article](#)

[A3871](#) Requires a person taking the written examination for a permit to watch a video of the rights and responsibilities of a driver stopped by law enforcement. **Signed into law by the Governor on January 4, 2021**

[A4442](#) - Authorizes individuals who have passed the road test to use the driving permit to operate a motor vehicle for 60 days during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

**Signed into law by the Governor on December 14, 2020**

[A1649](#) - "Daniel's Law" prohibits disclosure of certain personal information of active, formerly active, and retired judicial officers, prosecutors, law enforcement officers, and their family members; establishes crime and civil action to disclose such information.

**Signed into law by the Governor on November 20, 2020**

[A4520](#) - Temporarily extends the deadline to register a vehicle and obtain a driver's license for new State residents during COVID-19 public health emergency.

**Signed into law by the Governor on September 9, 2020**

## [Legislative Bills Introduced or with Recent Action Related to Police and Traffic](#)

[A5192](#) - Provides temporary extension of certain motor vehicle registrations.

[A5193](#) - Requires MVC to provide reasonable accommodation to persons with disabilities during certain knowledge examinations.

[A5176](#) - Establishes a regional municipal court pilot program.

[A5181](#) - Creates a task force to study the feasibility of paperless State government.

[S3220](#) - Permits exemption from civil service law enforcement examination requirement for entry level-law enforcement officers.

12/7/2020 Introduced in the Senate,  
12/17/2020 Passed by the Senate (40-0)  
12/17/2020 Passed Assembly (Passed Both Houses)

[A1897](#) - Provides for certain criminal and civil justice reforms, particularly addressing legal consequences associated with certain marijuana and hashish offenses as well as raising awareness of available expungement relief.

1/14/2020 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Judiciary Committee  
11/16/2020 Passed by the Senate (29-4)  
12/17/2020 Passed Senate (Passed Both Houses)

[A5161](#) - Requires base salary of Palisades Interstate Park law enforcement officers to be equivalent to average base salary of officers in contiguous municipalities.

[S3286](#) - Requires correctional police officers to wear body-worn cameras.

[S1602](#) Requires driver's license examination to include questions on distracted driving; creates violation for motorists to talk or text on hand-held wireless devices while vehicle is temporarily stopped.

2/13/2020 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Transportation Committee  
12/10/2020 Reported from Senate Committee with Amendments, 2nd Reading  
12/10/2020 Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee

[S3241](#) Requires the chief law enforcement officer of municipal Police departments to hold two community roundtables on Police relations each year.

12/10/2020 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Law and Public Safety Committee

[A4960](#) Prohibits law enforcement officers from administering anesthetic or sedative during arrest or traffic stop.

11/12/2020 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee

[A4656](#) / [S2963](#) Authorizes the creation of local civilian review boards to review police operations and conduct; appropriates \$600,000.

9/17/2020 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Community Development and Affairs Committee

[A4392](#) Requires law enforcement officers and recruits to undergo self-defense training; appropriates \$250,000 to Police Training Commission.

7/16/2020 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee.

## **Coronavirus Regulations: A State-By-State Week In Review**

Law360 January 5, 2021 -- Difficulties surrounding the coronavirus vaccine rollout in some areas, including a Wisconsin pharmacist accused of intentionally spoiling 500 doses.

Testing remained a priority in Texas, where a virus therapeutic infusion center has been established and four community test sites will extend operations throughout the month. The state is also delivering relief in the form of increased food benefits throughout January.

Elsewhere, response efforts included unemployment insurance tax breaks for New Jersey businesses and a \$2 billion safety plan for California schools. [Click here to read the full Law360 article.](#)



## [What's Happening In the News ???](#)

### **[NJ US Atty To Step Down In January After 3 Years](#)**

On Monday, U.S. Attorney Craig Carpenito announced he would step down Jan. 5 as the top prosecutor in the District of New Jersey, hailing his office's achievements as it navigated the COVID-19 pandemic and other challenges during his nearly three years in the post.

[Read full article »](#)

[Marijuana traffic crashes are on the rise in Ohio. Could 'draconian' laws be at play?](#) *Journal-News*

[Millionaires and gas tax help lift NJ state revenues](#) *NJ Spotlight News*

[Philadelphia Installs The First In-Street Bicycle Counters In The Region](#) *City of Philadelphia*

[Pedestrian Resources to Help Talk the Walk](#) *TRB*

[Keyport's Complete Streets Plan. Up To \\$500 Giveaway to Shop Local. See Details.](#) *TapInto.net*

[NJ DOT spends millions to stop falling rocks on highways. But how often does that happen?](#) *NorthJersey.com*

[Middletown Bridge Repair Gets State Funding](#) *TheMonmouthJournal.com*

[West Orange to Launch 4-Month Street Smart NJ Campaign to Improve Pedestrian Safety](#) *TapInto.net*

['Major win for New Jersey commuters': Portal Bridge funding plan goes to Congress for review](#)

*NorthJersey.com*, - The path to replacing the stubborn Portal North Bridge continues now that the Federal Transit Administration has handed off the funding agreement to Congress for a required 30-day review.



## Training Events



**\*\*\*Note – The list of training classes is in four categories:**

- **Online / On-Demand training videos/roll call videos – are listed first**
- **Webinar Training Events – are listed second**
- **Online Training Conferences – are listed third**
- **Person to Person - Live Training Events – are listed last**



### **Morris County Public Safety Training Academy 2021 Training Catalog**

The staff of the Morris County Public Safety Training Academy is pleased to present our 2021 schedule of courses. We believe these courses address the needs of the Morris County Police, Fire, and Emergency Services community, as well as the many out-of-county departments who utilize our Academy.

Several 2021 course dates, including EMT courses, have not been provided to us yet; we'll post those dates as we get that information. If you have any questions regarding the training catalog, please do not hesitate to contact the Administrative office.

[Click here to view the Morris County 2021 training catalog](#)

## Online / On-Demand Training Videos – Roll Call Videos



### **Today's Tip for December 8, 2020 Stress Management Tips for Public Safety**

Gordon Graham here with Today's Tip from Lexipol.

Today's Tip is for my law enforcement friends. Everyone knows that law enforcement can be stressful. Today I'm going to offer some suggestions for protecting yourself. [Click here to access this Tip of the day](#)



### **Today's Tip for December 15, 2020 Public Safety & Police Leadership Qualities: Supervisory Standards**

Gordon Graham here with Today's Tip from Lexipol.

Today's Tip is for my law enforcement friends. It's about leading by example. What does that really mean? Whether you are currently a supervisor or whether you aspire to promote, leading by example is what good cops do every day. From the way you dress to your on-duty conduct. [Leading by example](#) is the essence of good policing. Three fundamental leadership components. Knowledge, courage, and attitude.

[Click here to access this Tip of the day](#)



## Today's Tip for December 22, 2020 Work-Life Balance As a Cop: Don't Let Police Work Be Your Identity

Gordon Graham here with Today's Tip from Lexipol.

Today I'm talking to my friends in law enforcement. And today I want to remind you that you are more than your job. And I want to encourage you to find your identity in more than police work.

[Click here to access this Tip of the day](#)



## Today's Tip for December 29, 2020 The Dangers of Workplace Gossip in Public Safety

Gordon Graham here with Today's Tip from Lexipol.

Today's Tip is for everyone in public safety. Today I want to talk about the rumor mill or the grapevine. Gossip. All humans participate in some form of gossip. Workplace chatting. Group texts. Venting about a coworker over lunch..

[Click here to access this Tip of the day](#)



## Roll Call Training Videos

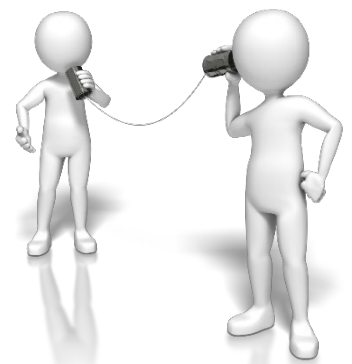
The J. Harris Academy of Police Training kindly offers free roll call training videos to New Jersey Law Enforcement officers. Below is a list of topic titles, along with the links to the online videos. [www.JHARRISTRAINING.com](http://www.JHARRISTRAINING.com) 732-684-1644

### New Jersey - Use of Force Update

This is a training video that reviews the New Jersey Attorney General's information about the NEW Statewide Use of Force standards.

[Click Here to View This Informational Video](#)

## Webinar Training Events





## Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations

FTA will host a series of webinars for the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (CRRSAA), which provides [\\$14 billion in funding](#) to support the nation's public transportation systems during the COVID-19 public health emergency. The webinars will provide an overview of the program, describe eligibility requirements, and allow an opportunity to ask questions.

