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Monthly Business Meetings

June's monthly meeting will be held in Atlantic City on Wednesday, June 26th, at the NJSCOP's 107th Annual Training Conference & Police Security Expo, in rooms 308/309 of the Atlantic City Convention Center.

Our scheduled guest speakers are Robert Pomykala, NJTIM Statewide Coordinator, Senior Safety Planner from the New Jersey Institute of Technology and Dennis Caltagirone, NJDOT Senior Transportation Analyst, Incident Management Coordinator. Bob and Dennis will be giving a brief overview of the state's Traffic Incident Management (TIM) program, training criteria, and how to secure training for your officers.

<http://www.njtim.org/NJTIM/>

If you wish to enter the Expo after the meeting, you can register at the Convention Center the day of the meeting or here is the link to pre-register <https://www.police-security.com/attendee>.

Regularly scheduled meetings are on the first Wednesday of each month, at the AAA Complex, 700 Horizon Drive, Hamilton Township (Mercer County) starting at 10:00 AM. The association does not meet during July and August.

President's Message

Congratulations to Vice-President Frank Fiore on his retirement from law enforcement after a successful career. I want to thank Frank for his service to the association and the Executive Board and best wishes in retirement! As previously mentioned at our May meeting, Sgt. Mike Boffa from Bloomingdale PD is appointed Vice-President of this association effective June 1, 2019. Mike had been serving as Region 3 Vice-President and is looking forward to his new role.

I also would like to thank Lt. Vince Derienzo and Sgt. Chris Kelley from Region 1 for their service to the association. PO Thomas Check and Det. Steve Quintano will be assuming the positions of Region 1 Vice-President and Regional Representative, respectively. Thanks, Nick.

Newsletter Update

The newsletter will no longer be sent out by US Mail. It will be available in electronic format only, by email and on the association's website.

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 me at rmax@att.net.



NJPTOA Founder, Past President, Executive Director Honored by NHTSA

Yes, they are all one person, Anthony “Tony” Parenti has been honored with a special award during the association’s May meeting in Hamilton. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration presented Tony with their 2019 Public Service Award.

NHTSA Region 2 Director Michael Geraci was on hand to present Tony with his plaque after saying some highly praising words about Tony before the members in attendance.

The U.S. Department of Transportation’s National Highway Traffic Safety Administration announced the 2019 NHTSA Public Service Awards at the Lifesavers Conference on Highway Safety Priorities in Louisville, Kentucky on April 1st. Tony was not able to attend the conference, so NHTSA came to him.

"Safety will always be the Department’s top priority, and we applaud the highway safety professionals who keep us safe," said Secretary of Transportation Elaine Chao.

The Lifesavers Conference on Highway Safety Priorities is the largest annual gathering of highway safety professionals in the United States. The awards recognize and honor individuals and organizations for achievements in the field of traffic safety.

“These partners have shown exemplary commitment to NHTSA’s mission to save lives, and we thank them for their dedication to their lifesaving work. They are truly an example of how highway safety professionals can work together to make a difference on our roads and across our cities, states, and nation,” said NHTSA Deputy Administrator King

Tony was one of eleven recipients of the NHTSA Public Service Award this year; engraved on his plaque is: **Chief (Retired) Anthony Parenti, executive director, New Jersey Police Traffic Officers Association, Voorhees, New Jersey:** In recognition of your work establishing the New Jersey Police Traffic Officers Association and a career dedicated to traffic safety.

We all applaud Tony, are very grateful and indebted to him for his lifetime dedication to traffic safety and the safety of all his fellow police officers.

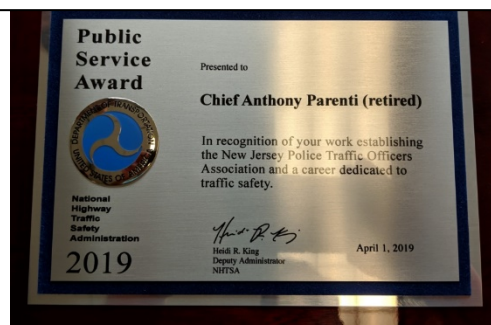
[ctrl + click here to read the NHTSA press release](#)



L to R: NHTSA Reg 2 LEL Mike Morris, NHTSA Reg 2 Director Michael Geraci, Tony Parenti, NJDHTS Director Eric Heitmann



L to R: NHTSA Reg 2 Dir Michael Geraci and Tony Parenti





New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety



“Click It or Ticket It” Reporting Time

New Jersey’s annual “[Click It or Ticket It](#)” enforcement campaign started on May 20th and ended on June 2nd. One hundred twenty-eight law enforcement agencies received part of the more than \$548,000 in grants to pay for overtime shifts targeting seat belt tickets.

