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Dedicated to the memory of Anthony "Tony" Parenti*

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## Monthly Business Meetings

The next regularly scheduled business meeting for the association will be on February 5<sup>th</sup> at AAA Mid-Atlantic, 700 Horizon Drive in Hamilton (Mercer County) starting at 10:00 am. We will not be doing Tuning forks this month.

NJ Division of Weights & Measures will be at the March and April meeting to test Radar Tuning Forks. We will be doing departments beginning with A thru M in March, while N through Z will be in April. The instructions and Tuning Fork Invoice from Weights & Measures are in the Appendix of this newsletter. A completed W&M Invoice and a Purchase Order must accompany your tuning forks for testing.

## President's Message

During the January meeting, Rich Maxwell was named the second only Executive Director in the history of our organization. Over the last year, Rich has worked tirelessly to put our newsletter together, while continuing to secure speakers for our meetings and coordinate training. Congratulations to Rich and I am sure he will carry on Tony's legacy with the NJPTOA in his new role.

The first weekend in February marked Super Bowl 54. We hope your agency took advantage of NHTSA's National Impaired Driving Awareness campaign to help keep our highways safe. Information about this and upcoming NHTSA campaigns to save lives are in this and future newsletters, on our website, and from NHTSA's website.

In the coming months, we will be making some important updates to serve our membership better. Executive Director Maxwell and I will be working to restore a legislative report to our newsletter to better inform our members of new traffic-related laws.

Also, our website will be undergoing a re-design to bring the web site technology up to date. This will give us the capability to secure our website better and ensure that only members can access sensitive information.

Regrettably, I will be away for the February meeting, but I look forward to seeing everyone again in March.

Stay safe,  
Nick

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## Dues Notice for 2020

The annual association membership dues for 2020 are due before June. A copy of the dues invoice is in the Appendix of this newsletter

The New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety has authorized the use of Drunk Driving Enforcement Funds to pay for NJPTOA dues.

Copies of purchase orders can be mailed, faxed to 856-783-0012, or scanned and e-mailed Mark Wilson at [MWILSON@NJPTOA.ORG](mailto:MWILSON@NJPTOA.ORG)



### NJPTOA Region Spotlight – Region One Bergen County

By Region Vice President, Chris Kelly



Region One of the NJPTOA is comprised of the 68 Municipal Police Departments within Bergen County, along with the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office, the Bergen County Sheriff's Office, and the Palisades Interstate Parkway Police Department. In addition to the 71 law enforcement agencies, we have formed a partnership with several public and private entities, including the Bergen County Engineer's Office, the Bergen County Department of Public Works, the Bergen County Police Chiefs Association, AAA Northeast, and the NJDHTS. Collectively, these agencies make up the *Police Traffic Officers Association of Bergen County* (PTOABC).

The PTOABC was established in 1984 and has since become one of the most proactive and productive law enforcement groups in the County. The Association meets monthly (except July and August) to share information, discuss training opportunities, hear reports from traffic safety partners and vendors, and discuss targeted enforcement. The Executive Board meets monthly the week before the general meeting to ensure the business and goals of the Association are carried out. The Executive Board also manages the Association's social media accounts on Facebook (@ptoabergencounty) and Instagram (@ptoabc). Themed posts are published regularly based on targeted safety and enforcement campaigns to coincide with State and Federal traffic safety campaigns.

The PTOABC hosts two events annually; an awards luncheon, and the Candlelight Vigil of Honor & Remembrance. The awards luncheon is held each year on the third Wednesday of June and recognizes one law enforcement officer, and one civilian, for outstanding contributions to traffic safety. The Sprengel Award, named for former Oradell Police Chief Jack Sprengel, was started in 1989, and has since recognized 30 individual law enforcement officers, and awarded once as a Unit Citation to the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office Fatal Accident Investigation Unit on their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The St. Mauro Award, named for Paul St. Mauro, who worked for AAA for 50 years, was started in 1995 and has since recognized 23 civilians, including Prosecutors and Assistant Prosecutors, AAA employees, attorneys, victim advocates, county, state, and federal employees, and medical professionals. The 2019 St. Mauro Award was presented to Kathy Warfield of AAA Northeast (accepted by her daughter, Heather Hoffman), and the Sprengel Award was presented to Officer Frank Fiore of the Oakland Police Department, both pictured below with Association President Chris Kelley. At the awards luncheon, the PTOABC also provides a charitable donation in memory of Bill Visser. William "Bill" Visser retired as a Captain from the Wayne Police Department in 1989 after 29 years of service. Shortly thereafter, he joined AAA North Jersey as the Manager of Public and Government Services, where he fostered a productive working relationship between AAA and the police traffic officers community. In 2018 and 2019, the annual Visser Charitable Donation went to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, with the previous awards going to the Salaam Shriners (2017), and the Police Unity Tour (2016).



The Candlelight Vigil of Honor & Remembrance is held annually on the first Monday of December and is held in honor of victims of DWI related motor vehicle collisions. The vigil is often attended by over 200 people, including victims and survivors, law enforcement officers and executives, and dignitaries such as the Attorney General, the Director of Highway Safety, the Prosecutor, Sheriff, and County Executive. Each year an Inspirational Speaker is invited to address the crowd and speak about how a drunk driving crash negatively affected their life. The names of victims of DWI related motor vehicle collisions from Bergen County are read during the solemn ceremony, which concludes with a candlelight vigil while police vehicles, motorcycles, honor guards, and pipes and drums pass by ceremoniously. During the event, the PTOABC also recognizes the police officer who made the most DWI arrests in Bergen County during the previous calendar year. In 2019, Police Officer Nicholas Nobre of the Lodi Police Department received the award.



Looking forward, in October of 2020, the PTOABC is planning an aggressive Pedestrian Safety Campaign. The goal is to work with our law enforcement, and public and private sector partners, to enforce pedestrian safety statutes, distribute printed materials, and publicize the campaign through press releases, billboards, and a press conference. A similar campaign was initiated by the PTOABC in 2015 when October was declared *Pedestrian Safety Month* in Bergen County. As sunset gets earlier in the Fall, and October culminates with Halloween, it is the ideal time of year to spotlight pedestrian safety and make every effort to keep all of our roadway users free from harm.

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



### **NJDHTS Announces New “Data-Driven” Grant Award Guidelines**

Starting with the April 1st Distracted Driver Campaign, DHTS will be allocating grant funds proportionally using crash data. The Division of Highway Traffic Safety will be inviting agencies in the state to participate in the grant based on their crash history; we will be targeting the municipalities with the highest number of motor vehicle crashes. The grant application will be available starting February 1<sup>st</sup>; the deadline for submitting all grant applications is March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Under directions from NHTSA, DHTS is implementing this grant award model; this will also be the framework for all other grants in the future. This “data-driven” model will allow enforcement to focus on areas that need the most attention. Depending on the response from invitees, additional grant applications outside of the “top crash municipalities” might be approved on a case-by-case basis.

For more information visit [www.NJSafeRoads.com](http://www.NJSafeRoads.com)

### **New Jersey Traffic Safety Symposium 2020**

Mark it on your calendars now; the dates are all set for the upcoming New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety & the AAA North Jersey Foundation for Safety 2020 Traffic Safety Symposium. Registration information and more details will be released as it becomes available.

**Location:** Ocean Place Resort  
One Ocean Boulevard  
Long Branch, New Jersey 07740

**Date:** April 28, 2020

**Main Conference** - Pedestrian Safety

- ✓ Highlights: Crash Analysis Database,
- ✓ Injury Prevention,
- ✓ Crash Dynamics,
- ✓ Enforcement,
- ✓ Information Sharing/Social Media,
- ✓ Local Government Planning,
- ✓ Data Sharing and more



**SAVE THE DATE !!!**



**Optional date** - April 27, 2020

Special Pre-Conference Training Opportunities:

- Child Passenger Safety Technician CEUs
- Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement Training (ARIDE)

## Real ID Driver's Licenses Now Being Issued



New Jersey's REAL ID is now being beta-tested at some of the Commission's Agencies around the state. You can sign up to get a REAL ID during this test period by [clicking here](#), which will take you to the MVC's REAL ID website. Now is your chance to help MVC test their REAL ID process – and get your REAL ID ahead of the rush!

You can also check out the “document selector” to figure out what documents you will need to bring to the agency.

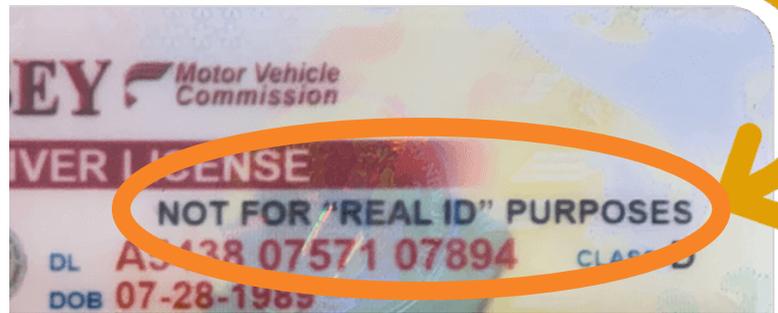
You are not required to get a REAL ID; however, starting October 1, 2020, if you typically use your driver's license or non-driver ID (instead of a passport or other form of ID) to fly within the U.S. you probably want a REAL ID. Otherwise, you will need to use a valid U.S. passport or another [federally approved](#) form of identification. The Standard New Jersey driver's license is still valid for driving.



We have heard of a couple of incidents dealing with the new NON REAL ID License not being accepted as identification when being presented to a third party when asked for ID, such as at a store. Printed on this license are the words NOT FOR “REAL ID” PURPOSES.

The wording was confusing to the establishment asking for ID, and taking it literally, they apparently did not accept the license as identification. This license is a valid driver's license and also valid for traditional identification, just not for flying on a plane, gaining access to federal buildings, or for anything else a REAL ID document is required.

## NOT REAL ID



## 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](#)

Below is fatal crash data for the state as of 10:00 am, January 31, 20120

<b>Fatal Crashes</b>			<b>Fatalities</b>	
2020	43		2020	46
2019	42		2019	45
2018	48		2018	52

Difference in Fatalities from 2019 to 2020 = increase of 1  
Percentage of change between 2019 and 2020 = + 2.2%

Difference in Fatalities from 2018 to 2019 = decrease of 7  
Percentage of change between 2018 and 2019 = - 13.5%

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 Department of Transportation](#)



### New Jersey DOT Readopting Air Races, Meets, and Exhibitions

The New Jersey Department of Transportation is issuing a notice of proposed readoption with amendments at N.J.A.C. 16:59. These rules govern the conduct and operation of air races, meets, and aerial exhibitions in the State.

All persons who conduct or operate air meets and aerial exhibitions in New Jersey are required to obtain a license from the Bureau of Aeronautics before the events. The proposal was published in the December 16, 2019 issue of New Jersey Register at 51 N.J.R. 1843(a). It may be viewed on the Department's rule proposals page [here](#). The public may send in written comments by the close of the public comment period on February 14, 2020, via the Department's website [comment form](#), or the following mail or email addresses:

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NJ Department of Transportation  
PO Box 600  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0600

Email: [NJDOTRules@dot.nj.gov](mailto:NJDOTRules@dot.nj.gov)

Comments submitted to the Department on the proposed rulemaking are public records and are available for public inspection by prior appointment during regular Department business hours.