The webinars will be delivered via MS Teams Live and registration is not required. If you need alternative formats, options, or services, contact Tom Wilson. [Thomas.Wilson@dot.gov](mailto:Thomas.Wilson@dot.gov)

### Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations for Section 5307, 5310, and 5311 (Rural and Tribal) Recipients

Date: Monday, January 11, 2021

Times: 1:00 – 2:00 pm ET

[Join](#)

### Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations for Section 5310 Recipients and Subrecipients

Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021

Times: 2:00 – 3:00 pm ET

[Join](#)

### Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations for Section 5307, 5310, and 5311 (Rural and Tribal) Recipients

Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021

Times: 3:00 - 4:00 pm ET

[Join](#)

Links:

[Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act \(CRRSAA\)](#) Transit Infrastructure Grants

[FTA COVID-19 resources](#)



Center for Advanced Infrastructure  
and Transportation

### Work Zone Safety Awareness Workshop (Webinar)

Date: January 12, 2021

Times: 8:00 am - 12:00 noon

Cost: Free

The Work Zone Safety Awareness Program is offered to participants who require an overview of working safely in the roadway. As new or veteran employees enter or re-enter the construction and public works profession, they are frequently required to set up short-term work zones or are assigned to long-term projects. There are no allowances for errors when working next to traffic, so it is important for personnel to have a solid understanding of work zone safety compliance with the national MUTCD standards. Also, the roles of workers and enforcement personnel at work sites, differences between NJDOT and local projects, and legal responsibilities in work zones will be addressed during this program.

This class counts as a prerequisite for the Traffic Control Coordinator Program.

[Click here for more info and to register](#)





## SAFE DRIVER V.II (RS-S27-C1)

Date: January 12, 2021  
Times: 8:00 am  
Cost: Free

PennDOT Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP)

RS-S27-C1 Road Scholar Police

This course is intended for drivers of municipal vehicles. Recognizing that the cause of the majority of crashes is driver error, the course encourages the development of safe driving behaviors through an understanding of three phases of the driving task, completing a pre-trip vehicle inspection, and work site vehicle operation.

The course is presented with these trainee objectives:

- Learn that the driving task requires a commitment to being as safe as possible;
- Recognize the messages being communicated through traffic control devices;
- Use new techniques to drive as safely as possible.

After an introduction to the importance of developing safe driving behaviors, the course focuses on recognizing traffic control devices, including signs, pavement markings, temporary traffic control, and the contribution of these devices to driver expectancy.

After a section describing driving skills and awareness, the course leads trainees through a discussion of specific driving situations to reinforce trainee driving skills and awareness. While these first four modules of the course are useful to all drivers, including those using municipal cars, the course's final instructional module focuses on the specific needs of equipment operators and CDL holders. Intended audience: Any employee who operates municipal and public works vehicles.

[PenDot LTAP Website to register](#)



## January LEL Webinar: DDACTS 2.0: Reducing Crashes and Crime using High Visibility Engagement

Date: January 13, 2021  
Times: 1:30 to 2:30 pm  
Cost: Free

DDACTS has received an update to help law enforcement provide a greater data-driven analysis of key public safety information to help in the drive for safe and secure communities. Presented in partnership with the International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement Standards and Training (IADLEST).

[Click here to register](#)



## SPEED LIMITS AND SPEED MANAGEMENT

Date: January 14, 2021  
Times: 8:00 am  
Cost: Free

PennDOT Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP)

RS2-S18-C1 Road Scholar Police

The half-day course will employ newly developed material, focusing on the investigation and decision-making processes associated with managing vehicular speed.

The participants will: Review speed safety statistics and how to identify problem areas, discuss how to study a roadway segment for speed issues and determine changes in speed limit postings, recognize common safety issues and learn to apply proven mitigation measures.

This course is intended for local government officials responsible for the installation, maintenance, and inspection of traffic signs, roadway safety, and asset management. This includes traffic technicians, public works directors, supervisors, roadmasters, and crew responsible for traffic signs.

[PenDot LTAP Website to register](#)



## Share the Keys Facilitator training

Date: January 15, 2021  
Times: 9:00 am  
Cost: Free

NJM offers free online facilitator training for their “Share the Keys” Parent/Teen Graduated Driver’s License orientation to Law Enforcement Officers and Teachers.

Share the Keys is a 60- to 90-minute research-based, data-driven orientation on:

- Understanding the GDL laws
- Supporting the GDL at home
- Being a good role model
- Increasing practice driving hours
- Controlling the keys

There is also a course flyer in the Appendix of this Newsletter.

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

## National TSRP “Traffic Tuesday” Sessions: The Opioid Epidemic & Impaired Driving

Date: January 19, 2021  
Times: 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm  
Cost: Free

The U.S. federal government declared a national public health emergency in October 2017 to address the national opioid crisis. This resulted from the unprecedented number of deaths due to drug overdoses in 2015 and 2016 with a majority of those involving opioids. While drug overdose deaths due to the opioid epidemic have been extensively covered, relatively little has been reported on the impact to drug-impaired driving. Data on the rise of fentanyl and other opioids in impaired driving casework will be presented along with a review of toxicology analysis, opioid impairment, case reports, and the poly-pharmacy commonly observed with these cases.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5131372796284240655>



## Talking TIM Webinar Series: January 2021

Date: January 27, 2021  
Times: 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm ET  
Cost: Free

The [Talking TIM webinar series](#), brought to you by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), provides a forum where TIM champions with any level of experience can exchange information about current practices, programs, and technologies. Each month, the FHWA TIM Program Team will feature content that highlights successful programs, identifies best practices, and showcases technology that advances the profession. The webinar agenda includes:

- The International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) Role in TIM – Chief Norris Croom III, IAFC EMS Section Director, will highlight IAFC’s role in TIM and challenges in the practice of TIM among fire and rescue personnel as a part of the "Meet the Executive Leadership Group" series.
- Digital Alert Pilots in St Louis and Kansas City – Ashley M. Buechter, Traffic Liaison Engineer at Missouri DOT will highlight two different tools to notify travelers of response activity using the Waze platform. She will also summarize their State Transportation Innovation Council Grant Process.
- FHWA Every Day Counts Round Six (EDC-6) NextGen TIM Overview –FHWA experts will provide an overview of the opportunities with NextGen TIM and how you can participate.

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



## LEL Networking & Information Event



Date: January 28, 2021  
 Times: 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm  
 Cost: Free

The Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) and the National Law Enforcement Liaison (NLELP) Program, in partnership with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), invite you to kick-start the New Year by participating in this live virtual networking event.

You'll learn about upcoming events planned for 2021, including upcoming mobilizations and webinars, the multi-day LEL Conference that will include the Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutors, and the GHSA Annual Meeting set to be held in-person in Denver this September. We'll also preview the highly anticipated LEL Onboarding Resource developed by your peers for the state highway safety offices, a newly released report on teens and speeding and the role of law enforcement, and the status of the highly anticipated speed management pilot program. There will also be plenty of opportunities to ask questions and participate in informal polls, so we know your priorities for the coming year.

GHSA Chair and Assistant Commissioner for the New York Safety Commission, Chuck DeWeese, will kick-off the event. Other speakers include:

- Jonathan Adkins GHSA Executive Director
- Pam Fischer, GHSA Senior Director of External Engagement
- Wil Price, NHTSA Highway Safety Specialist
- Tim Burrows, NLELP Program Manager

Don't miss this opportunity to engage with your colleagues and get a jump start on the new year! Feel free to share with others in your office. [Click here to register.](#)



## INTRODUCTION TO TRAFFIC STUDIES

Date: February 2, 2021  
 Times: 8:00 am  
 Cost: Free

PennDOT Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) RS2-S23-C1 Road Scholar Police

Do you need to conduct studies to erect regulatory signs? How do you do the studies? Who can do the studies? This course answers these questions and more by demonstrating how to conduct basic engineering and traffic studies for the establishment of regulatory signs on municipal roads. It reviews applicable laws, ordinances, regulations and required study procedures for establishing, revising and removing traffic restrictions, as presented in PennDOT Publication 212, Official Traffic Control Devices. Participants also complete exercises in which they perform common engineering and traffic studies using real data. Intended

Audience: Individuals conducting engineering and traffic studies and those responsible for identifying safety problems and potential solutions, including law enforcement personnel, roadmasters, and street superintendents. Others who would benefit from this course include elected officials, public works employees. Engineers are welcome to attend, but the focus is on the non-engineer.