Now it is time to fess up and submit your reports to NJDHTS; all departments are encouraged to submit the completed reports by Monday, June 17th. Even if you did not receive a grant and had enforcement action during this period, DHTS would like you to submit a report too.

[ctrl + click here for the Click it or Ticket action report](#)

****Note** – the NJDHTS webpage for the report did not have the report form on it at the time of printing this newsletter if there is still no form there check with Highway Safety on how to file the report.



101 Days of Summer

Attorney General Grewal, Division of Highway Traffic Safety Announced “101 Days of Summer” Traffic Safety Campaign Ahead of Busy Summer Travel Season

Three-Month Initiative Aimed at Preventing Crashes, Saving Lives on NJ Roadways

At a seaside event in Asbury Park on May 21st, Attorney General Gurbir S. Grewal and Eric Heitmann, Director of the Division of Highway Traffic Safety announced the start of a statewide campaign to enhance safety on New Jersey roads during the busy summer travel season.

Members of the federal, state, county, and local law enforcement and traffic safety communities gathered on the boardwalk outside the Asbury Park Convention Hall to support the kick-off of the “101 Days of Summer” traffic safety campaign, which will run between Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day.

“Ensuring the safety of New Jersey residents and visitors is our top priority and that means making sure our roadways are safe for all who use them, especially during the busy summer travel season,” said Attorney General Grewal. “New Jersey’s recreational and entertainment destinations create heavy travel demands on our roadways during the summer. We are working to ensure that New Jersey residents and visitors arrive at their destinations safely.”

The time between the Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day - known as the 101 Days of Summer - is considered to be the busiest and most dangerous travel period of the year.

In New Jersey, fatal crashes, alcohol-related crashes, and young-driver crashes all occur at higher rates between Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day, according to an analysis of five-year crash statistics. In 2017 alone, 137 motor vehicle occupants, 48 pedestrians, and 5 bicyclists lost their lives in crashes on New Jersey roadways during that period – more than a third of the total lives lost that year.

[ctrl + click here to read the full press release from NJDHTS - 101 Days of Summer](#)

Gov. Murphy Signs Law Allowing Operation of Electric Bikes & Scooters on Roadways

NJBIZ May 13, 2019

Gov. Phil Murphy signed legislation Monday regulating low-speed electric scooters and e-bikes in much the same way as regular bicycles.

[Senate Bill 731](#) allows motorized scooters and e-bikes capable of traveling 20 miles per hour or slower to be operated on streets, highways and bicycle paths. An operator of a low-speed electric bicycle or motorized scooter will not be required to register the vehicle, furnish proof of insurance, or have a driver's license. The bill further provides that all statutes, rules, and regulations that apply to ordinary bicycles apply to low-speed electric bicycles and motorized scooters.

The primary sponsors of the bill were Sen. Linda Greenstein, Sen. Shirley Turner, Assemblyman Raj Mukherji, and Assemblyman Jamel Holley.

"Electric bicycles and motorized scooters offer a fantastic alternative to cars, and their use will serve to cut both emissions and congestion in our cities," Murphy said in a prepared statement. "As we seek to support New Jersey's Innovation Economy, this bill will help encourage a true re-imagining of urban commuting."

[ctrl + click here to read the entire bill S731](#)



NJDOT & NJTPA announce nearly \$20 million in Federal grants while NJDOT & DVRPC announce more than \$5.6 million in Federal grants to improve local transportation



Safe Routes to School grants funding will help municipalities make pedestrian safety improvements

NJ Department of Transportation (NJDOT) in partnership with the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) announced in May the awarding of nearly \$20 million in 27 federal grants under the [Safe Routes to School \(SRTS\)](#) and [Transportation Alternatives Set-Asides](#) (TA Set-Asides) programs. And with its partnership with the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) announced the awarding of more than \$5.6 million in 10 federal grants under the [Safe Routes to School \(SRTS\)](#) and [Transportation Alternatives Set-Asides](#) (TA Set-Asides) programs.