## Updates from the Office of the New Jersey Attorney General



### Fugitive Watch - NJDCJ MOST WANTED FUGITIVES

Click the link below to see who is on the Division of Criminal Justice's Most Wanted Fugitives List:

<https://www.nj.gov/oag/dcj/watch/index.htm>

## Updates from New Jersey Transit

*NJ TRANSIT is the nation's largest statewide public transportation system providing more than 925,000-weekday trips on 253 bus routes, three light rail lines, 12 commuter rail lines, and Access Link paratransit service. It is the third-largest transit system in the country with 166 rail stations, 62 light rail stations and more than 19,000 bus stops linking major points in New Jersey, New York, and Philadelphia.*



### NJ TRANSIT WELCOMES 16 NEW POLICE RECRUITS

#### Police Academy Recruits begin Four Months of On-The-Job Training

1/24/20

**NEWARK, NJ** —Sixteen recruits who yesterday graduated from the Mercer County Police Academy in West Windsor, N.J., have started their next step toward becoming members of the New Jersey Transit Police Department. The recruits have begun a rigorous sixteen-week training program with the New Jersey Transit Police Department through on-the-job instruction.

"NJ TRANSIT has a long tradition of dedication to ensuring the safety and well-being of those who use our rail, bus and light rail system," said President & CEO, Kevin Corbett. "I believe these newest members to the NJ TRANSIT family will make a real difference in protecting and serving our customers and employees as they carry out their duties."

"I am proud to welcome these 16 new officers into the New Jersey Transit Police Department," said Senior Vice President, Chief of Police and Office of Emergency Management Christopher Trucillo. "Protecting the million people a day who use NJ TRANSIT across our state and our employees will be their number one priority."

The 16 recruits are Mohammed Ahmed, Haledon; Michael Baloga, North Arlington; Michael Dowdy, Irvington; Ayaz Khan, Nutley; Kevin Kolbenshlag, Brick; Joseph Mastrofilipo, Paramus; Christopher Montalvo, Brick; Matthew Reiter, Manalapan; Elias Statham, Bayonne; Michael Flanagan, Jersey City; Sean Gallagher, Freehold; Paul Gawin, Saddle Brook; Kevin Guy, Fair Lawn; Katherine Hormaza, Morristown; Jonathan White, Jefferson; and Jonathan Ydo, Bloomfield.

## Updates from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration



U.S. Department of Transportation  
**National Highway Traffic Safety Administration**

### ★★★★★ **NHTSA** Vehicle Safety Recalls Week / March 2-6, 2020 [www.nhtsa.gov](http://www.nhtsa.gov)

NHTSA manages vehicle safety recalls, sets vehicle safety standards, and requires automakers to recall vehicles that have safety defects or do not meet those standards. If your car has a recall, get it fixed - it could save a life. Also, check your vehicle for recalls at least twice a year, and sign up to receive alerts about new recalls at [nhtsa.gov/recalls](http://nhtsa.gov/recalls)

#### **Recalls Campaign Research Report**

NHTSA wants to increase awareness and utilization of its [nhtsa.gov/recalls](http://nhtsa.gov/recalls) website and has developed an online campaign to help build awareness and usage among the general population, including the auto-buying public and select target audiences. Click [here](#) to read this report.

### ★★★★★ **NHTSA** Saint Patrick's Day Impaired Driving Prevention - March 17, 2020 [www.nhtsa.gov](http://www.nhtsa.gov)

Saint Patrick's Day is one of the deadliest holidays on our nation's roads. During the 2014-2018 St. Patrick's Day holiday period, 249 lives were lost due to drunk-driving crashes.

In 2018 alone, 73 people were killed in drunk-driving crashes over the St. Patrick's Day holiday period. These accounted for 39% of all traffic fatalities during the St. Patrick's Day holiday period.

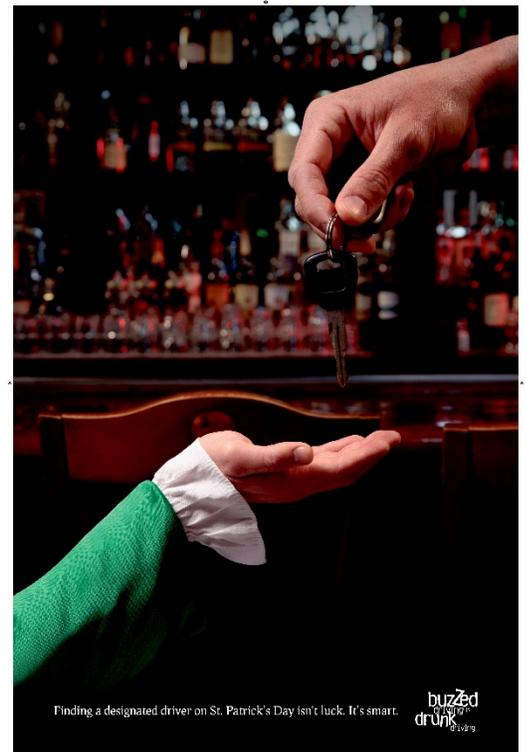
#### **Buzzed Driving is Drunk Driving**

Currently, only 2020 updated earned media assets and 2019 campaign creative materials are available in TSM and will continue to be available throughout the 2020 campaign period.

Coming soon:

- Updated infographics
- Updated social media messaging

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





## National Distracted Driving Enforcement Mobilization

April 6-13, 2020

April is National Distracted Driving Awareness Month, and in support of this traffic safety initiative, NHTSA will be kicking off its annual "**U Text. U Drive. U Pay.**" national high visibility enforcement campaign to prevent distracted driving.

Additionally, NHTSA has developed a robust social media strategy designed to raise public awareness about the consequences of texting and driving. The focus is on the idea that "***If you're texting, you're not driving.***" We anticipate that this message will engage the target audience of men and women 18-34 with creative and persuasive messaging on NHTSA's social media channels and from our media partners.

For currently available material click the links below:

- » [2020 campaign materials](#)
- » [2020 PEAK Enforcement Kit](#)

There will be more 2020 campaign materials available soon.



## 2020 NHTSA Communications Calendar

## 2020 Highway Traffic Safety Events Calendar

Click [here](#) to get a head start on your planning to align with NHTSA's traffic safety campaigns for 2020.

While the 2020 NHTSA Communications Calendar is substantially similar to the 2019 calendar, they are excited to announce a few new opportunities:

- **Vehicle Safety Recall Awareness Week March 2-6, 2020**  
Consider participating in VIN check-up events, and distributing NHTSA vehicle safety recall awareness campaign materials are available on [TSM](#).
- **Heatstroke Awareness Day May 1, 2020**  
Along with our safety partners, NHTSA is moving Heatstroke Awareness Day from July 31 to May 1, allowing us to get the message out earlier in the season. In 2020, we hope to partner with additional stakeholders who can help raise awareness through the distribution of our new "[Park. Look. Lock.](#)" campaign assets.
- **Pedestrian Safety Month October 2020**  
NHTSA has designated October as [Pedestrian Safety Month](#). Please consider engaging in concentrated safety messaging activity throughout the month.

Copies of the 2020 Communications Calendar and the 2020 Highway Traffic Safety Events Calendar are in the Appendix of this newsletter.



## Updates from the Federal Highway Administration



### Version 2.0 of the WZDx Specification Released

The [Work Zone Data Working Group \(WZDWG\)](#) approved several changes to the WZDx specification as [version 2.0](#). Developed collaboratively by data producers and consumers using open-source principles, the changes introduce new required fields for work zone geometry and mobility impact, reformulate the specification as a relational data model, and require feeds be published using the GeoJSON file format.

The Working Group will continue to maintain the specification with the goal of publishing incremental updates to refine the features, attributes, and vocabulary needed to model work zone activity data. The WZDWG will begin the process of updating the specification again in early 2020.

Support the specification development by visiting the [WZDx GitHub page](#) and contributing to the open specification. By doing so, you will support the goal of getting work zone data into vehicles to help human drivers and automated driving systems navigate more safely – ultimately saving lives.

### Using Analytical Methods to Manage Work Zones

The University of Illinois, through the FHWA work zone safety grant program, is offering a workshop on work zone traffic management using analytical methods. The course provides hands-on training on basic analytical methods to compute work zone performance measures. The capabilities and limitations of analytical tools will be discussed as well as basic guidance on how to use them. To date, 28 workshops have been conducted in 20 states.

For more information, check out the course [here](#) or contact [Jawad Paracha](#), FHWA Work Zone Management Team Program Manager.

### Improving Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety in Work Zones

On December 4<sup>th</sup>, the UNC Highway Safety Research Center hosted a webinar on the unique problems faced by nonmotorized road users in work zones. Topics focused on the importance of maintaining mobility for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other road users when streets are under construction.

- Panelists from FHWA, the District Department of Transportation, and industry partners focused on the following: Federal guidance and requirements for maintaining access through work zones;
- The unique challenges faced by those with visual, mobility, hearing, or cognitive impairments when traveling through work zones; and
- Strategies being implemented in Washington, DC, to maintain access for pedestrians and bicyclists in work zones.

To view presentation materials, click [here](#). To view the video recording of the webinar, click [here](#). For additional resources on the pedestrian in work zones, click [here](#).

**\*\*\*\* A visor card with Work Zone Safety Tips for Police courtesy of Rutgers CAIT is in the Appendix of this newsletter**

## [Updates from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration](#)



### **FMCSA's Top Priority in 2020: Reducing Large-Truck Fatalities**

*ttnews.com*

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Acting Administrator Jim Mullen has tasked his entire agency with finding ways in 2020 to turn around an increase in large-truck fatalities over the past four years.

"When I assumed this role as acting administrator three months ago, the members of this panel asked me what are my top priorities," Mullen told a group attending a session at the Transportation Research Board's annual meeting on January 14<sup>th</sup>. "That, to me, was a no-brainer. The top priority for me at this agency is to reverse that four-year trend increasing fatalities involved with large trucks and buses."

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

### **2020 DOT Random Testing Rates Notice**

ODAPC's web site <https://www.transportation.gov/odapc/random-testing-rates> has been updated to reflect the CY 2020 random drug and alcohol testing rates. You can also view the CY 2020 random testing rates in the document linked below.

Please note the FMCSA annual random drug testing rate will be 50% in 2020. For all other DOT Agencies, the 2020 annual random testing rates will remain the same as the 2019 rates.

[2020 DOT Random Testing Rates Notice.pdf](#)

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



### **Federal Railroad Administration Research Results and/or Technical Reports**

Click the links to read the reports:

[Analysis of Non-Track-Circuit Highway-Rail Grade Crossing Train Detection Technologies](#)

[Monitoring Engineer Fatigue \(MEFA\)](#)

[Using an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle to Produce Accurate Grade Crossing Profile Data](#)



## Operation Lifesaver releases new PSA targeting risky behavior on railroad tracks

### *“Near Miss” PSA Campaign launches to address pedestrian trespass incidents*

January 7, 2020 – [Operation Lifesaver, Inc. \(OLI\)](#), the national nonprofit rail safety education organization, is launching a new [public service announcement \(PSA\)](#) campaign that brings attention to the dangerous distractions that could lead to unexpected and sometimes deadly tragedies for pedestrians on or near railroad tracks.