[PenDot LTAP Website to register](#)

## TRB Webinar: A Two-Way Ticket – Collaborative Planning Among Airports and Public Agencies

Date: February 18, 2021  
Times: 2:00 to 3:30 pm  
Cost: Free

How important is it for airports and public agencies to collaborate? TRB is hosting a webinar that will discuss these collaboration efforts. Public-use airports, metropolitan planning organizations, and local land-use/transportation planning agencies all have independent yet interrelated planning processes. Presenters will provide examples of collaborative partnering among airport and surface transportation planning organizations. They will share case studies of where such planning has occurred and lessons learned from these experiences. Presenters will also introduce a self-assessment tool that allows managers and staff to identify current challenges with collaborative planning and strategies to enhance it.



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

Date: February 24, 2021  
Times: 8:00 am - 12:00 noon  
Cost: Free

Using a multi-discipline approach, first responders in New Jersey will learn how to operate more efficiently and act collectively. 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.

This course is open to all traffic-incident first responders, including personnel in law enforcement, firefighting, emergency medical services (EMS), public safety, public works, towing and recovery, and hazardous materials (HAZMAT).

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



### Talking TIM Webinar Series: January 2021

Date: February 24, 2021  
Times: 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm ET  
Cost: Free

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

Date: March 30 to 31, 2021 & October 20, 2022  
Times: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Cost: Free

**PLEASE NOTE:** Registration closes March 5, 2021. A Letters of Support and the below listed Questionnaire must be emailed Rutgers by March 5, 2021 to be considered for acceptance into the Course. See the website link for full details as well as the flyer in the appendix of this Newsletter.

This is a three-day hands-on course that provides Project Managers and Grant Writers with the tools necessary to extract data related to crash prone areas, develop and submit a grant to the Division of Highway Traffic Safety, implement proven countermeasures and strategies to proactively address traffic safety issue(s), and measure the impact of their intervention(s).

This course will take you step-by-step on how to utilize the Crash Analysis Tool (CAT) in a computer lab or webinar by first developing queries for your specific town that identify crash-prone locations. Those queries will be saved and exported to form the justification for your DHTS grant proposal.

Agencies will receive grant writing training and develop a grant proposal and budget related to their data points utilizing the DHTS Sage System with support from experienced grantees and grantors. This will be followed by receiving approval from command staff and business/financial administrators to submit the grant to DHTS for consideration.

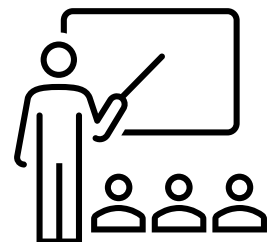
NHTSA's proven countermeasures will be discussed, and other traffic safety organizations will provide presentations to assist the attendees in selecting the proper strategies to implement. At the conclusion of the grant, an after-action presentation will be delivered by grantees outlining their program's challenges and successes on October 20, 2022.

[Click here for more information, prerequisites, and registration procedures](#)

## **Person to Person – Live Training Events**

***\*\*Please check with the training provider to ensure that the scheduled classes are still taking place.***

**Nothing Scheduled**





Quote of the month

*"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." Maya Angelou*

Maya Angelou was an American poet, memoirist, and civil rights activist. She published seven autobiographies, three books of essays, several books of poetry, and is credited with a list of plays, movies, and television shows spanning over 50 years. She received dozens of awards and more than 50 honorary degrees.

**Next scheduled meeting is on February 3, 2021**

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 & Healthy*



**Don't forget to visit the association's website regularly, [www.njptoa.com](http://www.njptoa.com); the site is updated periodically. It is also the place to go for resources and updates about the association. If you have anything for the website, please contact one of the association's officers.**

# Appendix

## 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 [rmaxwell@njptoa.org](mailto:rmaxwell@njptoa.org)

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[NJPTOA 2021 Membership letter and Form \(four pages\)](#)

[NJ W&M RADAR Tuning Forks Instruction Memo, Invoice, and NJ SAP 4 Sheet \(four pages\)](#)

[Rutgers CAIT – TIM Courses \(one page\)](#)

[Rutgers CAIT – Data-Driven Countermeasures for Traffic Safety \(one page\)](#)

[NJM – Share the Keys Facilitator Training \(one page\)](#)

[NJSP Fatal Accident Investigation Unit – 2020 Year End Crash Data Sheets \(three pages\)](#)

[FHA - Every Day Counts – Data-Driven Safety Analysis \(DDSA\) Fact Sheet \(two pages\)](#)

[NJ MVC Law Enforcement Advisory 2020-15 \(one page\)](#)

[NJ MVC Law Enforcement Advisory 2020-16 \(with 2020-10 attached\) \(ten pages\)](#)

# *New Jersey Police Traffic Officers' Association*



**Post Office Box 664 Voorhees, NJ 08043**

**856-220-1433**

[www.njptoa.org](http://www.njptoa.org)

January 6, 2021

Dear Members,

Along with January 1<sup>st</sup> ringing in the beginning of a new year, it also brings exciting news to our member agencies, both current and past.

Through Director Eric Heitmann's work, the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety (NJDHTS) has approved a grant to the New Jersey Police Traffic Officers' Association, covering most, if not all, of our yearly operating costs.

NJDHTS Director Heitmann felt the dues' cost prevented some agencies from joining or continuing their Association membership. I worked with Director Heitmann on this grant to cover the cost of membership for all police agencies and traffic safety organizations in the state.

The NJPTOA is the **only** statewide traffic safety organization of its type in the United States. NJDHTS feels that the Association's uniqueness is too crucial to the motoring public and police officers' safety to be underutilized. New Jersey police agencies could have a significant impact on highway safety by working together within the Association.

Therefore, your yearly Association dues will be waived during the NJHTS grant period, which is expected to be long term. If the grant is ever terminated, the NJPTOA Executive Board will determine the yearly dues from that point forward.

To facilitate an accurate membership database, we are revamping the membership and email communication procedures for 2021. The existing membership roster and email address book are going to be purged. This will require all agencies and associate members, current and new, to complete the attached membership form and submit it to the Association as soon as possible. The agency is the member of the Association with a name serving as the primary contact person. Agencies can add additional names and email addresses, which will also have access to the Association's material, by listing the names and email addresses in the appropriate spaces on the second page of the form.

The email addresses are required to receive the monthly newsletters, meeting notices, updates, grant information, education opportunities, and other communications. The Association no longer mails these items via the USPS; all communications are done electronically. Please check with your information technology people to ensure your agency's internal systems do not block the Association's emails.

Re: 2021 NJPTOA Membership

January 6, 2021

Any questions can be directed to:

President: Sgt. Nicholas Schock,

Email: [traffic@njptoa.org](mailto:traffic@njptoa.org)

Executive Director: Richard Maxwell

Email: [rmaxwell@njptoa.org](mailto:rmaxwell@njptoa.org)

Operations Secretary: Mark Wilson

Phone/Text: (856) 220-1433

Email: [mwilson@njptoa.org](mailto:mwilson@njptoa.org)

Thank you for your continued dedication towards our Association and traffic safety within the State of New Jersey.

Sincerely,

*Nicholas Schock*

Sgt. Nicholas Schock  
President NJPTOA

# New Jersey Police Traffic Officers' Association



## **2021 MEMBERSHIP FORM**

*(Please print or type information)*

Active Membership

Associate Membership

Honorary Membership

*(Select the appropriate membership)*

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Agency:** \_\_\_\_\_ **County:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Name & Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact's Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

*This is the primary email address for all Association communications; additional addresses can be added on page two.*

The Association's regular monthly business meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month, beginning at 10:00 am unless otherwise noted in the newsletter or special notice. There are no meetings during July and August.

**Email the completed form to:**

Operations Secretary Mark Wilson  
[mwilson@njptoa.org](mailto:mwilson@njptoa.org)

or

NJ Police Traffic Officers' Association  
PO Box 664  
Voorhees, NJ 08043

# *New Jersey Police Traffic Officers' Association*

## 2021 Membership Form - Additional Agency Contact Names

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Name & Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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# New Jersey Office of the Attorney General

Department of Community Affairs

Division of Weights and Measures



## MEMORANDUM

TO: State, City, Borough, and Township Police Department

FROM: Raymond Szpond, Acting Supervisor  
Licensing/Metrology Laboratory

SUBJECT: Tuning Forks Invoice

Enclosed is our **Inspection and Test of Radar Tuning Forks Invoice**. Please complete, and bring with you to your next scheduled tuning fork inspection.

To expedite the testing of the tuning forks in a timely manner and make your waiting period brief, please do the following:

- a) have your purchase order form, along with our tuning fork invoice **ENTIRELY** filled out, **including mailing address section**, and have a signed **copy** with the **OFFICER'S SIGNATURE**,
- b) when filling out our tuning forks invoice, please list each tuning fork by miles per hour and serial numbers,
- c) have all tuning forks sorted by miles per hour in their bundles,
- d) all checks should have an attached copy of our tuning forks invoice, so payments can be applied adequately,
- e) make check payable to **WEIGHTS and MEASURES FUND**.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation, if you have any questions, I can be reached at (732) 815-4849, or you may contact one of my staff members in the Metrology Laboratory at (732) 815-4859.