"As part of NJDOT's commitment to communities, we work with the three regional planning authorities to provide federal funding to counties and municipalities for local transportation projects that improve safety and strengthen the cultural, aesthetic, and environmental aspects of our transportation system," NJDOT Commissioner Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti said. "The Safe Routes to School grants will provide resources to local communities throughout New Jersey to enhance our sidewalks and crosswalks to allow our children to safely walk or bike to school."

The SRTS and TA Set-Asides are both federally-funded programs. SRTS was established in 2005 to increase pedestrian safety awareness among motorists and schoolchildren. The TA Set-Asides program was established by Congress in 2012 and is funded through a set aside of the Federal-Aid Highway Program to provide funds for community-based "non-traditional" projects that strengthen the cultural, aesthetic, and environmental aspects of the nation's intermodal system.

The programs are administered by NJDOT in partnership with the NJTPA, Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) and the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization (SJTPO). The grants

announced today are for projects within the NJTPA region. The DVRPC and SJTPO will announce their grants later this month.

Safe Routes to School

The Safe Routes to School program was created to encourage children, including those with disabilities, to walk and bike to school. [These 11 grants totaling \\$5.8 million](#) will provide local governments within the NJTPA region the ability to make pedestrian safety improvements near K-8 schools. While [the four grants totaling about \\$1.9 million](#) will provide local governments within the DVRPC region, the ability to make pedestrian safety improvements near K-8 schools.

The goal is to make bicycling and walking to school a safer and more appealing transportation alternative, thereby encouraging a healthy and active lifestyle from an early age; and to implement projects that will improve safety, and reduce traffic, fuel consumption, and air pollution in the vicinity of schools. Infrastructure improvement projects to be funded through the program include the construction of sidewalks, bikeway lanes, and multi-use paths; and the installation of new crosswalks, school-zone markings, and speed-limit signs.

Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

The Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program provides federal funds for community-based "non-traditional" projects designed to strengthen the cultural, aesthetic, and environmental aspects of the nation's intermodal system. [The 16 grants totaling \\$13.99 million](#) in the NJTPA region and [the six grants totaling \\$3.75 million](#) in the DVRPC region are for projects that must fall into one of the following seven categories:

- Design and construction of on-road and off-road trail facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other non-motorized forms of transportation
- Conversion and use of abandoned railroad corridors for trails for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other non-motorized transportation users.
- Construction of scenic turnouts, overlooks, and viewing areas.
- Historic preservation and rehabilitation of historic transportation facilities both land and water such as building structures and canals.
- Community improvement activities, specifically: streetscaping and corridor landscaping.
- Environmental mitigation to address stormwater management, control, and water pollution prevention or abatement related to highway construction or due to highway runoff.
- Reduce vehicle-caused wildlife mortality or to restore and maintain connectivity among terrestrial or aquatic habitats.

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Each municipality is responsible for implementing their respective SRTS or Transportation Alternative Set-Aside projects. For further details on a specific project, you would have to contact the municipality.



MADD National Law Enforcement Impaired Driving Summit Final Report

Under a cooperative agreement project with NHTSA, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) brought together law enforcement executives from across the country to highlight and address the impaired driving problem. Press **ctl + click here to [Read the report >>](#)**

CRS Marijuana Use and Highway Safety Report

The Congressional Research Service (CRS) has released a report studying the impact of marijuana usage on the risk of a driver becoming involved in a motor vehicle crash

Press *ctrl* + *click* here [Read the report >>](#)



Blue Alerts Notify the Public When Police Are Injured or Killed

The Blue Alerts are delivered through FEMA's Integrated Public Alert and Warning System to notify the public of the imminent danger. It's already played a role in the capture of one cop killer.

Emergency Management Magazine – April 26, 2019 – by Jim McKay

When Newman, Calif., police officer, Ronil Singh, was murdered in December 2018, a Blue Alert was issued to notify the public of the dangers of a killer on the loose and to help apprehend the suspect.

The Blue Alert, a brief message issued via FEMA's Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS), was issued by the California Highway Patrol in the Fresno and Merced areas where the suspect was believed to be on the run. The embedded link in the alert that contained a flyer with added information on the suspect was clicked on by more than a million cellphones within 30 minutes.