“Walking on the railroad tracks is considered trespassing – it’s against the law,” stated OLI Executive Director Rachel Maleh. “This new PSA demonstrates, in a very compelling way, the potential dangers pedestrians put themselves in by being distracted and walking on or too close to the tracks.”

Operation Lifesaver developed this new PSA in response to a recent increase in railroad trespass incidents. Preliminary 2018 statistics from the FRA show 1,014 total trespassing injuries and deaths, on par with the 1,014 incidents in 2017 and an increase from the 946 incidents in 2016.

“Operation Lifesaver’s mission is to end collisions, deaths, and injuries at highway-rail grade crossings and on rail property,” Maleh noted. “This new video addresses near-miss trespass incidents and the role that behaviors such as wearing headphones and being distracted by phones and other digital devices play for people who aren’t paying attention to their surroundings.”

For more information regarding near-miss incidents on the tracks, visit [oli.org/near-miss](http://oli.org/near-miss).

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



## Operation Lifesaver introduces resource for news media reporting on suicide-related rail incidents

January 14, 2020 – [Operation Lifesaver, Inc. \(OLI\)](#), is providing a new resource that offers effective messaging and techniques to the news media when reporting on railroad or transit incidents involving suicide. A concise, online guide, [Safe And Effective Messaging On Rail Incidents](#) are now available from OLI, thanks to a generous donation from the Posner Foundation of Pittsburgh.

“All rail trespassing fatalities, whether a coroner determines the cause of death to be suicide or due to other circumstances, are a tragedy not only for the family but the train crew involved as well,” said OLI Executive Director Rachel Maleh. “The media plays a significant role with rail safety, particularly when reporting on suicide-related rail incidents. This new tool highlights safe and appropriate practices when reporting on rail incidents that may involve suicide. We want to serve as a resource for reporters to make certain that incidents are reported accurately and that news accounts include messaging that highlights the importance of rail safety within communities.”

For this project, OLI worked with subject-matter experts from the Volpe National Transportation Systems Center and the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention to obtain strategies to appropriately communicate about the sensitive subject with the public, safety partners, and the media.

The guide summarizes the importance of safe and effective messaging when reporting on suicide, explains that specific language and phrases have the potential to increase ‘copycat’ behavior and offers the dos and don’ts of effective reporting among journalists.

“Our new guide was developed with a research-based focus in line with our mission to save lives near tracks and trains,” continued Maleh. “We want to work with journalists to effectively inform the public when there are incidents in our communities and what local resources are available for vulnerable individuals. Our goal at Operation Lifesaver is to have zero reported incidents at railroad crossings and along tracks, including incidents involving railroad or transit-related suicides. We are committed to working with the media and providing resources for messaging to help accomplish this goal,” said OLI Executive Director Rachel Maleh.”

*If you or someone you love is in crisis, call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255), or contact the Crisis Text Line by texting HOME to 741741.*

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



### **The FAA Wants YOUR Input on the Remote ID Proposal**

Help the FAA prepare for the next exciting step in safe [drone integration](#).

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has issued the [proposed rule](#) for [remote identification of drones](#) and is **seeking comments by March 2**. They highly value the input of the public to help shape the framework for safe drone operations.

With nearly 1.5 million drones and 155,000 remote pilots registered with the FAA, the ability to provide identification and location is essential to keeping drones safely separated from other aircraft operating in our airspace. Equipping drones with remote identification, or [Remote ID](#), technologies builds on the previous steps taken by the FAA and the drone community to safely integrate operations.

Remote ID is part of the foundation for more complicated operations, such as beyond visual line of sight at low altitudes.

The FAA hopes you can take time to read the [Notice of Proposed Rulemaking](#) in the *Federal Register* and provide your feedback to help develop a final rule that enhances the safety and security of our nation’s skies.

## [Updates from the US Department of Justice](#)



### **U.S. Attorney General Establishes Commission on Law Enforcement**

U.S. Attorney General Barr announced the establishment of a Presidential Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice.

[Read more >>](#)

## Updates from the National Transportation Safety Board

The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) is an independent federal agency charged with determining the probable cause of transportation accidents, promoting transportation safety, and assisting victims of transportation accidents and their families.



The NTSB's Most Wanted List of Transportation Safety Improvements serves as the agency's road map from lessons learned to lives saved, identifying safety recommendations that are ripe for action and that, if implemented, have the potential to prevent accidents, minimize injuries and save lives.

The **MOST WANTED LIST**, the NTSB's premier advocacy tool, identifies the top safety improvements that can be made across all modes to prevent accidents, minimize injuries, and save lives in the future. These issue areas are ripe for action now; if addressed, they would make a significant impact.

The **MOST WANTED LIST** is our road map from lessons learned to lives saved. We urge lawmakers, industry, and every American to learn more about what they can do to implement and champion these critical safety improvements.

Click on each issue area image below for more information and to download the factsheet.

[Most Wanted List video on the NTSB YouTube Channel](#)

We have also created a [brochure to provide a listing of open NTSB recommendations](#) associated with the 10 Most Wanted List (MWL) issues. Each MWL issue groups the recommendations.



### Tesla Crash in California Subject of NTSB Meeting

1/14/2020

WASHINGTON — The [National Transportation Safety Board](#) announced its intention to hold a board meeting on Feb. 25, 2020, 9:30 a.m. to determine the probable cause of the fatal crash of a Tesla in Mountain View, California.

On March 23, 2018, a 2017 Tesla Model X electric-powered passenger vehicle crashed while traveling southbound on US Highway 101. The driver, the sole occupant of the car, was killed. The vehicle was being operated with advanced driver assistance features, which Tesla refers to as "autopilot."

Previously released information related to this investigation, including the preliminary accident report and news releases, are available at <https://go.usa.gov/xpSxN>.

WHO: NTSB investigative staff and board members.  
WHAT: An open to the public board meeting.  
WHERE: [NTSB Boardroom & Conference Ctr](#), 420 10th St., SW, Washington, DC  
WHEN: Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2020, 9:30 a.m. (EST).  
HOW: Media covering the meeting in person are asked to be in place no later than 9:15 a.m. on the day of the event. The public meeting will also be a webcast. A link to the webcast will be available shortly before the start of the meeting at <http://ntsb.windrosemedia.com/>.



## Updates from the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority

The NJTPA is the federally authorized Metropolitan Planning Organization for 6.7 million people in the 13-county northern New Jersey region, consisting of the counties of Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Ocean, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union, and Warren.

### 2020- 2023 Transportation Improvement Program

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP): Projects are selected from the Project Pool for inclusion in the TIP. The TIP, which is updated every two years, is the mechanism for allocating federal funding for design, right-of-way purchases, and construction of transportation projects.

Central Staff prepared the [FY 2020 Study and Development \(S&D\) program](#), which consists of local, NJDOT, and NJ TRANSIT projects in the Concept Development phase of work. Projects that graduate from the S&D program may proceed to further stages of work, including Preliminary Engineering and Design, to enable them to be funded through the TIP. The S&D project list is included as an Appendix in the FY 2020 TIP and as Section V of the FY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program.

The FY 2020 – 2023 TIP Introduction is available [here](#).

The Performance Measures (Appendix M) is available [here](#).

The NJTPA Annual Listing of Obligated Projects for FY 2018 (Appendix H) can be accessed [here](#).

The NJDOT obligation report for FY 2019 can be accessed [here](#).

The easiest way to get information on currently funded projects and their status is through [NOTIS—the NJTPA Online Transportation Information System](#), which allows interactive searching for projects in particular locations or on specific routes, using maps and database queries.

## Updates from the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization

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



South Jersey  
Transportation  
Planning Organization



Top Row: Nancy Ridgway (CAC Member), Stephen Mazur (SJTA), John Risley (Atlantic County), David Heller (SJTPO), Monica Butler (SJTPO), Mayor Anthony Fanucci (City of Vineland), Louis Millan (NJ TRANSIT), George Castellini (Cumberland County), James Lewis (NJDOT)  
Bottom Row: Mayor Marty Small, Sr. (City of Atlantic City), Jennifer Marandino (SJTPO Executive Director), Mayor Leonard Desiderio (Sea Isle City), and Gerald Thornton (Cape May County)

2020 SJTPO Policy Board Members

photo courtesy SJTPO website

## Updates from the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission

DVRPC serves as the regional planning agency for the nine-county, bi-state, Greater Philadelphia area, providing guidance and assistance to build a sustainable and livable region.



### **DVRPC Municipal Data Navigator Updated**

The [Municipal Data Navigator](#) was updated with recently released U.S. Census Bureau data. Included in the update are the American Community Survey (ACS) 2014-2018 five-year estimates, 2000-2018 population estimates, and 2018 building permits.

The Data Navigator is a convenient online tool that allows users to search for Census information by county, or down to the local level by the municipality. It includes population estimates, housing data, income, crash data, and more. It also includes DVRPC's 2045 forecasts for population and employment. The data can also be downloaded from the interface.

### **What's Happening in the World of Automated Vehicles, Artificial Intelligence, and Electric Vehicles**



### **UPS Purchasing 10,000 Arrival's Purpose-Built Electric Delivery Vehicles**

UPS 1/29/20

Atlanta based United Parcel Service announced on Jan 29<sup>th</sup> that it is purchasing 10,000 electric vehicles to be built for UPS by Arrival, with priority access to purchase additional electric vehicles in the future.

UPS will collaborate with Arrival to develop a wide range of electric vehicles with Advanced Driver-Assistance Systems (ADAS). The technology is designed to increase safety and operating efficiencies, including the potential for automated movements in UPS depots. UPS will initiate testing ADAS features later in 2020. Vehicle purchase prices were not disclosed. UPS expects to deploy the EVs in Europe and North America.

"UPS continues to build an integrated fleet of electric vehicles, combined with innovative, large-scale fleet charging technology," said Juan Perez, UPS chief information and engineering officer.

#### **About Arrival**

Founded in 2015, Arrival has over 800 people globally and is headquartered in London, UK. It also has offices in Germany, the Netherlands, Israel, Russia, and the US.

Arrival's vehicles are priced the same, or less than current fossil fuel vehicles, making the decision to switch to electric inevitable and increasing the adoption of electric technology globally.



Photo courtesy of UPS

## Governor Murphy Signs New Law for Electric School Buses

Bill S-721/A-1751, which authorizes use of certain electric school buses, was signed into law on January 21<sup>st</sup> by the Governor.

This law provides that the maximum overall width of an electric school bus operated in this State is not to exceed 102 inches, excluding accessories. The bill defines an “electric school bus” as a school bus, as described in N.J.S.A.39:1-1, charged and powered solely by electricity. The increased permissible width set forth in the bill would apply to electric school buses exclusively. The old regulations restricted the width of all school buses to 96 inches, excluding accessories.



## Governor Murphy Unveils Energy Master Plan and Signs Executive Order Directing Sweeping Regulatory Reform to Reduce Emissions and Adapt to Climate Change

### *Governor Murphy Directs Most Sweeping Set of Climate Change Reforms in the Nation*

On January 27<sup>th</sup>, Governor Phil Murphy unveiled the state’s Energy Master Plan, which outlines key strategies to reach the Administration’s goal of 100 percent clean energy by 2050.