RS/ns

Enclosed: Blank - Inspection and Test of Radar Tuning Forks Invoice



# New Jersey Office of the Attorney General

Division of Consumer Affairs  
Office of Weights and Measures  
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Telephone: (732) 815-4859 • Fax: (732) 382-5298



## Application for the Inspection and Test of Radar Tuning Forks

Page No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Purchase Order No.: \_\_\_\_\_

We hereby make application for the inspection and testing of the below listed radar tuning forks

Police Department: \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Telephone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

MPH	Fork Serial Number	MPH	Fork Serial Number
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Number of **Tuning Forks** on this page = \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10.00 Each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total fees of other pages = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify the above Information is true and correct. **Grand Total =** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Police Department Officials Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

**NJ SAP 4, Handling Calibration and Test Items, Covid-19 modifications,  
Police Radar Tuning Forks and Laser Units**

**State of New Jersey, Office of Weights and Measures**

**1261 Routes 1 & 9 South, Avenel, New Jersey 07001**

**Kyle Pierson cell (973)220-1743**

**Michael Cecere cell (201)919-5163**

**For individual police departments submitting police radar tuning forks and laser units, the representative of the police department will;**

- Report to the State of New Jersey, Office of Weights and Measures (OWM) at a designated date and time with the tuning forks and/or laser unit, and contact us by phone 10 minutes before arrival.
- Upon arrival, report to the truck bay and locate the box placed by a Metrologist in the designated drop-off area.
- Obeying all Covid-19 protocols regarding PPE and social distancing, will place all tuning forks and lasers to be calibrated in the box and wipe each artifact down thoroughly with alcohol or antibacterial wipes. For individual tuning forks, this can be done in advance if they are placed in sealed packaging.
- Upon completion of the above steps, will immediately leave the truck bay and the State OWM. A receipt of submission of the artifacts will be provided by email only to the police department representative.

**For multiple police departments submitting police radar tuning forks and laser units, a request can be made to have the equipment picked up in one location by a representative of the NJ OWM. If the request is approved, an appointment will be set for a date, time, and location for the pick-up of equipment. A single representative of the participating police departments will;**

- Share with all participating police departments this protocol and inform all participants that the tuning forks and lasers must be wiped down with alcohol or antibacterial wipes.
- Gather all equipment to be calibrated, including paperwork, and contact the State OWM when it is ready to be picked up. **NOTE: If there is not an approval to have a representative of the NJ OWM pick up the equipment at a designated location, please follow the steps for individual police departments listed above.**
- Upon arrival at the agreed location of pick-up, the representative of the State OWM will pick up all equipment to be calibrated, obeying all Covid-19 protocols regarding PPE and social distancing.
- During the pick-up of the equipment, the representative of the OWM will sign documentation if asked, but the reconciliation of all equipment and paperwork will be conducted at the State OWM, and a receipt of submission of the artifacts will be provided by email only to the single representative of the participating police departments. Any discrepancies between the documented submissions and the actual artifacts submitted will be addressed with the police department representative at this stage.

**After a minimum holding period of 72 hours, the Metrologists will calibrate the police radar tuning forks and lasers, obeying all Covid-19 protocols regarding PPE and social distancing. Upon completion of the calibrations, the Metrologists will contact the representative of the police department(s) to arrange for either the pick-up or drop-off of equipment.**

**For individual or multiple police departments picking up equipment, the representative of the police department will;**

- Report to the State OWM at a designated date and time and contact us 10 minutes before arrival. This will allow the Metrologist adequate time to place the police radar tuning forks and/or lasers in the designated pick-up area.
- Upon arrival, report to the truck bay and locate the box placed by a Metrologist in the designated pick-up area.
- Obeying all Covid-19 protocols regarding PPE and social distancing, the police department representative will pick up all equipment and accompanying paperwork, such as invoices, purchase orders, or Calibration Certificates.
- Upon completion of the above steps, will immediately leave the truck bay and the State OWM.

**For multiple police departments receiving equipment, a single representative of the participating police departments will;**

- Be contacted by the Metrologists of the State OWM to arrange for a location, date, and time of the drop-off of all equipment.
- On that arranged date and time, will receive all equipment and accompanying paperwork, such as invoices, purchase orders, or Calibration Certificates. Acknowledgement of this drop-off will be emailed to the representative of all police departments.



# RUTGERS

Center for Advanced Infrastructure  
and Transportation



## Traffic Incident Management Training for Emergency Responders

### Dates:

**February 24, 2021**

**May 07, 2021**

Hosted by the New Jersey Local Technical Assistance Program (NJ LTAP) at Rutgers Center for Advanced Infrastructure and Transportation (CAIT), this half-day course covers New Jersey's Highway Incident Traffic Safety Guidelines for Emergency Responders. The course is supported and approved by the FHWA.

### Time:

**8am – 12pm**

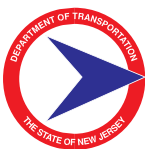
Three vehicle crashes involving injuries occur every minute in the United States putting nearly 39,000 incident responders in harm's way daily. Disruption and congestion from these incidents can increase the likelihood of secondary crashes causing delays and increasing driver frustration. The longer responders remain on the scene, the greater the risk they, and the traveling public, face. Correct traffic incident management (TIM) focuses on responding in a way that protects motorists and emergency personnel while minimizing negative effects on traffic. TIM practices include detecting, verifying, and responding to incidents; clearing the incident scene; and restoring traffic flow.

Using a multi-discipline approach, first responders in New Jersey will learn how to operate more efficiently and act collectively. 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.

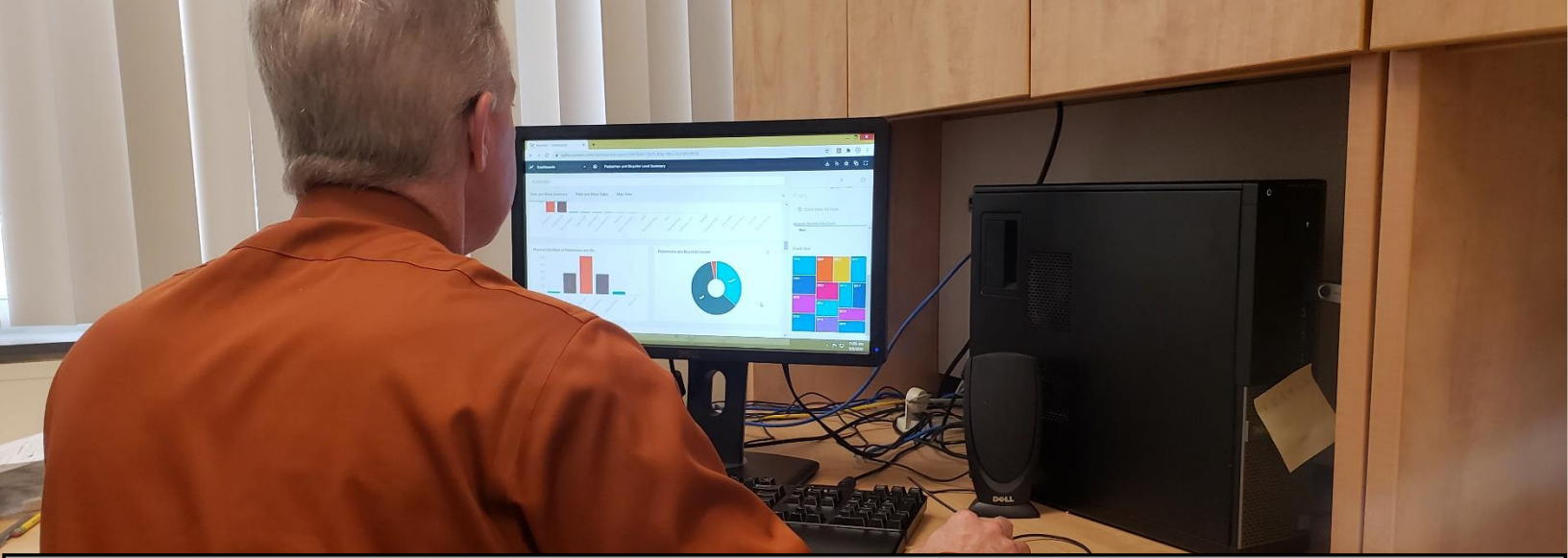
This course is open to all traffic-incident first responders including personnel in law enforcement, firefighting, emergency medical services (EMS), public safety, public works, towing and recovery, and hazardous materials (HAZMAT).