Developed by OnSolve, Blue Alert is a new addition to IPAWS to provide law enforcement officials with the ability to alert the public of injury or death of a law enforcement official. It is administered in California by the CHP, which acts on information provided by the local agency seeking to send an alert.

States can apply through FEMA to adopt Blue Alerts as they would for Amber and Silver alerts. "You take an event like the Boston Marathon bombing, although initially centered on the public, it eventually involved law enforcement, so being able to send descriptions on what to look for is invaluable," said Troy Harper, OnSolve's general manager of Public Sector. "I think it's going to help create a deeper bond between the responders and the public."

Blue Alerts are allowed to be issued in any of the following circumstances according to the FCC:

- When a law enforcement officer is killed or seriously injured in the line of duty
- When an officer is missing in connection with official duties
- When there is an imminent and credible threat to kill or seriously injure a law enforcement officer.

[ctl + click here to read the full article](#)

Does New Jersey Have a Blue Alert System ????

There are two bills presently before the New Jersey Legislature, introduced in 2018, one in the Assembly (A2604) and one in the Senate (S3272). The Assembly floor amendment passed back on February 25th, while the Senate released it from committee in February but has not introduced it for a vote.

Also, NJ's bills say nothing about the use of the cell phone alerting system (IPAWS) as described in the above article and the system used for dangerous weather alerts (like the ones sent out last week warning of the tornado watch).

As the article outlined, states can apply through FEMA to adopt Blue Alerts as they would for Amber and Silver alert programs.

Below is the history of NJ's Blue Alert bills: *(ctrl + click on the bill number to read the bill)*

[A2604](#) Aa (1R) Establishes "Blue Alert System."

2nd Reading in the Assembly

2/1/2018 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee

12/3/2018 Reported out of Assembly Committee, 2nd Reading

2/25/2019 Assembly Floor Amendment Passed (Johnson)

[S3272](#) Sca (1R) Establishes "Blue Alert System."

2nd Reading in the Senate

12/10/2018 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Law and Public Safety Committee

2/14/2019 Reported from Senate Committee with Amendments, 2nd Reading



Some 2013 to 2018 Ford Police Interceptors May Require Catalytic Converter Replacement

Auto Service Professional - May 20, 2019

Some 2013-2018 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor utility vehicles equipped with a 3.7L twin independent variable camshaft timing (Ti-VCT) engine may exhibit an illuminated MIL with DTC P0420 and/or P0430.

Using a scan tool, retrieve the DTCs. If P0420 and/or P0430 are the only DTCs stored in the PCM, replace the affected catalytic converter(s). If the vehicle was built on or before April 25, 2014, reprogram the PCM using release 90.02 or higher.

[ctrl + click here to read the full Auto Service Professional article](#)



Report Ranks Best and Worst States to be a Police Officer

A new report has ranked the best and worst states to be a police officer based on a variety of factors—such as median salary, benefits packages, quality of life, the opportunity for advancement, and levels of criminal activity to which officers must respond.

[CTRL + CLICK HERE TO READ THE FULL POLICE MAGAZINE ARTICLE](#)



New Jersey State Police Fatal Accident Investigation Unit

Below is fatal crash data for the state as of Sunday, June 2, 2019

FATAL CRASHES			FATALITIES	
2019	184		2019	198
2018	195		2018	213
2017	196		2017	208

Difference in Fatalities from 2018 to 2019 = decrease of 15
 Percentage of change between 2018 and 2019 = - 7%
 Difference in Fatalities from 2017 to 2018 = increase of 5
 Percentage of change between 2017 and 2018 = + 2.4%

<https://www.njsp.org/info/fatalacc/index.shtml>

Below is the 2019 preliminary Memorial Day holiday period fatal crash statistical report from the NJSP Fatal Accident Investigation Unit.

Please review the listed data, if you had a fatal crash during this holiday period that is not listed or if there are any discrepancies, contact Lt. Robert Babitz, Unit Head, NJSP Fatal Accident Investigation Unit with the corrections. You can reach him at (609) 882-2000 Ext. 2038 or by email at LPP5332@gw.njsp.org

The holiday period began on Friday, May 24, 2019, @ 1800 hours and ended on Tuesday, May 28, 2019, at 0559 hours.