To fulfill Governor Murphy’s commitment to achieve 100 percent clean energy by 2050 and the Global Warming Response Act (GWRA) mandate of reducing state greenhouse gas emissions by 80 percent below 2006 levels, the Energy Master Plan comprehensively addresses New Jersey’s energy system, including electricity generation, transportation, and buildings, and their associated greenhouse gas emissions and related air pollutants.

The Energy Master Plan outlines the following seven key strategies and includes an implementation plan that lays out the next steps and timelines:

**Strategy 1:** Reducing Energy Consumption and Emissions from the Transportation Sector

**Strategy 2:** Accelerating Deployment of Renewable Energy and Distributed Energy Resources

**Strategy 3:** Maximizing Energy Efficiency and Conservation, and Reducing Peak Demand

**Strategy 4:** Reducing Energy Consumption and Emissions from the Building Sector

**Strategy 5:** Decarbonizing and Modernizing New Jersey’s Energy System

**Strategy 6:** Supporting Community Energy Planning and Action in Underserved Communities

**Strategy 7:** Expand the Clean Energy Innovation Economy

To support the strategies identified in the Energy Master Plan, Executive Order No. 100 directs the DEP to adopt, within two years, regulatory

To view the Energy Master Plan, click [here](#).

To view Executive Order No. 100, click [here](#).

## New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy Signs Electric Vehicle Law

*ttnews.com*

Bill [S2252/A4819](#)

New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy signed legislation Jan. 17 to support electric vehicle use and charging infrastructure in the state.

Charging stations would be installed along specific travel corridors and in community locations, such as town centers or commercial areas. One purpose of the charging network is to reduce “range anxiety” — a concern among drivers that charging stations may be so scarce that they will find themselves stranded with a drained battery.

The law also establishes an Electric Vehicle Working Group within the Department of Environmental Protection. Made up of government officials, a port executive, and utilities and EV experts, the group will create a comprehensive Statewide Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Plan.

To encourage the purchase of such vehicles, the legislation establishes a rebate program geared toward light-duty plug-in EVs. The rebates will provide up to \$5,000 per vehicle and will be supported by about \$30 million from the state’s Clean Energy Fund each year.

One of the goals of the law is that, by Dec. 31, 2025, at least 330,000 of the registered light-duty vehicles in the state will be plug-in EVs. Other goals aim to have charging equipment installed at residential properties and workplaces.

The legislation takes into account the future electrification of heavier vehicles as well. It calls for the establishment of benchmarks for electrification and infrastructure development to address medium- and heavy-duty diesel vehicles by Dec. 31.

Part of the law also includes that by the end of 2020, at least 10% of the new bus purchases made by the New Jersey Transit Corporation will be plug-in EVs.

[Click here to read the full \*ttnews.com\* article](#)

## Explaining Level 4 and Level 5 of Self-Driving Cars in Plain English

What’s a Level 4 or Level 5 self-driving car? Not only is it a popular question, but the levels of automation are also one of the largest sources of confusion about self-driving vehicles.

[Read more >>](#)



## Miscellaneous Traffic Safety Points of Interest



### **17<sup>th</sup> Annual Roadmap of State Highway Safety Laws a 2020 Vision for Safety**

The Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety has released their 2020 report on their vision of what traffic safety laws should be enacted and enforced across the country. In this report, Advocates rates all 50 states and the District of Columbia on the passage of 16 laws that have been demonstrated to save lives. Organized into five issue areas, these laws are essential components of any state traffic safety program. While they commend the nine states (AZ, AR, FL, KY, LA, ME, NJ, NM, WA) and DC that enacted a total of 12 laws in 2019, unfortunately not a single state has all sixteen recommended laws. As legislative sessions begin around the country, they are urging legislators to utilize their “roadmap” to identify deficiencies in their laws and take the appropriate action to close the gaps.

#### **The 16 Lifesaving Laws**

Based on government and private research, crash data and state experience, Advocates has determined the traffic safety laws listed below are critical to reducing motor vehicle deaths and injuries:

##### **Occupant Protection**

- Primary Enforcement Front Seat Belt Law
- Primary Enforcement Rear Seat Belt Law
- All-Rider Motorcycle Helmet

##### **Child Passenger Safety**

- Rear-Facing Through Age 2 Law
- Booster Seat

##### **Teen Driving - GDL**

- Learner's Stage: Minimum Age 16 for Learner's
- Learner's Stage: 6-Month Holding Period
- Learner's Stage: 50 Hours of Supervised Driving
- Intermediate Stage: Nighttime Driving Restriction
- Intermediate Stage: Passenger Restriction
- Age 18 for Unrestricted

##### **Impaired Driving**

- Ignition Interlock Devices (IIDs) for All-
- Child Endangerment
- Open Container

##### **Distracted Driving**

- All-Driver Text Messaging
- GDL Cell Phone

[Click here to download the full Advocates-for-Highway-and-Auto-Safety-report](#)

[Click here to read an nj101.5 news article on the report](#)

[Click here to watch the saferoads.org webcast](#)

## Murphy Administration Announces \$3 Million in FY 2020 Grants for Transit Village, Safe Streets to Transit and Bikeways Program

*State funded projects will help make local quality of life improvements*

On January 27<sup>th</sup> the Murphy Administration announced Local Aid grants totaling \$3 million to help 13 municipalities advance Transit Village, Safe Streets to Transit, and Bikeway projects that will improve the quality of life for New Jersey residents without burdening local property taxpayers. The three programs each provide \$1 million in grants annually as part of NJDOT's Local Aid program funded through the State Transportation Trust Fund (TTF). Projects for each program are awarded on a competitive basis.

### Bikeway Program

The following three municipalities received grants totaling \$1 million available in FY 2020 Bikeway grant program:

- East Windsor, Mercer County: \$450,000
- Lakewood, Ocean County: \$375,000
- Pennsville, Salem County: \$175,000

### Safe Streets to Transit

The following four municipalities received grants totaling \$1 million available in the FY 2020 Safe Streets to Transit grant program:

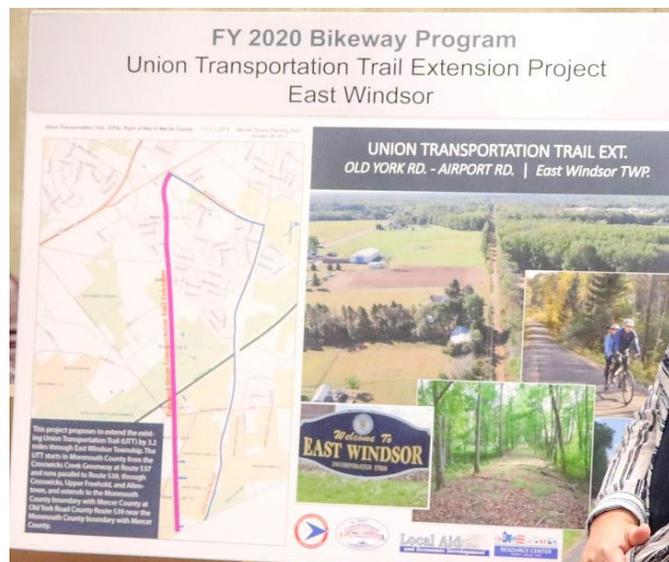
- Jersey City, Hudson County: \$400,000
- Milleville, Cumberland County: \$210,000
- Somers Point, Atlantic County: \$200,000
- Trenton, Mercer County: \$190,000

### Transit Village Program

The following six municipalities received grants totaling \$1 million available in the FY 2020 Transit Village grant program:

- Long Branch, Monmouth County: \$475,000
- Rutherford, Bergen County: \$210,000
- Planfield, Union County: \$150,000
- Irvington, Essex County: \$100,000
- West Windsor, Mercer County: \$40,000
- East Orange, Essex County: \$25,000

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



### Bikeway Grant award for East Windsor

*Photo courtesy of NJDOT Website*

## Magnitude and Duration: How Science Measures Use of Force from BodyCam Video

Join Dr. Geoffrey Desmoulin, a Certified Force Science Analyst and Principal of GTD Scientific Inc., as he describes how Force Science studies and GTD tactical baton research were applied to successfully explain the intensity, magnitude, and duration of controversial police use of force

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

## Tail Light Invention Helps Keep Horses And Riders Safe At Night

After a friend of hers who was riding a horse was struck by a car, Sami Gros decided to do something that could help prevent future tragedies. Believing the standard reflective safety gear was simply not effective enough for road safety, Sami developed a technology system to alert drivers that there are horses on the road. It involved the use of LED lights and a system call Tail-Lights.



Albuquerque Mounted Police. Photo credit: Tail Lights

Click the links below to find out more about Tail-Lights

<http://www.apdhorseunitfund.org/donations.html>

<https://tail-lights.com/welcome-mounted-patrol>

<https://www.reshareworthy.com/horse-tail-lights/>

## American Medical Association Weighs in on Distracted Driving

Doctors working in emergency rooms, operating rooms, and orthopedic practices most often treat the tragic and often fatal consequences of distracted driving — and they're now urging some states to do more and offering to help.

[Read more >>](#)



## New Jersey Municipal Salary Report

The New Jersey Municipal Salary Report is now available. This valuable data includes salaries for over 40 municipal positions and data for 244 municipalities. This digital publication is delivered as a Microsoft Excel Spreadsheet, allowing you to sort and compare data. The data was gathered from a recent survey conducted by the League. [View the full list of positions and municipalities](#) included in this report on the League's website. For pricing and ordering instructions, please [visit the League's website](#). Or Contact Suzanne Allen, [sallen@njlm.org](mailto:sallen@njlm.org) or 609-695-3481 x129.

## Legal Update



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## N.J. motorcyclist hung his license plate upside down because it looked 'cool.' That's illegal, appeals court says.

*nj.com Jan 29, 2020*

A Somerset County man who turned the license plate on his motorcycle upside down because "he thought it was cool" violated state law and was justified in receiving a ticket, and the \$139 fine it came with, a New Jersey appeals court ruled Tuesday.

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

## State v Teoshie Williams.

### Police do not have to inform the tenant of the right to deny entrance to the apartment.

[www.njlaws.com](http://www.njlaws.com)

In this appeal, the court addressed whether police officers must inform the occupant of a residence that he or she has the right to refuse the officers' request to enter the residence. The court determined that while officers are required to inform the occupant of the right to refuse to consent to a search of the premises, a similar requirement does not apply to requests to simply enter the residence. Finding that the initial entry into defendant's apartment based on her consent to enter was permissible, the court affirmed the trial court's denial of defendant's motion to suppress evidence seized in a subsequent consent search of the apartment following a lawful protective sweep. (A-3944-16T2)

## State v Pimentel

### Six month jail for criminal driving while suspended 2C:40-26 constitutional

[www.njlaws.com](http://www.njlaws.com)

The defendant was charged under N.J.S.A. 2C:40-26 with the fourth-degree criminal offense of driving with a license that had been suspended because of multiple previous drunk driving convictions.

The court rejects defendant's claims that the 180-day mandatory minimum jail sentence prescribed by N.J.S.A. 2C:40-26 is cruel and unusual punishment, and that it also violates federal and state constitutional principles of equal protection and due process.

The stringent penalty chosen by the Legislature is constitutionally permissible to advance legitimate policy objectives of deterrence and public safety.