**Registration** The course is free, but registration is required at BOTH of the following

websites: <https://cait.rutgers.edu/events/> >> [NJTIM.org](https://NJTIM.org) >>



This course is free thanks to funding and support from the Federal Highway Administration and the New Jersey Department of Transportation. For more information, contact David Maruca at [dem200@soe.rutgers.edu](mailto:dem200@soe.rutgers.edu)



**RUTGERS**

Center for Advanced  
Infrastructure and  
Transportation

## Data-Driven Countermeasures for Traffic Safety

### Webinar Dates:

**March 30-31, 2021 &  
October 20, 2022**  
**8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

This is a virtual training class utilizing the Webex platform. Participants must have access to a laptop/desktop computer with internet access

Attendees must submit a letter of support and complete the questionnaire as prerequisites to be considered for admittance into the class

Hosted by Rutgers CAIT, this free three-day course provides prospective Project Managers and Grant Writers with the tools necessary to extract data related to crash prone areas, develop and submit a grant to the Division of Highway Traffic Safety, implement proven countermeasures and strategies to proactively address traffic safety issue(s), and measure the impact of their intervention(s).

This course will take you step-by-step on how to utilize the Crash Analysis Tool (CAT) in a computer lab or virtual classroom by first developing queries for your specific town that identify crash prone locations. Those queries will be saved and exported to form the justification for your DHTS grant proposal.

Attendees will receive grant writing training and develop a grant proposal related to their data points utilizing the DHTS Sage System with support from experienced grantees and grantors. NHTSA's proven countermeasures will be discussed, and other traffic safety organizations will provide presentations to assist the agency in selecting the proper strategies to implement. At the conclusion of the grant, an after-action presentation will be delivered by grantees outlining their program's successes and challenges.

**Registration:** This course is free and opened to Municipal, County, and State Agencies as well as Non-Profits statewide, but agencies must meet all the prerequisites to include completing a questionnaire and submitting a letter of support for acceptance. For more information, go to: <https://cait.rutgers.edu/events/>



This course is offered free of charge thanks to funding and support from the New Jersey Division of Traffic Safety. For more information, contact David Maruca, CAIT Project Manager, at [dem200@soe.rutgers.edu](mailto:dem200@soe.rutgers.edu).





# STK

Share the Keys

**NJM** Insurance  
Group

## Facilitator Free Virtual Training

Friday, January 15, 2021  
9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Facilitator training is an engaging and interactive professional development workshop that provides participants with the tools and resources needed to effectively deliver and administer a successful STK program.

**Share the Keys**  
is a 60- to 90-minute  
research-based, data-driven  
orientation on:

- Understanding the GDL laws
- Supporting the GDL at home
- Being a good role model
- Increasing practice driving hours
- Controlling the keys

Training workshops are conducted throughout the state, and include a comprehensive review of the research and theories used to build the evidence-based content and delivery style of the program.

All participants who successfully complete the training will become certified **Share the Keys** facilitators and receive Continuing Education Units (CEUs) provided by the New Jersey Association of Physical Health Education Recreation and Dance.

[Click Here To Register](#)

**SHARE THE KEYS IS AVAILABLE AT  
NO COST TO HIGH SCHOOLS IN  
NEW JERSEY AND PENNSYLVANIA.**

Learn more at [SharetheKeys.com](http://SharetheKeys.com)





# FATAL ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION UNIT

YEAR TO DATE - STATEWIDE FATAL CRASH STATISTICS  
FOR DECEMBER 31, 2020

## FATAL CRASHES

2020 - 548  
 2019 - 524  
 2018 - 524

## FATALITIES

2020 - 585  
 2019 - 558  
 2018 - 563

FATALITIES FROM 2019 TO 2020 27  
 PERCENTAGE CHANGE 2019 TO 2020 4.8%  
 FATALITIES FROM 2018 TO 2019 -5  
 PERCENTAGE CHANGE 2018 TO 2019 -.9%

## VICTIM CLASSIFICATION

	2018	2019	2020
<b>DRIVER</b>	276	289	305
<b>PASSENGER</b>	95	81	85
<b>PEDALCYCLIST</b>	17	12	20
<b>PEDESTRIAN</b>	175	176	175
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>563</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>585</b>

## 2020 - AGE OF VICTIMS

AGE	DRIVER	PASSENGER	PEDALCYCLIST	PEDESTRIAN
<b>16 AND UNDER</b>	0	16	2	2
<b>17</b>	2	6	1	1
<b>18 - 20</b>	18	8	1	2
<b>21 - 24</b>	27	8	0	11
<b>25 - 29</b>	34	8	1	18
<b>30 - 39</b>	53	9	3	24
<b>40 - 49</b>	35	10	2	20
<b>50 - 64</b>	77	6	9	51
<b>65 - 79</b>	37	9	1	35
<b>80 AND OVER</b>	21	5	0	11
<b>UNKNOWN</b>	1	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>175</b>

THIS REPORT CONTAINS STATISTICS OF FATAL MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES THAT HAVE BEEN REPORTED TO THE NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE FATAL ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION UNIT.

THE STATISTICS LISTED FOR PRIOR YEARS CORRESPOND TO THE CURRENT YEAR MONTH AND DAY.

THE STATISTICS CONTAINED IN THIS REPORT ARE PRELIMINARY AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**Fatal Crash Statistics — Holiday Period**

*As reported to the New Jersey State Police Fatal Accident Investigation Unit*

Year: 2019-2020      Holiday Period: New Year's Day - Preliminary

Begins: Tuesday, December 31, 2019      at: 1800 Hours

Ends: Thursday, January 2, 2020      at: 0559 Hours

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	IMPAIRMENT	VICTIM CLASSIFICATION
		<b>None Reported</b>		

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**Fatal Crash Statistics — Holiday Period**

*As reported to the New Jersey State Police Fatal Accident Investigation Unit*

Year: 2020 Holiday Period: Christmas

Begins: Thursday, December 24, 2020 at: 1800 Hours

Ends: Monday, December 28, 2020 at: 0559 Hours

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	IMPAIRMENT	VICTIM CLASSIFICATION
12/24/2020	2223	State Highway 46 Denville Twp., Morris County	Pending	Pedestrian
12/24/2020	2358	New Jersey Turnpike Teaneck Twp., Bergen County	Pending	Passenger Car Driver
12/25/2020	1321	Centennial Blvd. Voorhees Twp. Camden County	Pending	Passenger Car Driver
12/26/2020	1054	State Highway 37 Toms River Twp. Ocean County	Pending	Passenger Car Driver
12/26/2020	1525	Van Houton Ave. Clifton City Passaic County	Pending	Passenger Car Driver
12/26/2020	2033	County Route 530 Pemberton Twp. Burlington County	Pending	Passenger Car Driver
12/27/2020	2342	State Highway 42 Bellmawr Boro Camden County	Pending	Passenger Car Passenger

KB 5557 12-28-20



## Using evidence-based tools to evaluate the current and future safety performance of roadways allows agencies to target investments with more confidence and reduce severe crashes on their system.

Traditional crash and roadway analysis methods mostly rely on subjective or limited quantitative measures of safety performance. This makes it difficult to calculate safety impacts alongside other criteria when planning projects. Data-driven safety analysis (DDSA) employs newer, evidence-based models that provide state and local agencies with the means to quantify safety impacts similar to the way they do other impacts such as environmental effects, traffic operations and pavement life.

The analyses provide scientifically sound, data-driven approaches to identifying locations and features with the highest potential for safety improvement. Agencies then execute the most beneficial projects with available resources to achieve fewer fatal and serious injury crashes.



Through round four of Every Day Counts (EDC-4), this effort focuses on both predictive and systemic analyses—two types of data-driven approaches that state and local agencies can implement individually or in combination.

**Predictive analysis** helps identify roadway sites with the greatest potential for improvement and quantify the expected safety performance of different project alternatives.

Predictive approaches combine crash, roadway inventory and traffic volume data to provide more reliable estimates of an existing or proposed roadway's expected safety performance. The results inform roadway safety management and project development decision-making. The data not only help agencies make better decisions, but also inform the public as to what safety benefits they can expect from their investment.

**Systemic analysis** uses crash and roadway data in combination to identify roadway factors that correlate with particular crash types.

Agencies have traditionally relied on crash history data to identify "hot spots," or sites with high crash frequency. However, severe crashes are widely dispersed over road networks, and their location and frequency fluctuate over time. Systemic analysis identifies locations that have the greatest potential



*DDSA provides more reliable analysis than previous methods through the application of predictive and systemic tools for analyzing crash and roadway data.*



# Data-Driven Safety Analysis (DDSA)

for severe crashes, even if there is not a high crash frequency. Practitioners can then proactively apply low-cost countermeasures to those locations. The benefit is wider, but more targeted, safety investment.