Fatal Crash Statistics — Holiday Period

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

Year: 2019 Holiday Period: Memorial Day - Preliminary
 Begins: Friday, May 24, 2019 at: 1800 Hours
 Ends: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at: 0559 Hours

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	IMPAIRMENT	VICTIM CLASSIFICATION
05/24/2019	2048	East 18th Street @ 8th Avenue Paterson City Passaic County	Pending	Passenger Car Driver
05/24/2019	2050	County Route 604 Byram Township Sussex County	Pending	Motorcycle Driver
05/25/2019	0344	New Jersey Turnpike Ridgefield Boro Bergen County	Pending	Motorcycle Driver
05/25/2019	1813	U. S. Route 206 Hammonton Town Atlantic County	Pending	Motorcycle Driver
05/25/2019	2027	County Route 639 Sussex Boro Sussex County	Pending	Motorcycle Driver
05/25/2019	2355	County Route 690 Old Bridge Township Middlesex County	Pending	Passenger Car Driver
05/27/2019	1555	West Church Street @ Veterans Plaza Bergenfield Boro Bergen County	Pending	Pedalcyclist



NHTSA Unveils New Drugged Driving PSA

With marijuana-impaired driving becoming more of a road safety issue, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the Ad Council have joined forces to launch their first joint drug-impaired driving prevention campaign. This new initiative aims to change the cultural conversation around driving after using marijuana, so can be seen as universally unacceptable behavior.

Press *ctrl* + *click* here [Watch the video>>](#)

NHTSA Launches Campaign Against Child Heatstroke

Children dying from heatstroke in cars, either because they were left or became trapped, have reached a record number. In 2018, 52 children lost their lives—the most in more than 20 years. And this year is off to a sad start with a sixth death reported in New Jersey, where the temperature that day was 69 degrees.

Press *ctrl* + *click* here [Read more >>](#)

NHTSA - July is National Theft Prevention Month

Motor vehicles are the primary mode of transportation for most of us, and often, an indispensable part of our lives. But what would happen if yours suddenly disappeared?

- There were an estimated 773,139 thefts of motor vehicles nationwide in 2017.
- In 2017, of all motor vehicles stolen, 75.4 percent were automobiles.

Vehicle theft is a very expensive crime, with the cost of stolen vehicles pegged at more than \$5.9 billion in 2017. NHTSA has developed a set of campaign tools to help educate individuals on the dangers of vehicle theft and how to keep themselves safe.

Press *ctrl* + *click* here [Download campaign materials >>](#)

NHTSA - Operation Safe Driver Week to Focus on Speeding *July 14-20*

Drivers' actions contributed to a staggering 94 percent of all traffic crashes, according to NHTSA's *2015 Traffic Safety Facts* report. In response to this issue, law enforcement personnel will be on the lookout July 14-20 for commercial motor vehicle drivers and passenger vehicle drivers engaging in dangerous driver behaviors.

ctrl + *click* here [Read more>>](#)

Law Enforcement Phlebotomy Toolkit

This recent toolkit from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) provides information and resources to aid state and local law enforcement agencies in the implementation of a law enforcement phlebotomy program.

ctrl + *click* here [Read more >>](#)



The [Medal of Valor](#) is our nation's highest honor for public safety that recognizes federal, state, local, and tribal officers in law enforcement, firefighting, and emergency medical services for valiant acts performed in the line of duty. The nomination period is now open to honor all levels of public safety officers for keeping our country and citizens safe.

Nominations must be submitted by agency leadership through the [Medal of Valor page](#). Multiple officers can be nominated for the same event, and individual officers can be nominated for multiple acts of service. Please note that separate online nominations must be submitted for each incident and each officer being nominated.

Every Cyclist Needs a Pool Noodle

Quartz – May



Here is one way to make that safety zone between you and traffic while riding a bicycle, behold the pool noodle!

While you may not want to regularly use a pool noodle to keep cars at bay when biking, the visuals in this article will make a lasting impression on motor vehicle operators who are learning about the rules of the road.

[ctrl + click here to read the full Quartz article](#)

Why Walk Up to the Car on a Motor Vehicle Stop, When a Robot do it for you?