The court also reaffirms that the clear terms of statute do not allow judges the discretion to impose a lesser sentence.

### New Expungement Law Makes Expungement of Criminal Records More Available.

[www.njlaws.com](http://www.njlaws.com)

New Jersey expungement law signed into law on December 18, 2019, will take effect on June 15, 2020. L. 2019, c.269 will increase the number of records of arrests and convictions that can be expunged.

S4154 creates a petition process for "clean slate" expungement for residents who have not committed an offense in ten years and who have not been convicted of the most serious crimes.

The new law also requires the State to implement an automated clean slate expungement system, which will be developed by a task force charged with studying the technological, fiscal, and practical issues and challenges associated with such a system. Further, the bill requires that low-level marijuana convictions be sealed upon the disposition of a case, preventing those convictions from being used against those individuals in the future.

It also makes numerous other changes to existing expungement procedures, including the creation of an e-filing system that would eliminate filing fees to petition for an expungement.

More details can be found at <https://dwidrugarrest.blogspot.com/2019/12/nj-expungement-law-2020.html>

### Marijuana Legalization Headed to the Ballot

Both houses of the State Legislature voted on January 17<sup>th</sup> to place a question on the November 2020 ballot asking the citizens of the State to approve the legalization of marijuana. The measures passed both houses by a 3/5 majority, which means they do not need to act again, [and the measure heads to the ballot in November.](#)

## Recent Bills Introduced in Trenton for the 2020 – 2021 Term

**S180** establish a fourteen-member Open Public Records Act Study Commission. The bill has been referenced to Senate State Government Committee.

**A678** mandate training and certification requirements for zoning officers and land use board administrators. Is scheduled for a hearing before the Assembly State and Local Government Committee

**S864 / A1978** are companion plastic bag ban bills, are in their respective committees. (who will it be left up to enforce this law if passed?)

**S660** establishes that passenger vehicles other than police vehicles have a useful life of five years and allows local units to bond for such vehicles. Referred To Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee.

## Governor Phil Murphy Signed the Following “Police Related” Bills into Law in January

The 218<sup>th</sup> New Jersey State Legislature (2018 - 2019) ended at midnight on January 13<sup>th</sup>. The 219<sup>th</sup> Legislature (2020 - 2021) began its work on January 14<sup>th</sup>.

Governor Murphy had over 200 bills on his desk in first part of January to act on before the close of the 2018-2019 legislative session. There were some bills that he vetoed or did not sign (which then expired), but the majority of them he did sign into law. Below is a list of laws, with bill numbers, that have some form of police and/or traffic connections. You can read the new laws in bill form by going to the NJ Legislature web site at <https://www.njleg.state.nj.us/#> and going to the “Bill Search” in the top right side of the page. Type in the bill number and then change the “Legislative Session” to 2018-2019, then click on “Search.”

***The list is in no particular order:***

**P.L., 2019, c. 309** directs the Division of Fire Safety, in conjunction with Rutgers University/University Behavioral Health Care, to establish a confidential 24-hour, toll-free "New Jersey Fire and EMS Crisis Intervention Services" telephone hotline. The hotline is available to fire and emergency services personnel experiencing depression, anxiety, stress, or any other psychological or emotional disorder or condition. When necessary and appropriate, hotline operators refer callers to further debriefing and counseling services. The law also requires the State to annually appropriate at least \$250,000 to support the costs associated with operating and maintaining the hotline. This new law takes effect on June 1, 2020, but the Division of Fire Safety can begin to take administrative action necessary to implement the law.

**A1028** - Establishes a training program to prevent suicide by law enforcement officers; requires reporting of law enforcement officer suicides to the Attorney General.

**A2604** - Establishes an emergency “Blue Alert System” for the rapid dissemination of information to facilitate the apprehension of persons suspected of killing or seriously injuring law enforcement officers and to aid in the location of missing law enforcement officers.

**A3890** - Imposes motor vehicle penalty points for certain violations of “move over law”; establishes public awareness campaign; designated as “Slow Down or Move Over, It’s the Law Act.”

## Bills Signed into Law in January (continued)

**S3126/A4107** – Requires drivers to stop at a railroad crossing when on-track equipment is approaching a railroad crossing.

**A1796** - Prevents criminal defendant from asserting "gay and transgender panic" defense to murder charge to reduce charge to manslaughter committed in the heat of passion.

**S3422/A6056** – Requires declaration of Code Blue alert when National Weather Service predicts temperatures of 32 degrees Fahrenheit or lower

**S3594** - Provides New Jersey employees' who are members of the National Guard with the same employment protections that are provided to members of the United States Armed Forces called to active duty. P.L., 2019, c. 286 took effect on January 9, 2020.

**S48** - Integrates several reforms to New Jersey's juvenile justice system concerning incarceration and parole by incorporating the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative principles into the Juvenile Justice Code.

**S3869/A5561** – Prohibits local governments from imposing fines on alarm companies in certain circumstances

**S4188/A6075** – "Lindsay's Law"; provides tax benefits to organ and bone marrow donors and their employers, and provides paid time off to donors who are State or local government employees

**S1242** - Requires boil water notices be provided to municipal officials within one hour.

**S1712** - Requires consumer notification of vehicle warranty for aftermarket and recycled parts.

**S1874** - Establishes special license plates to bring awareness to breast cancer.

**S4110** - Allows municipalities to adopt ordinance to enter properties to perform lead service line replacements.

**S3425** - Requires railroad operators to remove obstructive vegetation near railroad crossings

**A5070** - Authorizes individual municipalities to impose parking taxes to fund projects to improve pedestrian access to mass transit.

**A5037** - Enhances penalties related to counterfeit drugs.

**A5263** - Requires a four-year public institution of higher education to award college credits to firefighters for certain courses completed at county fire academies.

**A5632** - Requires certain public employees receive additional training to manage harassment or discrimination complaints.

**S778** - Establishes Campus Sexual Assault Commission.

**S1508** - Eliminates motor vehicle surcharges following the retirement of bonds and debts tied to surcharges.

**S1966** - Increases death benefit of an active member of PFRS and SPRS to 50 percent of final compensation for surviving child or children

**S2898** - Establishes "New Jersey Fire and EMS Crisis Intervention Services" telephone hotline; provides funding for hotline through fire inspection fees and penalties.

**S2980** - Provides that the school district may not condition student enrollment in district on the fact that MVC does not have the name or address of parent or guardian on file.

## Bills Signed into Law in January (continued)

**A3087** - Expands the crime of terrorism to include persons who commit certain crimes with the purpose to influence or incite an act of terror against an individual based on the individual's race, religion, sexual orientation, gender, or creed.

**S2252** - Establishes goals and incentives for the increased use of plug-in electric vehicles and infrastructure in New Jersey.

**S761** - "Earn Your Way Out Act" requires the Department of Corrections to develop a re-entry plan for each inmate and streamlines New Jersey's parole system.

**S3309** - Establishes the New Jersey Violence Intervention Program in the Office of the Attorney General to fund violence reduction initiatives. The New Jersey Violence Intervention Program will award grants to municipalities, health agencies, law enforcement agencies, and non-profit organizations that implement effective, evidence-based violence intervention initiatives in communities with disproportionately high rates of gun violence.

**S48** - integrates several reforms to New Jersey's juvenile justice system concerning incarceration and parole by incorporating the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative principles into the Juvenile Justice Code.

**A5838** - Concerns stop-work orders.

**A5839** - Concerns penalties for misclassification of employees.

**A5840** - Concerns joint liability for payment of employer tax law.

**A5843** - Requires employers to post a notice for employees on employee misclassification.

**S4226** - Permits Department of Labor and Workforce Development to post information of a person who violates State wage, benefit and tax laws.

**S4228** - Concerns tax data sharing between State Treasury and DOLWD.

**S3265** - prohibits the sale and distribution of flavored vape products, including menthol

**S497/A4626** – Allows certain prior statements by children to be admitted into evidence in child abuse and termination of parental rights cases

**S498/A3391** – Makes various changes to the "Criminal Injuries Compensation Act of 1971."

**S721/A1751** – Authorizes use of certain electric school buses

**S1318/A3156** – Permits counties and non-governmental, community-based agencies to establish family justice centers which provide coordinated, multi-agency governmental and non-governmental assistance to victims of certain crimes and offenses, including domestic violence, and their family members

**S1505/A1707** – Expands membership of NJ Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect

**S2511/A4020** – Changes title of DEP "conservation officer" to "conservation police officer."

**S2521/A4087** – Requires reporting of inmate abuse by employees of State correctional facilities and establishes reporting and investigation program

**S2522/A4090** – Limits cross-gender strip searches in State correctional facilities

**S2532/A4086** – Requires correctional police officers receive 20 hours in-service training, including four hours in prevention of sexual misconduct, non-fraternization, and manipulation.

## Bills Signed into Law in January (continued)

**S2849/A4590** – Designates Seeing Eye® dog as State Dog

**SJR51/AJR189** – Establishes the "New Jersey State Commission on Urban Violence"

**A1477/S3228** – Establishes Statewide Hit and Run Advisory Program to facilitate the apprehension of persons fleeing motor vehicle accident scene, designated as "Zackhary's Law."

**A4151/S2745** – Requires school security training for persons employed by public and nonpublic schools in substitute capacity and for employees and volunteers of youth programs operated in school buildings.

**A4260/S4335** – Prohibits the sale of certain toy guns and imitation firearms

**A5445/S3909** – Requires AG to establish a program to detect fentanyl in State's illegal drug supply and make information related to the presence of fentanyl available in a database accessible by law enforcement

**A5511/S1852** – Revises certain penalties for illegal operation of a snowmobile, all-terrain vehicle, or dirt bike

**A5388/S3895** – Requires specialized in-service training regarding crime victims for police departments in certain high-crime areas

**A5389/S3896** – Requires training or experience in crime victims' rights for certain members of Victims of Crime Compensation Review Board

**A4822/S3408** – Permits municipalities to lease vacant municipal land for tiny home occupancy; directs DCA to enhance regulatory guidance on acceptable tiny home construction and use

**A1305** - Renames Mountainview Youth Correctional Facility as "William H. Fauver Youth Correctional Facility."

## Governor Murphy declined to sign the following bills, meaning they expire without becoming law:

**S2421/A1030** – Concerns installation of electric vehicle charging stations in common interest communities

**S3252/A4713** – "New Townhouse Fire Safety Act"; requires automatic fire sprinkler systems in new townhomes

**S4331/A4727** – Requires person taking a written examination for a permit to watch a video of rights and responsibilities of the driver stopped by law enforcement; requires testing on rights and responsibilities of the driver stopped by law enforcement

**A491/S4340** – Enhances PFRS accidental death pension for surviving spouse by providing for a minimum of \$50,000 annually

**A5072/S3496** – "Defense Against Porch Pirates Act"; creates a new category of theft, with penalties including mandatory restitution and community service, for taking package delivered to a residence by cargo carrier

**A5446/S3907** – Requires reporting of opioid deaths



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

### **2020 Public Service Recognition Week**

Public Service Recognition Week (PSRW) will be observed from Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> until Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> this year. PSRW is organized annually by the Public Employees Roundtable and its member organizations to honor the men and women who serve our nation as federal, state, county and local government employees.