## STATE OF THE PRACTICE

To date, 75 percent of states are applying DDSA in one or more of their project development processes.

This effort is a result of collaborative work by AASHTO, FHWA, the Transportation Research Board and industry over the past two decades. DDSA was originally promoted under the third round of EDC (EDC-3), and it continues under the fourth round (EDC-4) with an additional focus on broadening use among local agencies.

## BENEFITS

- ▶ **Informed Decision-Making.** Predictive and systemic analyses improve on traditional decision-making approaches that rely on subjective and limited quantitative measures of safety performance.
- ▶ **Targeted Investment.** Agencies use the analyses to optimize funding by selecting the most appropriate roadway features and project sites.
- ▶ **Improved Safety.** DDSA offers a scientifically sound, data-driven approach to allocating resources that results in fewer fatal and serious injury crashes on the Nation's roadways.

## DDSA TOOLBOX\*

Supporting information, informational videos and more can be found at the DDSA webpage:

[https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/innovation/everydaycounts/edc\\_4/ddsa.cfm](https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/innovation/everydaycounts/edc_4/ddsa.cfm)

EDC-4 Summit Breakout Session: Fall 2016

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KH3QpnyJCNO>

### Predictive Analysis

AASHTO Highway Safety Manual

<http://www.highwaysafetymanual.org>

AASHTOWare Safety Analyst software

<http://www.safetyanalyst.org>

Agile Assets Safety Analyst software

<https://www.agileassets.com/products/safety-analyst/>

Crash Modification Factors Clearinghouse

<http://www.cmfclearinghouse.org>

FHWA Interactive Highway Safety Design Model

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/research/tfhrp/projects/safety/comprehensive/ihsdm/index.cfm>

SPF Tool <http://sptool.com/>

Spreadsheet tools, including the Enhanced

Interchange Safety Analysis Tool (ISATe)

<http://www.highwaysafetymanual.org/Pages/Tools.aspx>

### Systemic Analysis

FHWA Systemic Safety Project Selection Tool

<http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/systemic/fhwasa13019>

Roadway Safety Foundation United States Road Assessment Program (usRAP) software

<http://www.usrap.org/>

\*FHWA cites specific tools as examples, not as an endorsement of these tools over others.

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[Jerry.Roche@dot.gov](mailto:Jerry.Roche@dot.gov)

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

**Every Day Counts (EDC)**, a State-based initiative of FHWA's *Center for Accelerating Innovation*, works with State, local and private sector partners to encourage the adoption of proven technologies and innovations aimed at shortening and enhancing project delivery.





# Motor Vehicle Advisory

**Philip D. Murphy**  
Governor

**Sheila Y. Oliver**  
Lt. Governor

**B. Sue Fulton**  
Chair and Chief Administrator

TO: All Law Enforcement Officials  
FROM: B. Sue Fulton, Chair and Chief Administrator  
DATE: December 17, 2020

SUBJECT: **Authorization for Individuals Who Have Passed Road Test to Use Driving Permit to Operate Motor Vehicle for 60 Days During COVID-19 Public Health Emergency**

Effective immediately, P.L.2020, c.136 allows an applicant for a driver license who has passed the road test to use the examination permit or special learner's permit as a probationary driver license to operate a motor vehicle for sixty (60) days during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

The Motor Vehicle Commission shall provide applicants who have passed the road test with a stamped permit, as shown below.


This stamped permit is valid for driving ONLY during the 60-day period as indicated by the stamp. After that time, the document can only be used as an examination permit or special learner's permit, as applicable.

186030049  
EXAMINATION PERMIT

S0370 B2400 10903 CLASS D AUTO  
SAMPLE PERMIT ENDR:  
225 E STATE ST  
TRENTON NJ 08608-1800

DOB: 10/21/1980 EXPIRES: 12/16/2022  
ISSUED: 12/16/2020 EYES: GRN  
HT: 5-08 JR ST20203510004  
FEE: 10.00 (C) ADD GENDER: M

NOT VALID FOR PRACTICE DRIVING UNTIL OFFICIALLY STAMPED ON REVERSE SIDE



CERTIFICATE NOT ISSUED  
JR ST20203510000004

*x Sample Permit*

186030050  
STUDENT PERMIT

S0370 B2400 55045 CLASS J  
SAMPLE PERMIT  
225 E STATE ST  
TRENTON NJ 08608-1800

DOB: 05/07/2004 EXPIRES: 12/16/2022  
ISSUED: 12/16/2020 EYES: HAZ  
HT: 4-09 JR ST20203510005  
FEE: 10.00 (C) ADD GENDER: F

THIS PERMIT ONLY VALID WHEN USED IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS SET FORTH ON NJSA 39:3-13.1, NJSA 39:3-13.2 AND NJSA 39:3-13.2A OF THE REVISED STATUTES



CERTIFICATE NOT ISSUED  
JR ST20203510000005

*x Sample Permit*

186030049 S0370 B2400 10903

ROAD TEST NO \_\_\_\_\_ REJECTED BY \_\_\_\_\_ RETURN \_\_\_\_\_  
ID APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
CS NO \_\_\_\_\_

KNOWLEDGE TEST:  
AUTO \_\_\_\_\_  
MOTORCYCLE \_\_\_\_\_  
MOPED \_\_\_\_\_  
AGRICULTURE \_\_\_\_\_

LAW SIGN \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

VISION  
WG R20 L20 B20  
WG R20 L20 B20  
CP BY DATE \_\_\_\_\_

APPOINTMENT FOR DRIVING TEST  
PLACE DATE TIME ACTUAL  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

RESTRICTIONS \_\_\_\_\_  
DRIVING PASSED DATE 12/16/2020

This permit is valid for probationary basic driver privileges for 60 days from date of passed road test.

*x Road Test #0101*

186030050 S0370 B2400 55045

ROAD TEST NO \_\_\_\_\_ REJECTED BY \_\_\_\_\_ RETURN \_\_\_\_\_  
ID APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
VISION \_\_\_\_\_

KNOWLEDGE TEST:  
AUTO \_\_\_\_\_

WG R20 L20 B20  
WG R20 L20 B20  
SCH. NURSE DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
LAW SIGN \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

APPT FOR DRIVING TEST  
PLACE DATE TIME ACTUAL  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

RESTRICTIONS \_\_\_\_\_  
DRIVING PASSED DATE 12/16/2020

This permit is valid for probationary basic driver privileges for 60 days from date of passed road test.

PRINCIPAL OR OWNER OF COMMERCIAL SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

*x Road Test #0101*

# Motor Vehicle Advisory

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Governor

**Sheila Y. Oliver**  
Lt. Governor

**B. Sue Fulton**  
Chair and Chief Administrator

TO: All Law Enforcement Officials  
FROM: B. Sue Fulton, Chair and Chief Administrator  
DATE: December 23, 2020  
SUBJECT: **Administrative Order 2020-10 (CDL, CLP Extension)**

Today I have signed Administrative Order 2020-10, which extends the expiration date for any valid New Jersey commercial driver license (CDL) or commercial learner permit (CLP) due for renewal between March 1, 2020 and February 28, 2021 to **February 28, 2021**.

Please also note:

- Expired nondomiciled CDLs and CLPs are NOT extended beyond the driver's approved legal presence.
- CDL or CLP holders with proof of a valid medical certification or medical variance issued for a period of 90 days or longer that expired on or after September 1, 2020 remain "certified." These drivers must carry a paper copy of their medical certificate.
- Medical Examiner Certificates and Medical Certifications that expired prior to September 1, 2020 are NOT extended. Medical Examiner Certificates issued for less than 90 days are NOT extended.
- Hazardous Material endorsements (HAZMAT) that were previously extended through December 31, 2020 are NOT extended by this Order.

Nothing in this Order shall be construed as restoring the commercial driving privilege of any person whose driving privilege has been suspended or withdrawn or is otherwise disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle. This includes any order imposed after the date of this Order.

Nothing in this Order shall be construed as permitting the operation of a commercial motor vehicle without complying with the appropriate laws pertaining to commercial driver licensing and all relevant safety requirements, including maintaining and having in effect all required insurance.

Please carefully read the attached Administrative Order 2020-10, along with the corresponding waiver from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

Thank You.

Attachments (2)



STATE OF NEW JERSEY

**Philip D. Murphy**  
Governor

**Sheila Y. Oliver**  
Lt. Governor

**B. Sue Fulton**  
Chair and Chief Administrator

## ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-10

I, B. Sue Fulton, Chair and Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (“MVC”), as authorized pursuant to Executive Order No. 210 (2020), the Motor Vehicle Security and Customer Service Act, N.J.S.A. 39:2A-1, et seq., N.J.S.A. 39:3-10, N.J.S.A. 39:3-10f, N.J.S.A. 39:3-10.30, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Waiver in Response to the COVID-19 National Emergency For States, CDL Holders, CLP Holders, and Interstate Drivers Operating Commercial Motor Vehicles, December 15, 2020, and for good cause shown, do hereby order as follows:

1. Any valid New Jersey commercial driver license (“CDL”) or commercial learner permit (“CLP”) due for renewal between March 1, 2020 and February 28, 2021, shall hereby expire on February 28, 2021. Expired nondomiciled CDLs and CLPs are NOT extended beyond the driver’s approved legal presence.