After viewing the video, you might agree that this is a truly bizarre concept. A robot cop that rides on a rail attached to the patrol car. During a traffic stop, the robot extends up to the driver's door on an extendable arm. It then raises up the driver's level equipped with a tv camera, monitor, bar code reader, and two-way communications. The officer can then examine the license, registration, along with looking in the interior of the car. It has a printer that will then dispense a traffic summons for the driver to take and then be on their way.

You need to look at this 3-minute video.

[ctrl + click here to look at the youtube video](#)

SRI International's Advanced Technologies and Sciences Department, a company that works with Space Robots, has developed a robot, as they say, for making traffic stops safer for both police officers and motorists.

[ctrl + click here to read the full gizmodo article](#)



What's Happening In the News ???

School bus driver charged in crash that injured eight students

Daily Journal – April 30, 2019

Toms River Police reported that a 57-year-old school bus driver was under the influence of prescription medication when she rear-ended another bus at the Ocean County Vocation School. She was driving a Lacey Township School District bus transporting 28 students to the Vocational School; the other bus was unoccupied at the time. Eight students from her bus were reported injured in the 7:30 AM crash. The driver received summonses for driving while intoxicated in a school zone and other counts.

[Press ctrl + click here to read the full Daily Journal article](#)

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Pedestrian Fatalities on the Rise

The number of pedestrian deaths in the U.S. reached a nearly 30-year high in 2018, according to a report by the Governors Highway Safety Association. A WSJ video report explains what might be driving that trend.

[Press ctrl + click here watch the WSJ video report](#)

Defecating Superintendent Sues Over the Release of Mug Shot

Daily Journal – May 1, 2019

A former New Jersey school superintendent who pleaded guilty to defecating on another high school's track a year ago is suing the Holmdel Police Department in Federal Court for releasing his mug shot to the media.

Outlined in the federal lawsuit filed in Newark, he indicates that police violated his constitutional rights by taking the picture and then releasing it after he had been issued summonses last year.

The suit said that his due process rights were violated, alleging New Jersey law prohibits the taking of mug shots for low-level offenses. The suit seeks unspecified monetary damages.

[Press ctrl + click here to read the full Daily Journal May 1st article](#)

FAA to U.S. airports: Do not install drone countermeasures on your own

Reuters – May 8, 2019

The Federal Aviation Administration told U.S. airports in a letter they could not install drone countermeasures without federal consent, warning they could pose an aviation safety risk by interfering with aircraft navigation and air navigation services.

The FAA said only federal agencies with explicit authority should install systems designed to detect and potentially destroy drones. The agency added: "There are many related efforts that are underway that will make it easier to identify drone operators."

There has been rising concern about drones near U.S. airports. In January, the FAA said 43 flights into New Jersey's Newark Liberty International Airport were required to hold after a nearby reported drone sighting.

Last year, Congress granted the Justice and Homeland Security departments authority to disable and destroy drones. The FAA told airports that the law did not “provide authority to deploy and use drone countermeasures as a standing asset to protect airports.”

In April, the FAA said it was investigating a drone that hovered over Boston’s Fenway Park during a Red Sox baseball game.

The Association for Unmanned Vehicles Systems International and Airports Council International-North America launched a task force to address drones at airports, landmarks, stadiums, prisons, and military bases. [ctrl + click here to read the full Reuters article](#)

Self-driving trucks begin mail delivery test for U.S. Postal Service

KFOG – May 21, 2019

The U.S. Postal Service started a two-week test last month transporting mail across three Southwestern states using self-driving trucks, a step forward in the effort to commercialize autonomous vehicle technology for hauling freight. The self-driving trucks will haul mail between USPS facilities in Phoenix and Dallas to see how the technology might improve delivery times and costs. A safety driver will sit behind the wheel to intervene if necessary and an engineer will ride in the passenger seat.

[ctrl + click here for the KFGO story on self-driving mail trucks](#)

Auto Care Association Highlights the Fight for Vehicle Data

New York Times - May 20, 2019

The New York Times is conducting an ongoing examination of privacy and data, and Bill Hanvey, CEO and president of the Auto Care Association, wrote about the data collected by a modern vehicle. It’s about much more than the frequency of oil changes. “Your car knows when you gain weight.”