[Click here for more information](#)

### **Toll Rates Increase on Pennsylvania Turnpike, New York-New Jersey Crossings**

*ttnews.com*

Tolls rates recently have increased on the Pennsylvania Turnpike and the crossings that link New Jersey and New York City.

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey increased toll rates on the Lincoln and Holland tunnels, the George Washington, Bayonne and Goethals bridges and the Outerbridge Crossing, which went into effect January 5<sup>th</sup>.

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

### **Charleston Police look to Chick-fil-A for customer service training**

*By Mikaela Porter [mporter@postandcourier.com](mailto:mporter@postandcourier.com)*

*Jan 28, 2020*

Charleston police officers may soon be getting lessons in customer service from one of the nation's most courteous fast-food chains: Chick-fil-A. Coming off an audit that found deficiencies in how the department treats minorities, the department reached out to the Atlanta-based company asking to share staff training tips.

"The reason being is their very high success rate with interpersonal skills, exemplary development of employees and their approach to problem-solving," Police Chief Luther Reynolds said.

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

### **Hawaii Considers Ways to Combat Traffic-Related Deaths**

Lawmakers in Hawaii have proposed red-light cameras and a zero-tolerance law, where any amount of alcohol would become illegal, to curb traffic fatalities.

[Read more >>](#)

## Fatalities Are Falling While Driver Irresponsibility Is Rising

Dangerous actions continue to plague drivers,” says NHTSA Acting Administrator James Owens. Fatal crashes are down, but 100 people per day are still dying on our roads.

[Read more >>](#)

## Left-Lane Law Revisions Under Review Coast to Coast

Left-lane use is a constant area of focus for states. Legislators around the country are attempting to address the issue to improve driver behavior.

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## Training Events



### Roll Call Training: Fourth Amendment Fundamentals - Part 2 *Probable Cause Searches in the Face of Exigency*

<https://jharristraining.com/>

In our continued roll call training segments, we introduce Part 2 of our eight segment series that will review the exceptions to the written warrant requirement. In this segment, we will discuss probable cause in the face of exigency.

A simple reminder regarding this fundamental element of the job will assist officers is strengthening their knowledge so that they are more effective in their positions and protect themselves and their agencies from frivolous lawsuits.

[Click here to view the J. Harris roll call video](#)



### Roll Call Training: Fourth Amendment Fundamentals - Part 3 *Inventory Searches*

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In Part 3 of our continuing series on Fourth Amendment Fundamentals, we review an area that comes under a lot of scrutiny - the inventory search.

A simple reminder regarding this fundamental element of the job will assist officers is strengthening their knowledge so that they are more effective in their positions and protect themselves and their agencies from frivolous lawsuits.

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## DCJ - Police Traffic RADAR Instructor Refresher Courses

Dates	Locations
February 21, 2020	Camden County College Police Academy
March 20, 2020	Atlantic County Police Training Center
April 10, 2020	Ocean County Police Academy
May 8, 2020	John H. Stampler Police Academy
May 15, 2020	Essex County Police Academy
September 18, 2020	Morris County Police Academy
October 9, 2020	Ocean County Police Academy
November 20, 2020	Monmouth County Police Academy
Times:	9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Cost:	Free

Presented by the NJ Division of Criminal Justice, this is a one-day refresher course that is required for RADAR instructors to maintain their certification. A radar instructor/operator certificate is valid for three years. In the third year, before expiration, each instructor must attend a refresher course.

Instructors no longer receive notification for when they are due for recertification. It is the responsibility of each instructor to know when their certification expires and to renew the instructor certification before expiration.

Registration must be made on the DCJ General Course Registration Form and faxed to DCJ at (732) 974-7551. A copy of the registration form can be found in the appendix of this newsletter and the following link: [Click here to download the DCJ RADAR Instructor Refresher Registration Form](#)



## NJDHTS Crash Analysis Tool - Demonstration



Dates:	February 19, 2020 March 18, 2020 April 22, 2020 May 20, 2020 June 17, 2020
Location:	Rutgers CAIT Computer Lab (1st Floor), 100 Brett Road, Piscataway
Times:	8:00 am – 11:00 am
Cost:	Free

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

To register or for questions, contact:  
Joseph Weiss, Transportation Safety Analyst at (609) 445-2893 or email [joseph.weiss@njoag.gov](mailto:joseph.weiss@njoag.gov)

Date: February 6, 2020  
May 5, 2020  
Location: Rutgers CAIT, 100 Brett Road, Piscataway  
Times: 8:00 am – 12:00 pm  
Cost: Free

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

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 to register for the February class](#)

[Click here to register for the May class](#)



**Webinar - Officer Use of Force Statements:  
Considerations to Support Investigative Priorities**

Date: Tuesday, February 18, 2020  
Time: 1:00 PM  
Cost: Free

Most use of force incidents prompts a department investigation that usually includes taking the officer's statement of the incident. This process can seem straightforward, but there is much to be considered before making the statement.

A statement is intended to allow the officer to tell their story—to create a clear picture of what was important to them at that moment. Yet often, investigators ask questions that can lead to unnecessary information or even contradictions in the officer's statement. Before sitting down with an officer, investigators must understand what information is critical to obtain from the officer to advance the investigation.

Join Lexipol in this webinar to learn how departments can improve the process of taking officer statements following the use of force incidents, leading to more accurate accounts that provide clarity for the incident investigation.

You'll learn:

- Factors to consider when determining whether to take a statement from the involved officer
- Why there may be inconsistencies in an officer's account when compared with video evidence or witness statements
- The importance of crafting interview questions that will advance the investigation

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



## LIDAR Operators Class LASER Speed Enforcement Operators Course

Date: Friday, February 21, 2020  
Location: North Bergen, NJ (*Hudson County*)  
Start time: 9:00 AM  
Cost: Free

This is a LASER Speed Enforcement Operator's Course (also known as LIDAR). It is a one-day course involving both classroom and hands-on practical exercises outside. The course is geared for the Laser Technology Inc (LTI) 20-20 products such as the UltraLyte, TruSpeed®, and TruSpeed® S and TruSpeed® SX series of laser units and follows the New Jersey case law regulating Laser Speed Enforcement. Each student will receive a workbook at the class.

Upon completion of the 80 hours of unsupervised operation of your lidar device, and submission of documentation, operator's card from LTI will be issued. The prerequisite for this course is that you be a certified RADAR operator for one year.

This course is being hosted by the North Bergen Police Department and sponsored by LTI (Laser Technology Inc). To register for this class, please email Rich Maxwell at ([rlmax@att.net](mailto:rlmax@att.net)) with the following:

- Name(s)*
- Agency name*
- Agency Address*
- Contact email address(es)*
- Contact phone number*



## Budgeting for the Elected Official: Everything you Need to Know to Create, Balance, and Approve Your Municipalities' Budget

Date: February 22, 2020  
Location: The Conference Center at Mercer, 1200 Old Trenton Rd., West Windsor  
Times: 8:30 am – 2:00 pm  
Cost: Member Rate \$ 75.00, Non Member Rate \$100.00

NJ State League of Municipalities seminar. Creating and approving a feasible budget is one of the most important tasks of an Elected Official. It is also one of the most complex and time-consuming tasks. To aid in this endeavor, the League has created a special half-day program geared towards Elected Officials to help them in understanding the Municipal Budgeting Process. The day will be broken into four parts that include:

- Budget Law Overview
- What is Budgeting
- Why is it Important
- History of State Aid, and
- Planning for the Future.

This program is a requirement of the Local Government Leadership Program.  
[Click here for more details and to register for the February 22 Budgeting Program](#)



## NJ MVC - Current Trends in Document Fraud

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Locations</u>
February 13, 2020	Camden County Police Academy
February 14, 2020	Monmouth County Police Academy
March 2, 2020	Middlesex County Fire Academy
March 18, 2020	Gloucester County Police Academy
April 2, 2020	Burlington County Police Academy
April 23, 2020	Ocean County Police Academy
April 28, 2020	Atlantic County Police Academy

Times: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Cost: Free

With emerging technology, it has become increasingly difficult to identify fraudulent documents.

This course is intended for all law enforcement officers, Patrol and Investigation, to help enhance their skills to be able to recognize and identify fraudulent identity-related documents issued by and relied upon by the Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC), along with the aspects that motivate fraudsters.

Topics will include:

- Tools available to identify counterfeit documents
- Newest trends in counterfeiting of driver's licenses
- "On-line" fake document manufacturers
- Identification of fraudulent documents, to include:
  - Driver licenses
  - Green cards,
  - Passports
  - Birth certificates
  - Social security cards
- Counterfeit and genuine NJ MVC
  - Inspection stickers
  - Temporary registrations
  - Certificates of title.
- Facial recognition technology used by MVC

The class includes a presentation about the New Jersey Regional Operations Intelligence Center's (ROIC) Facial Recognition Initiative. Which is a state of the art investigative tool which utilizes the Photo Imaging Mugshot System maintained in the New York/New Jersey HIDTA Program. Also, the New Jersey State Police will present an overview of the ROIC's resources, capabilities, mission, initiatives, and purpose.

To register contact Investigator Mark Cushing at 609-633-9493 or [mark.cushing@mvc.nj.gov](mailto:mark.cushing@mvc.nj.gov)

A flyer for this course can be found in the appendix of this newsletter.



## Webinar - FHWA CARMA Draft ConOps for CAV Freeways Applications: Preview and Discussion

Date: February 25, 2020  
Times: 2:00pm - 3:30 pm – 3:00 pm EST

The FHWA CARMASM program, which is building open source software for cooperative driving automation, is refining a Concept of Operations for Connected and Automated Vehicles on freeways. The ConOps integrates three CAV applications for freeways – platooning, cooperative merging, and speed harmonization – into a single solution with the goal of mitigating recurring congestion. The webinar will present an overview of the draft ConOps and lead a facilitated dialogue with participants to collect feedback from stakeholders on priority needs and goals.

Participants will learn about cooperative driving automation/CAV applications for freeways – including progress, challenges, and next steps in this area. Participants will have the opportunity to provide input on the FHWA CARMA program’s draft ConOps for freeway applications and to dialogue with peers on the challenges and opportunities of deploying CAVs on freeways.

To register for this webinar and find more information, click [here](#). [Register](#)

## NJBWC 11<sup>th</sup> Annual New Jersey Bike & Walk Summit

Date: March 7, 2020  
Times: 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM  
Location: The Conference Center, Mercer County Community College, West Windsor  
Cost: \$30 to \$85

The New Jersey Bike & Walk Coalition’s Summit is New Jersey’s statewide meeting of bicycle and pedestrian advocates, elected officials, and other township leaders, transportation, and urban planners, bike shop owners and managers, cycling, walking, fitness and health enthusiasts and experts, recreation, trails, and club leaders and others who are interested in making our state a better place to live.

NJBWC is pleased to offer you the opportunity to learn more about current state and federal legal and policy issues affecting your community, make you aware of various public funding sources, enable you to network, identify and develop mutually beneficial relationships that can help your community become more bike and pedestrian-friendly and therefore, more livable.

[Click here to register](#)



## 2020 Work Zone Safety Conference

Dates: April 7, 2020  
Times: 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM  
Location: Rutgers University – Livingston Student Center  
Cost: Free – Registration required



The New Jersey Work Zone Safety Conference promotes work zone safety awareness on local and state roadways for a multi-disciplinary audience of construction, engineering, public safety, maintenance, and operations personnel.