CDL or CLP holders with proof of a valid medical certification or medical variance issued for a period of 90 days or longer that expired on or after September 1, 2020 will remain “certified.” Those driving with a CDL or CLP must carry a paper copy of their medical certificate.

The requirement that CLP holders wait 14 days to take the CDL skills test is waived through February 28, 2021.

Medical Examiner Certificates and Medical Certifications that expired prior to September 1, 2020 are NOT extended. Medical Examiner Certificates issued for less than 90 days are NOT extended.

Drivers who, since their last medical certificate was issued, have been diagnosed with a medical condition that would disqualify the driver from operating a commercial motor vehicle, or who, since their last medical certificate was issued, have developed a condition that requires an exemption or Skill Performance Evaluation from FMCSA are not covered under this waiver.

2. Nothing in this Order shall be construed as reducing the fee required to be paid upon renewal of any basic or commercial driver license or vehicle registration.

Nothing in this Order shall be construed as restoring the commercial driving privilege of any person whose driving privilege has been suspended or withdrawn or is otherwise disqualified from operating a CMV, or any suspension order or withdrawn driving privilege or other disqualification from operating a CMV imposed after the date of this Order.

Nothing in this Order shall be construed as permitting the operation of a commercial motor vehicle without complying with the appropriate laws pertaining to commercial driver licensing and all safety requirements governing the operation of commercial motor vehicles, including maintaining and having in effect all required insurance.

This Order shall take effect December 23, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Sue Fulton", is centered on a light gray rectangular background.

B. Sue Fulton  
Chair and Chief Administrator

Date: December 23, 2020



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

**Federal Motor Carrier  
Safety Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

**Waiver in Response to the COVID-19 National Emergency –  
For States, CDL Holders, CLP Holders, and Interstate Drivers  
Operating Commercial Motor Vehicles**

**December 15, 2020**

**AGENCY:** Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Grant of waiver.

**SUMMARY:** FMCSA grants a waiver from certain regulations applicable to interstate and intrastate commercial driver's license (CDL) and commercial learner's permit (CLP) holders and to other interstate drivers operating commercial motor vehicles (CMVs). FMCSA has initiated this action in response to the President's declaration of a national emergency under 42 U.S.C. § 5191(b) and the public health emergency declared by the Health and Human Services Secretary related to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and section 4 of Executive Order No. 13924, Regulatory Relief to Support Economic Recovery, 85 FR 31353 (June 9, 2020). The Agency issued similar waivers on March 24, June 15, and September 18, 2020.

**DATES:** This waiver is effective January 1, 2021 and expires on February 28, 2021 or upon the revocation of the President's Declaration of National Emergency under 42 U.S.C. § 5191(b) concerning the COVID-19 public health emergency, whichever is sooner.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Nikki McDavid, Chief of the Commercial Driver's License Division, Office of Safety Programs, 202-366-0831, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

**Legal Basis**

The Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) (Pub. L. 105-178, 112 Stat. 107, June 9, 1998) provides the Secretary of Transportation (the Secretary) authority to grant waivers from any of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations issued under either 49 U.S.C. § 31136 or Chapter 313 of Title 49 of the United States Code, to a person(s) seeking regulatory relief (49 U.S.C. §§ 31136(e), 31315(a)). The Secretary must make a determination that the waiver is in the public interest and that it is likely to achieve a level of safety that is equivalent to, or greater than, the level of safety that would be obtained in the absence of the waiver. Individual waivers may be granted only for a specific unique event for a period up to three months. TEA-21 authorizes the Secretary to grant waivers without requesting public

comment and without providing public notice.

The Administrator of FMCSA has been delegated authority under 49 CFR 1.87(e) and (f) to carry out the functions vested in the Secretary by 49 U.S.C. chapter 313, relating to commercial motor vehicle operators, and 49 U.S.C. chapter 311, subchapter I and III, relating to commercial motor vehicle programs and safety regulations.

## **Background**

On March 13, 2020, the President declared a national emergency under 42 U.S.C. § 5191(b) related to COVID-19 and on May 19, 2020, issued Executive Order No. 13924, Regulatory Relief to Support Economic Recovery, 85 FR 31353 (June 9, 2020). This waiver is in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency and the effects on people and the immediate risk to public health, safety, and welfare in the fifty States and the District of Columbia. On March 24, 2020, June 15, 2020, and September 18, 2020, FMCSA granted waivers covering various regulatory provisions affecting CDL holders, CLP holders, and drivers operating CMVs (non-CDL drivers), the latest of which will expire on December 31, 2020. Due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, many States are experiencing greater than normal employee absences, reduced hours of operation, or closed offices of their State Driver Licensing Agencies (SDLAs) in response to the guidance from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to use social distancing to reduce the spread of COVID-19. In addition, the current rise in COVID-19 cases in some States has resulted in a resurgence of stay-at-home orders and other emergency measures that may cause further economic and logistical disruptions. The pace of return to normal operations has varied across the country.

As a result, many CDL and CLP holders may be unable to renew their CDLs and CLPs or provide medical certificates to their SDLA. In addition, due to limited operations or backlogs, drivers may be unable to obtain appointments for physical examinations with medical examiners to comply with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs). Given the national emergency, there is a continued public need for transportation of essential supplies, equipment, and persons, which requires an adequate and sustained supply of CDL holders, CLP holders, and drivers operating CMVs (non-CDL drivers). This waiver is granted to provide the same needed relief from specified FMCSRs for CDL holders, CLP holders, and non-CDL drivers that was provided by the March 24, June 15, and September 18 waivers.

## **FMCSA's Determination and Regulatory Provisions Waived**

Consistent with the statutory requirements for waivers, FMCSA has determined that it is in the public interest to grant a waiver, limited in scope and circumstances, that is likely to achieve a level of safety that is equivalent to, or greater than, the level of safety that would be obtained in the absence of the waiver.

To respond to this unique event and to continue the ability of intrastate and interstate CDL and CLP holders and interstate non-CDL drivers to transport goods in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency, this waiver:

1. Waives until February 28, 2021, for CDLs due for renewal on or after March 1, 2020,

the requirement in 49 CFR 383.73(b)(9) and 383.73(d)(6) that States make CDLs valid for no more than 8 years from the date of issuance or renewal. Under this waiver, States may, *at their discretion*, extend the validity of CDLs that expired on or after March 1, 2020 beyond the 8-year maximum set forth in the FMCSRs.

2. Waives until February 28, 2021, for CLPs that are due for renewal on or after March 1, 2020, the requirement in 49 CFR 383.73(a)(2)(iii) and 383.25(c) that States make CLPs valid for no more than one year from the date of issuance without requiring CLP holders to retake the general and endorsement knowledge tests. Under this waiver, States may, *at their discretion*, extend the validity of CLPs that expired on or after March 1, 2020 beyond the one-year maximum set forth in the FMCSRs without requiring the CLP holders to retake the general and endorsement knowledge tests.
3. Waives until February 28, 2021, the requirement under 49 CFR 383.25(e) that CLP holders wait 14 days to take the CDL skills test.
4. Waives until February 28, 2021, the requirement under 49 CFR 391.45 that CDL holders, CLP holders, and non-CDL drivers have a medical examination and certification, provided that they have proof of a valid medical certification and any required medical variance (as defined in 49 CFR 390.5T such as an exemption letter or a skill performance evaluation certificate) that was issued for a period of 90 days or longer and that expired on or after September 1, 2020.
5. Waives until February 28, 2021, the requirement under 49 CFR 383.71(h)(3) that, in order to maintain the medical certification status of “certified,” CDL or CLP holders provide the SDLA with an original or copy of a subsequently issued medical examiner’s certificate and any required medical variance, provided that they have proof of a valid medical certification or medical variance that expired on or after September 1, 2020.
6. Waives until February 28, 2021, the requirement under 49 CFR 383.73(o)(2) that the SDLA change the CDL or CLP holder’s medical certification status to “not certified” upon the expiration of the medical examiner’s certificate or medical variance, provided that they have proof of a valid medical certification or medical variance that expired on or after September 1, 2020.
7. Waives until February 28, 2021, the requirements under 49 CFR 383.73(o)(4) that the State Driver Licensing Agency initiate a CDL or CLP downgrade upon the expiration of the medical examiner’s certificate or medical variance, provided that the CDL or CLP holders have proof of a valid medical certification or medical variance that expired on or after September 1, 2020.
8. In accordance with 49 CFR 383.23(a)(1) and 391.41(a)(1)(i), until February 28, 2021, FMCSA continues to recognize the validity of commercial driver’s licenses issued by Canadian Provinces and Territories and Licencias Federales de Conductor issued by the United Mexican States, in accordance with 49 CFR part 383, when such jurisdictions issue a similar notice or declaration extending the validity date of the medical

examination and certification and/or validity of the corresponding commercial driver's license due to interruption to government service resulting from COVID-19.