There are four key points:

“Cars...know how fast we drive, where we live, how many children we have - even financial information. Connect a phone to a car, and it knows who we call and who we text. But who owns and, ultimately, controls that data? And what are carmakers doing with it?”

“For almost a century, car and truck owners have been able to take their vehicles to whichever shop they choose and trust for maintenance and repair. That may be changing.”

“The solution is simple. The only person who should control car data is the car owner (or lessee). He or she should be aware of the data the car transmits, have control over it, and determine who can see it.”

“Carmakers have no incentive to release control of the data collected from our vehicles. Policymakers, however, have the opportunity to give drivers control - not just so that they can keep their data private but also so that they can share it with the people they want to see it. This will let car owners maintain what they’ve had for a century: the right to decide who fixes their car.”

[ctrl + click here to read the full New York Times article.](#)

Pennsylvania: Whistleblower Exposes Red Light Camera Program Fraud

Former red light camera insiders launch lawsuit filed against the Philadelphia Parking Authority alleging widespread fraud.

It looks like Philadelphia is the next city up to bat with corruption charges in their red light camera program. The former manager who ran the red light camera program in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and the former quality assurance officer for the Philadelphia Parking Authority (PPA) are calling out their former employer.

[ctrl + click here to read the full article on the Philly Red Light Camera Problem](#)

Recent Case Law Rulings *Courtesy of:*

*Kenneth Vercammen & Assoc, PC Attorney at Law, 2053 Woodbridge Ave. Edison, NJ www.njlaws.com
and
Muni-Mail, 2000 Hamilton Ave. Hamilton, NJ*

State v. Fede - Refusal to let police into the home is not criminal interference

The Court stresses that the police officers had the right to enter defendant's home under the emergency-aid doctrine, which permits warrantless entry under the circumstances like those presented in this case. Because defendant's refusal to remove the door chain did not constitute an affirmative interference for purposes of obstructing justice within the meaning of the obstruction statute, the Court reverses the judgment of the Appellate Division and vacates defendant's conviction. (A-53-17)

State v. Vincenty - Miranda violated here where detectives failed to advise the subject of charges. __ NJ __ (2019)

The record reveals that the detectives failed to inform Vincenty of the charges filed against him when they read him his rights and asked him to waive his right against self-incrimination. That failure deprived Vincenty of the ability to knowingly and intelligently waive his right against self-incrimination. Pursuant to A.G.D., Vincenty's motion to suppress should have been granted. (A-40-17)

State v. Rodriguez - the New Jersey Supreme Court recently ruled that people sentenced to jail for a violation of NJSA 2C:40-26, driving on the revoked list following DWI or refusal convictions, must serve straight time in jail and may not be sentenced to periodic incarceration on weekends or otherwise.

To see the PDF of the ruling ctrl + click [this link](#).

State v. Nelson - On May 8th, the New Jersey Supreme Court ruled that a motor vehicle stop that was prolonged while the police awaited the arrival of a drug-sniffing dog was reasonable under the 4th Amendment. The Court ruled that the police had developed sufficient reasonable suspicion that drugs were in the defendant's vehicle and the defendant had declined to provide consent for a vehicle search.

The reasonable suspicion allowed the police to continue the investigative detention for a reasonable period of time to either confirm or dispell their suspicions.

ctrl + click [here](#) for the PDF of the opinion

Training Events



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Math Review for Crash Investigation



Dates: June 19 to 21, 2019
Time: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Location: Somerset County Emergency Services Academy

This three-day course reviews mathematical formulas used for crash reconstruction. Specifically, the following topics will be covered: kinetic energy, velocity, and speed of the vehicle involved in crashes. Speed estimates from simple skids and yaw marks will be calculated, while data is used to conduct collinear momentum analysis. Speeds will also be calculated for vehicles that left the road surface, along with the examination of other appropriate formulas.

To register for this class E-Mail, or Fax your name, agency and contact information to:
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Email:cknezek@kean.edu



June LEL Webinar: Labor Day Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Enforcement Mobilization and Law Enforcement Phlebotomy Program

Date - Wednesday, June 19, 2019
Time - 1:30 pm EDT

This webinar will cover the latest updates from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) on the Labor Day *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* enforcement mobilization. Along with information about the *If You Feel Different – Drive High Get a DUI* campaign.