This year's event will include a presentation focused on streamlining work zone safety documentation through a phone application followed by a panel discussion on how to conduct a successful preconstruction meeting. Bradley Sant will deliver the keynote presentation,

Professional Engineer with the American Road & Transportation Builders Association will be speaking about the dangers of internal work zones which account for approximately 50% of all fatalities. The conference will conclude with a presentation on attenuators and the role of police in work zones.

As part of the program, the New Jersey Work Zone Safety Excellence Awards will be presented to recognize inspiring efforts of individuals, companies, and roadway agencies that have demonstrated effective temporary traffic control in planned work zones on New Jersey roadways.

[Click here to register for the Work Zone Safety Conference](#)



## Practical Traffic Engineering for Police Officers

Dates: April 9, 16, 23, 30, May 7, & 14, 2020  
Time: 9:30am-1:30pm  
Location: Rutgers Lifelong Learning Center, New Brunswick  
Cost: \$809

***This class is full; if you apply now, you will be put on a waiting list.***

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

This course is approved for the New Jersey Traffic Safety Specialist (TSS) Certification Program.

[Click here to download a course flyer and registration form](#)

## Work Zone Safety Awareness for Local Police

Dates: April 9, 2020  
Location: AAA Mid-Atlantic, 700 Horizon Dr., Hamilton (Mercer County)  
Times: 8:00 am – 1:00 pm  
Cost: Free

This course, similar to our Work Zone Safety Awareness Program, is specifically being offered to current New Jersey law enforcement officers who require an overview of working safely in the roadway. This course Does Not replace the Police Work Zone Safety Train the Trainer Course. As new or veteran law enforcement officers are frequently required to assist with short-term work zones or are assigned to long-term projects. There are no allowances for errors when working next to traffic, so personnel needs 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 course is open to LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL ONLY.

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



## NJDHTS - Police Work Zone Safety Train-The-Trainer

Dates: April 14 to April 17, 2020  
Location: Passaic County Police Academy, 214 Oldham Rd, Wayne  
Times: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Cost: Free

This four-day program is designed for experienced police personnel who seek to become trainers in work zone traffic control.

This course is developed around typical long-term and short-term road work activities that occur on any state roadway, from two-lanes to interstates. The training covers the standards of work zone protection as specified in the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).

This course is open to LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL ONLY.

The class schedule is as follows:

- Day 1:** The MUTCD (Part VI)
- Day 2:** New Jersey vs. the MUTCD
- Day 3:** NJDOT/Local Law Enforcement
- Day 4:** Legal/NJSP/OSHA

[Click here to register](#)



## Recent OPRA Decisions and “Q & A with the GRC”

**Date:** Wednesday, April 15, 2020  
**Location:** Doubletree Hotel, 700 Hope Road, Tinton Falls,  
**Times:** 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
**Cost:** Member Rate \$75.00, Non Member Rate \$95.00

NJ State League of Municipalities seminar. New Jersey Courts have been particularly busy with Open Public Records Act and its analog, the Common Law Right of Access, cases. This presentation will highlight the most significant issues litigated, with pertinent summaries of the decisions, both reported and unreported, as well as a review of recent GRC decisions. In addition to the panel discussion, we will have an “Ask OPRA” segment. Have your OPRA question answered by the experts. Please submit your questions before the seminar to [dholland@njlm.org](mailto:dholland@njlm.org) using the subject line “Ask OPRA.” [Click here for event Details for April 15 OPRA Program](#)



## NJDHTS – NJTR-1 Crash Form Refresher



<b>Dates</b>	<b>Locations</b>
April 15, 2020	Rutgers CAIT Auditorium, Piscataway
April 24, 2020	Atlantic County Police Academy
April 28, 2020	Passaic County Police Academy
May 08, 2020	AAA Mid-Atlantic, Hamilton
May 12, 2020	Middlesex Fire Academy
May 15, 2020	Ocean County Police Academy
June 02, 2020	Gloucester County Police Academy
June 04, 2020	Monmouth County Public Safety Center
June 10, 2020	Morris County Police Academy
June 16, 2020	John Stamler Police Academy
June 19, 2020	AAA Mid-Atlantic, Hamilton
June 23, 2020	Hudson County OEM, Kearny

**Times:** 8:00 am–1:00 pm  
**Cost:** Free – Registration is required

Hosted by Rutgers’ CAIT, this free half-day course provides refresher training for law enforcement officers familiar with the NJTR-1 crash form.

Successful, proactive road safety improvement plans depend on the accuracy of data collected at crash scenes. Each year, the New Jersey DOT receives approximately 300,000 crash reports from law enforcement agencies, which are uploaded into crash analysis systems like the Crash Analysis Tool (CAT). However, many of these reports are submitted with incomplete or incorrect information, which can negatively impact the effectiveness of data-driven crash reduction efforts.

The course reviews common NJTR-1 errors for both passenger and commercial motor vehicle crashes and offers methods to improve the quality of data that safety colleagues rely on. Crash analysis software functions and the process of moving data from the crash report to the computer also will be discussed.

[Click here to go to the cait Rutgers training page to register for this course](#)



## UAS Applications for Traffic Safety



<b>Dates</b>	<b>Locations</b>
April 23, 2020	Middlesex County Fire Academy
May 13, 2020	Rutgers CAIT 100 Brett Road Piscataway
June 17, 2020	Morris County Police Academy
June 30, 2020	Gloucester County Police

Times: 8:00 am–12:00 pm  
 Cost: Free – Registration is required

Hosted by Rutgers CAIT, this free half-day course provides introductory and awareness for law enforcement officers related to the applications of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS).

This course describes how UAS will provide a benefit for traffic safety. Software applications, when combined with UAS, can assist with roadway safety by collecting faster, more accurate data at crash scenes and reducing the amount of time for road closures and officer exposure to traffic.

Discussions will include commonly used UAS platforms, the FAA pilot certification process, how the UAS is certified and regulated, privacy concerns, and proposed State regulations.

Highlights include how law enforcement may respond to UAS incidents, what lawful authority exists to engage a UAS operator, and how to determine if UAS operation is legal or in violation of regulations. Finally, UAS case studies will be explored with emphasis placed upon personal safety and awareness.

[Click here to go to the cait Rutgers training page to register for this course](#)



## Work Zone Safety Awareness for Local Police

Dates: June 18, 2020  
 Location: Rutgers CAIT, 100 Brett Road, Piscataway  
 Times: 8:00 am – 1:00 pm  
 Cost: Free

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This course is open to LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL ONLY.

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



## NJDHTS - Police Work Zone Safety Train-The-Trainer



Dates: June 23 to 26, 2020  
Location: Middlesex County Fire Academy, 101 Fire Academy Dr., Sayerville  
Times: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Cost: Free

This four-day program is designed for experienced police personnel who seek to become trainers in work zone traffic control.

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

## 2020 Annual Joint Crash Investigation Conference

Dates: October 7,8,9, 2020  
Location: Grand Hotel in Ocean City MD  
Cost: \$299 for members of the five supporting groups, \$399 for non-members

Hosted this year by NAPARS  
<https://www.napars.org/events>

Grand Hotel in Ocean City, MD. Call them directly at 1-800-447-6779 and mention the NAPARS Joint Conference for conference room rates:

- \$69 (no view)
- \$79 (partial view)
- \$89 (ocean view).

Brad Muir and his team will conduct live crash tests on Wednesday afternoon at the airport.

### [Optional Training Events:](#)

**Tire Forensics**, October 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> by T.J. Tennant, \$250 per person - separate registration at <https://www.napars.org/events>

**ACTAR Test Prep class**, Oct 5<sup>th</sup>

**ACTAR Test**, Oct 6<sup>th</sup>

## Quote of the month

“So, you don’t know how fast you were going. I guess that means I can write anything I want on the ticket, huh?”

*Anonymous Police Officer*

### Remember the five tenets of Below 100

*Wear your seat belt  
Watch your speed  
Wear your vest  
WIN: What’s Important Now  
Complacency kills*



*&  
When in traffic  
Wear your high visibility safety vest !!  
Stay Safe Out There*

*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 officers.*

**Next meeting is February 5<sup>th</sup>  
at AAA in Hamilton starting at 10:00 AM**

## Newsletter Information

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

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## Appendix





**Ocean  
County  
Health  
Department**

# SAVE THE DATE

**Gerry P. Little**  
Ocean County Freeholder

**Daniel E. Regenye**  
Public Health Coordinator/ Health  
Officer

**Brian Rumpf**  
Director of Administration & Prog.  
Dev.

**Peter Curatolo**  
Chief of Administrative Services



**Public Health**  
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

## Event: 3D: National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Always a Choice, Never an Accident And Health Champion's Month

**Date: February 21, 2020**

**Time: 10AM – 4PM**

**Venue: The Ocean County Mall Center Court  
Toms River, New Jersey**

**Event Commemoration: 12:00PM Friday February 21, 2020**

Please join us to commemorate this annual Community Health Improvement event at 12PM in Center Court. In an effort to bring heightened awareness to the important issue of healthy living and an active lifestyle, the Ocean County Health Department is proud to present this event to the public. Our Annual Healthy Living and Education Expo is a “**One-Stop-Shop**” wherein the public may garner information on addiction, driving safety, healthy living, access to care, Diabetes prevention and patient education.

**Featuring:**

Clinic services including screenings for glucose, blood pressure, cholesterol and free educational materials

Have questions? The “**Ask an Officer**” program is here for you

Improve your Health I.Q., Speak with Health Professionals on-site and make an appointment for care

Participate in DUI Stops and Fatal Vision Goggle Demonstrations held throughout the event

**\*\*Special Speaker:**

**Two-Time Superbowl Champion Former New York Giant David Diehl\*\***

**The Honorable Gerry P. Little,  
Daniel E. Regenye,  
The Honorable Brian E. Rumpf,**

Freeholder Liaison to the Ocean County Health Department  
MHA, Health Officer, Ocean County Public Health Coordinator  
Director of Administration and Program Development,  
Ocean County Health Department,  
Assemblyman, 9<sup>th</sup> Legislative District of New Jersey  
Ocean County Prosecutor  
M.Ed. Chief of Administrative Services, Ocean County Health Dept.

**The Honorable Bradley D. Billhimer,  
Peter A. Curatolo,**

Attendees include: Educators, elected officials, students, local businesses, law enforcement, RWJBarnabas Health, Deborah Heart and Lung Center, Hackensack Meridian Health, Atlanticare and members of our military

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**2020 MEMBERSHIP DUES INVOICE**

DATE	ITEM	AMOUNT
1/1/2020	Annual Membership Dues for Police Department	50.00
<b>NJPTOA Tax ID number: 22-2344113</b>		
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>

**DATE:** 1/1/2020

**SIGNED:**

*Sgt. Nicholas Schock*

**Sgt. Nicholas Schock  
President.**

**NOTE: The New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety has authorized the use of Drunk Driving Enforcement Funds to pay for NJPTOA dues.**

**Copies of purchase orders can be mailed, faxed to 856-783-0012, or scanned for an e-mail and sent to [MWILSON@NJPTOA.ORG](mailto:MWILSON@NJPTOA.ORG).**



## **CURRENT TRENDS IN DOCUMENT FRAUD**

This course will assist law enforcement (Patrol Officers as well as Detectives) with training that will enhance their ability to recognize and identify the universe of identity-related documents issued by and relied upon by the MVC and the factors that motivate fraudsters. With emerging technology, it has become increasingly difficult to identify fraudulent documents.