Drivers are covered under paragraphs 1 and 2 of this waiver, if their licensing State exercises discretion to extend the validity of CDLs and CLPs, and are covered under paragraphs 3 through 8 of this waiver without further action. States are covered under this waiver without further action necessary to comply with the FMCSRs.

FMCSA will not issue a finding of noncompliance under 49 CFR part 384 against States for action or inaction consistent with this waiver.

FMCSA's legal authorities extend to waiver of the maximum period under the FMCSRs for State issuance of CDLs (8 years). While some States have adopted the maximum 8-year renewal period, other States have adopted shorter periods, and waiving the 8-year limit would provide no relief to drivers with CDLs issued by those States. FMCSA is issuing a separate Notice of Enforcement Policy stating that, through February 28, 2021, the Agency will not take enforcement against drivers for operation of a CMV if the driver held a valid CDL on February 29, 2020, or against motor carriers for use of such a driver. Most States have adopted the full 1-year maximum period of CLP validity, but FMCSA is similarly including its Enforcement Policy a comparable provision on non-enforcement of recently expired CLPs.

FMCSA notes that this waiver is also applicable to non-domiciled CLPs and CDLs to the extent the waived requirements are applicable to the driver. The waiver, however, does not authorize States to extend the validity of a non-domiciled CLP or CDL beyond the non-domiciled driver's approved legal presence. States that issue non-domiciled CDLs for a period of validity of less than 8 years currently have the discretion to extend the validity of the license without the need for regulatory relief, provided the non-domiciled driver's legal presence is valid.

### ***Public Interest***

FMCSA finds that the granting of this waiver is in the public interest, given interstate and intrastate CDL and CLP holders' and interstate non-CDL drivers' critical role in delivering necessary property and passengers, including, but not limited to, shipments of essential supplies and persons to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency. This waiver is in the public interest because it would allow drivers covered under this waiver to deliver essential supplies and persons across State lines to address the national emergency and would aid in the economic recovery. This waiver will also reduce the administrative burden on State Driver Licensing Agencies and CDL, CLP, and interstate non-CDL drivers during this national emergency.

### ***Safety Equivalence***

Due to the limited scope of this waiver, the short duration, and the ample precautions that remain in place, FMCSA has determined that the waiver is likely to achieve a level of safety that is equivalent to the level of safety that would be obtained absent the waiver.

The waiver of a particular regulation should not be looked at in isolation but rather as part of the whole of all regulations governing the safety of drivers. Waiver determinations are made holistically, taking all relevant factors into account. *See International Bhd of Teamsters v. DOT*,

724 F.3d 206 (D.C. Cir. 2013). Notably, although the maximum period of CDL and CLP validity is set by regulation, it is not one of the core of regulations that FMCSA evaluates to determine whether a State program is in “substantial compliance.” See 49 CFR 384.301. This waiver also enhances safety by not requiring or incentivizing State offices to disregard CDC recommendations on social distancing or Federal or State guidance on phased reopening.

The waiver does not alter any of the knowledge and skills testing requirements for obtaining either a CDL, a CLP, or a necessary endorsement. It does not allow States to extend the license of a CDL or CLP holder whose credential expired prior to March 1, 2020. It does not apply to a CDL or CLP holder if the driver’s privileges have been suspended or withdrawn for traffic offenses or if the driver is otherwise disqualified to operate a CMV. And, this waiver does not authorize States to extend the validity of a non-domiciled CLP or CDL beyond the non-domiciled driver’s approved legal presence.

For regulatory provisions concerning driver medical certification, FMCSA is limiting the waiver eligibility to drivers whose medical certification or medical variance expired on or after September 1, 2020. While FMCSA recognizes that drivers continue to experience difficulty in obtaining a medical certification or variance and providing it to the SDLA, the Agency must also ensure safety by limiting how long a driver may operate a CMV with an expired medical certificate or variance. Therefore, FMCSA is not waiving the medical certification requirements for drivers whose medical certification or variance expired before September 1, 2020, and the Agency urges these drivers to obtain a new medical certificate or variance as soon as practicable. The Agency also encourages SDLAs and medical examiners, to the extent administratively practicable, to prioritize for appointments drivers in this category. Drivers whose medical certification or variance expired on or after September 1, 2020 are covered under this waiver until February 28, 2021.

In this case, FMCSA believes that the measures listed below under Terms, Conditions, and Restrictions of the Waiver, including proof of a recently expired valid CDL, CLP or medical certificate, the inapplicability of the waiver to expired medical certificates issued for less than 90 days, and the requirement to notify FMCSA in the event of accidents involving drivers operating under the waiver, taken collectively, provide the assurance needed to meet the legal standard that granting the waiver is likely to achieve an “equivalent level of safety.” Moreover, FMCSA’s March 24, June 15, and September 18 waivers have not adversely affected safety.

As such, FMCSA has determined that a waiver from the regulations noted above during the period of the waiver will likely achieve a level of safety that is equivalent to, or greater than, the level of safety that would be obtained in the absence of the waiver.

### ***Unique Circumstances***

The COVID-19 public health emergency led to widespread closures of State and Federal government offices, reduction of government and medical services, and disruption of transportation systems, including driver shortages and related interruption of supply chains, which are heavily dependent on continued CMV operations. FMCSA finds that the circumstances surrounding this waiver are unique because such government and medical operations are not providing their usual level of service.



For the reasons above, FMCSA grants a waiver as provided above, subject to the terms, conditions and restrictions below. The Agency encourages drivers to obtain their renewed licenses and medical certificates and encourages SDLAs to bring their operations back to normal as soon as practicable, consistent with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws and guidance, as this waiver expires on February 28, 2021.

### **Terms, Conditions, and Restrictions of the Waiver**

This waiver covers States, CDL holders, CLP holders and interstate non-CDL CMV drivers for the period beginning at 12:00 a.m. on January 1, 2021, through 11:59 p.m. on February 28, 2021.

- (1) This waiver does not apply to a CDL or CLP holder if the driver's license or permit expired before March 1, 2020.
- (2) This waiver does not apply to a non-domiciled CLP or CDL holder if the non-domiciled driver's legal presence is not valid.
- (3) This waiver does not apply to a CDL or CLP holder if the driver's privileges have been suspended or withdrawn for traffic offenses or if the driver is otherwise disqualified to operate a CMV.
- (4) Drivers claiming relief under this waiver from the requirement for a valid medical certificate must have proof of a valid medical certificate and any required medical variance in accordance with the periods of eligibility set forth above, and carry a paper copy of their expired medical certificates.
- (5) Drivers who cannot produce evidence of a prior medical certification and any required medical variance in accordance with the periods of eligibility set forth above, are not covered under this waiver, including new drivers who have never obtained a medical certification.
- (6) Drivers who, since their last medical certificate was issued, have been diagnosed with a medical condition that would disqualify the driver from operating in interstate commerce, or who, since their last medical certificate was issued, have developed a condition that requires an exemption or Skill Performance Evaluation from FMCSA are not covered under this waiver.
- (7) This waiver does not apply to medical examiner's certificates originally issued for less than 90 days.
- (8) Notification to FMCSA of Accidents. Each motor carrier must notify FMCSA within 5 business days of an accident (as defined in 49 CFR 390.5), involving any CDL holder, CLP holder, or non-CDL driver operating under the terms of this waiver. See 49 CFR 390.15(b) (requiring maintenance of accident registry.) Notification shall be by email to [MCPSD@DOT.GOV](mailto:MCPSD@DOT.GOV). The notification must include the following information:

- i. Date of the accident;
- ii. City or town, and State in which the accident occurred, or closest to the accident scene;
- iii. Driver's name and license number;
- iv. Vehicle number and State license number;
- v. Number of individuals suffering physical injury;
- vi. Number of fatalities;
- vii. The police-reported cause of the accident (if available at time of the report); and
- viii. Whether the driver was cited for violation of any traffic laws, or motor carrier safety regulations.

(9) FMCSA reserves the right to revoke this waiver for drivers' involvement in accidents, motor carriers' failure to report accidents, and drivers' failure to comply with the restrictions of this waiver.

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