It is followed by a best practice presentation featuring Minnesota's Law Enforcement Phlebotomy Program and NHTSA's newly released Law Enforcement Phlebotomy Toolkit.

Press **ctl** and click here [Register here >>](#)

May LEL Webinar Recording: Raising Vehicle Recall Awareness –

If you missed last month's LEL webinar, you can view a recording of it online.

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Traffic Incident Management (TIM): Train-the-Trainer Two Classes

Date: 6/15/2019
Time: 8:00 AM
Location: Burlington County Emergency Services Training Center
[ctrl + click here to register for the Burlington County Class](#)

Date: 6/17/2019
Time: 8:00 AM
Location: Morris County Firefighter and Police Training Center
[ctrl + click here to register for the Morris County Class](#)

Cost: Free Prerequisite: Have attended the basic TIM Class

Using a multi-discipline approach, first responders in New Jersey will learn how to operate more efficiently and act collectively. Traffic Incident Management (TIM) consists of a planned and coordinated multi-disciplinary process to detect, respond to, and clear traffic incidents so that traffic flow is restored as safely and quickly as possible. 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 responder agencies including personnel in law enforcement, firefighting, emergency medical services (EMS), public safety, public works, towing and recovery, and hazardous materials (HAZMAT).

When registering for this class, a special registration code is required, if you do not have one just click YES on the registration prompt. <http://www.njtim.org/NJTIM/>



Center for Government Services

Practical Traffic Engineering for Police Officers – Fall Class

Date: September 19, 26 October 3, 17, 24, 31, 2019
Time: 9:30am-1:30pm
Location: Rutgers Lifelong Learning Center, New Brunswick
Cost: \$809

The class runs for six Thursdays in September and October. Students must be pre-registered before attending the course, and there are no walk-in registrations allowed.

Students will receive a workbook/manual specifically designed for this 25-hour interactive course, along with a USB drive containing additional materials. This course provides instruction and resources in the following areas: the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD); NJDOT Regulations; statutory requirements; speed limits; traffic control devices; traffic surveys; site plan reviews; traffic management and calming; major event traffic management planning; and preconstruction meetings. Lessons for this course focus on how traffic officers manage their responsibilities, employing one of the three E's of traffic safety. Students will understand how to utilize the MUTCD efficiently; perform traffic surveys for traffic control devices; the effective use of signage and roadway markings; the placement of adult school crossing guards; enhance bicycle safety; establish speed limits; delineate roadway parameters; compose traffic ordinances and resolutions; traffic crash reduction; and develop written and verbal presentations for government officials and planning boards.

This course is approved for the New Jersey Traffic Safety Specialist (TSS) Certification Program.
[ctrl + click here to download the course flyer and registration form](#)

Workshop on Traffic Calming

Date - July 9, 2019

Time - 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Location – Rutgers CAIT, Piscataway

Topics covered will include when, where, and how to place things such as speed bumps or signage to slow down traffic on your local roadways. Traffic calming uses physical design and other measures to improve safety for motorists, pedestrians, and cyclists. This is a full-day course that introduces how a municipality can establish a traffic calming program for their roadways to increase safety and accessibility. Traffic calming is an engineering tool whose purpose is to address excessive traffic speed and/or cut-through traffic on residential streets. We'll explore the definition of traffic calming and review the various types of traffic calming devices.

The class discussion will outline both potentially positive and negative impacts on a neighborhood and review a sample traffic calming program. During this workshop, related issues, such as impacts of traffic calming devices on liability, roadway maintenance, and emergency service will be discussed. Participants perform case studies, applying traffic calming measures to address traffic concerns.

The intended audience is anyone responsible for receiving complaints or inquiries about speeding and/or cut-through traffic issues. This includes engineers, public works superintendents, municipal managers, planners, etc. Law enforcement and elected officials may also benefit from this course.

Press *ctrl* + *click* here [Traffic Calming](#) to register for this workshop.

Quote of the month

“Police officers put the badge on every morning, not knowing for sure if they'll come home at night to take it off.” Tom Cotton, junior United States Senator for Arkansas

***Remember always to wear your built proof vest
and when in traffic, wear your high visibility safety vest !!
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June meeting will be held on June 26th at the Police Security Expo in Atlantic City, starting at 10 AM in rooms 308/309 of the Atlantic City Convention Center



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