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This training course is free of charge. To register contact Investigator Mark Cushing at 609-633-9493 or [mark.cushing@mvc.nj.gov](mailto:mark.cushing@mvc.nj.gov)

### ***Upcoming Dates***

### ***Locations***

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|----------------------------|---|
| ○ <i>February 13, 2020</i> | <i>Camden County Police Academy</i>     |
| ○ <i>February 14, 2020</i> | <i>Monmouth County Police Academy</i>   |
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# WORK ZONE SAFETY TIPS FOR POLICE

## Do...

- ✓ Attend work zone safety training
- ✓ Attend preconstruction meeting
- ✓ Review traffic control plans and guidance documents
- ✓ Arrive at the job site early and participate in a toolbox talk to discuss expectations and safety
- ✓ Wear an ANSI 207/107 approved safety vest
- ✓ Manually direct traffic when required such as at signalized intersections
- ✓ Provide presence when installing and removing lane closures
- ✓ Maintain high visibility upstream
- ✓ Inspect temporary traffic control devices and signs for placement, serviceability and advanced warning
- ✓ Loop the work zone frequently to ensure clear, concise communication to the motorist
- ✓ Notify contractor of any safety concerns identified in the work zone and document conversations and deficiencies
- ✓ Stop work if imminent danger exists

# WORK ZONE SAFETY TIPS FOR POLICE

## Don't...

- ⊘ Arrive at the jobsite and not discuss the expectations for safety
- ⊘ Use the police vehicle in place of temporary traffic control signs and devices
- ⊘ Direct traffic from inside the police vehicle
- ⊘ Block the roadway with the police vehicle
- ⊘ Position the police vehicle in front of or behind the truck mounted attenuator, in the taper or buffer zone
- ⊘ Position the police vehicle downstream from the work area
- ⊘ Change the traffic control plan. Notify responsible party of safety concerns and have them alter the plan/setup if necessary
- ⊘ Insist that police be assigned to every work zone. Police are an enhancement to a work zone with serious consideration given when circumstances exist such as limited site distance, signalized intersections, major impediments to traffic flow and patterns
- ⊘ Ignore obvious safety concerns that work zones can create



This publication was developed by the New Jersey Work Zone Safety Partnership Committee with support from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety.

This publication is for informational purposes only. Local, state, and federal guidelines should be followed.

## Work Zone Safety Awareness for Local Police

All courses run from 8:00 a.m to 1:00 p.m.

**April 09, 2020**

AAA Mid-Atlantic  
700 Horizon Drive  
Hamilton, NJ 08691

**June 18, 2020**

Rutgers CAIT  
100 Brett Road  
Piscataway, NJ 08854

### Registration

Course is free for all New Jersey law enforcement personnel. Contact Dave Maruca, CAIT Project Manager, at [dem200@soe.rutgers.edu](mailto:dem200@soe.rutgers.edu) with questions on this course.

Hosted by Rutgers' Center for Advanced Infrastructure and Transportation (CAIT), this half-day course covers work zone safety awareness topics for law enforcement officials.

Whether you're new to the force or a veteran officer, there will be times when you're assigned to enforce safety laws in work zones for long-term or short-term projects. There is no room for error when working next to traffic, so it's important for officers controlling traffic in work zones to understand and comply with MUTCD work zone safety standards.

This program will cover the interaction between construction personnel, law enforcement, and road users at work sites, key differences between NJDOT and local road work projects, and legal responsibilities. Participants who successfully complete the course will be able to effectively over-see safety needs in work zones.

This course does not replace the Traffic Control Coordinator (TCC) course or the Police Work Zone Train-the-Trainer course. For more information on TCC state requirements and other course offerings, visit [cait.rutgers.edu](http://cait.rutgers.edu).

Registration is required at: <https://cait.rutgers.edu/events/> >>

 This course was developed with support from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety (DHTS).

# RUTGERS

Center for Advanced Infrastructure  
and Transportation



A Train-the-Trainer Course

## Police Work Zone Safety

*All classes run from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.*

**April 14-17, 2020**

Passaic County Police Academy  
214 Oldham Rd.  
Wayne, NJ 07470

**June 23-26, 2020**

Middlesex County Fire Academy  
1001 Fire Academy Dr.  
Sayreville, NJ 08872

### REGISTRATION

Registration is required at  
<https://cait.rutgers.edu/events/>

Course is free for all New Jersey law enforcement personnel. Contact Dave Maruca, CAIT Project Manager, at [dem200@soe.rutgers.edu](mailto:dem200@soe.rutgers.edu) for information on credits.

Hosted by Rutgers Center for Advanced Infrastructure and Transportation (CAIT), this four-day course—developed exclusively for law enforcement—covers approved methods for teaching work zone traffic control courses.

Experienced law enforcement professionals can greatly impact road safety by becoming work zone traffic control instructors. However, NJDOT requires that these teachers receive training before they teach others. The course prepares participants to teach work zone safety guidelines with topics in MUTCD protection standards and typical long-term and short-term state road work activities. It is conducted in four full-day sessions.

Participants who successfully complete the course will be eligible to serve as police work zone safety instructors for their agencies.

### COURSE DETAILS

This course is taught by experts from law enforcement, regulatory agencies, and the legal sector and is open to law enforcement personnel only. For information on instructors, agenda, or materials, visit <https://cait.rutgers.edu/events/>.



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## Traffic Incident Management Training for Emergency Responders

### HALF-DAY COURSE OFFERED ON MULTIPLE DATES

February 06, 2020

May 05, 2020

### TIME

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

### LOCATION

Rutgers CAIT Auditorium

100 Brett Road

Piscataway, NJ 08854

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

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, cause delays, and increase 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, fire fighting, 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](http://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).





## Multiple Dates and Locations

**April 23, 2020**

**8AM-12PM**

Middlesex County Fire Academy  
1001 Fire Academy Drive  
Sayreville, NJ 08872

**May 13, 2020**

**8AM-12PM**

Rutgers CAIT  
100 Brett Road  
Piscataway, NJ 08854

**June 17, 2020**

**8AM-12PM**

Morris County Police Academy  
500 West Hanover Avenue  
Parsippany, NJ 07054

**June 30, 2020**

**8AM-12PM**

Gloucester County Police  
Academy 1400 Tanyard Road  
Sewell, NJ 08080

Hosted by Rutgers CAIT, this free half-day course provides introductory and awareness for law enforcement officers related to the applications of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS).

This course describes how UAS will provide a benefit for traffic safety. Software applications, when combined with UAS can assist with roadway safety by collecting faster, more accurate data at crash scenes and reducing the amount of time for road closures and officer exposure to traffic.

Discussions will include commonly used UAS platforms, the FAA pilot certification process, how the UAS is certified and regulated, privacy concerns and proposed State regulations.

Highlights include how law enforcement may respond to UAS incidents, what lawful authority exists to engage a UAS operator, and how to determine if a UAS operation is legal or in violation of regulations. Finally, UAS case studies will be explored with emphasis placed upon personal safety and awareness.

## Registration

This course is free, but registration is required at <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).



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## NJTR-1 Crash Form Refresher Course

### Multiple dates and locations

All courses run from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
unless noted otherwise.

#### Central New Jersey

**April 15, 2020**

Rutgers CAIT Auditorium  
100 Brett Rd  
Piscataway, NJ 08854

**May 08, 2020**

**June 19, 2020**

AAA Mid-Atlantic  
700 Horizon Dr  
Hamilton, NJ 08691

**June 04, 2020**

Monmouth County Public Safety  
Center  
2500 Kozloski Rd  
Freehold, NJ 07728

#### Northern New Jersey

**April 28, 2020**

Passaic County Police Academy  
214 Oldham Rd  
Wayne, NJ 07470

**May 12, 2020**

Middlesex Fire Academy  
1001 Fire Academy Drive  
Sayreville, NJ 08872

**June 10, 2020**

Morris County Police Academy  
500 W Hanover Ave  
Parsippany, NJ 07054

**June 16, 2020**

John Stamler Police Academy  
1776 Raritan Road  
Scotch Plains, NJ 07076

**June 23, 2020**

Hudson County OEM  
110 Hackensack Ave  
Kearny, NJ 07032

#### Southern New Jersey

**April 24, 2020**

Atlantic County Police Academy  
5033 English Creek Ave  
Egg Harbor, NJ 08234

**May 15, 2020**

Ocean County Police Academy  
659 Ocean Ave  
Lakewood, NJ 08701

**June 02, 2020**

Gloucester County Police Academy  
1400 Tanyard Road  
Sewell, NJ 08080

Hosted by Rutgers' CAIT, this free half-day course provides refresher training for law enforcement officers familiar with the NJTR-1 crash form.

Successful, proactive road safety improvement plans depend on the accuracy of data collected at crash scenes. Each year, the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) collects approximately 300,000 crash reports from law enforcement agencies that can be uploaded into crash analysis systems like Crash Analysis Tool. However, many of these reports are submitted with incomplete or incorrect information, which can negatively impact the effectiveness of data-driven crash reduction efforts.

The course reviews common NJTR-1 errors for both passenger and commercial motor vehicle crashes and offers methods to improve the quality of data that safety colleagues rely on. Crash Analysis Tool software functions and the process of moving data from crash report to computer also will be discussed. All changes to the updated NJTR-1 will be addressed.

### registration

This course is free, but registration is required at <https://cait.rutgers.edu/events/> >>



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# Division of Criminal Justice Academy

# 2020 Course Registration

Fax ALL **DCJ** registration forms to:

FAX: (732) 974-7551

To assist in planning course enrollment and providing confirmation of enrollment, registrations should be submitted at least 30 days prior to course start date. **Confirmation of your enrollment will be EMAILED to you; it is your responsibility to make sure you have provided an accurate email address.**

*Please check course prerequisites and fees prior to submitting registrations.*

**GENERAL REGISTRATION FORM**

**EXCEPTION: FIREARMS courses will begin at 0800.**

For tuition courses, please submit an agency check or completed payment voucher **after** you have received your confirmation letter. All course tuition payments should be mailed to the DCJ office in Trenton ATTENTION: LISA STELLWAG! **DO NOT SEND REGISTRATIONS TO LISA STELLWAG**

**COURSE: RADAR Instructor Refresher**

**Date(s):**

APPLICANT INFORMATION <i>(The information you provide will be used to create your certificate, so please make sure the information is correct and type or print legibly using black ink )</i>			
LAST NAME	FIRST	ADDRESS	PREFERRED E-Mail
TITLE/RANK	SOCIAL SECURITY NO. (Required)	COUNTY (Required)	AGENCY ORI NUMBER
EMPLOYING AGENCY	HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER		
AGENCY MAILING ADDRESS	AGENCY TELEPHONE NO. (Direct Number or Extension)		
CITY/STATE/ZIP (zip code is required)	AGENCY FAX NO.		

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT	DATE
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT'S SUPERVISOR (Required)	TELEPHONE
NAME AND TITLE OF SUPERVISOR (Please type or print legibly) (Required)	DATE