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President's Message

IN THIS ISSUE

I hope this newsletter finds you well, and you and your families are staying safe and healthy during these challenging times. With restrictions beginning to ease, it is essential to exercise caution still and follow guidelines to minimize your risk of exposure to COVID-19. Hopefully, things can continue to progress toward the "new normal" as summer continues.

I'd like to thank those who participated in the association's first-ever virtual meeting. With restrictions on large indoor gatherings continuing, we will be hosting the June meeting via Zoom as well. Look for the invitation in your email at the beginning of the week. We had approximately 40 participants in May's meeting, and lots of useful information shared. We will look to build on that success this month.

The association will continue to update our website with any new information regarding COVID-19 guidelines, as well as traffic safety issues. Please check back often as the information is continually being updated. The June meeting will be our last for the summer, so if you can't make it, I wish you all a safe, happy, healthy summer. Keep your eye out for information regarding our September meeting as the summer draws to a close.

Thanks. Stay safe.
Nick

Association News

As we enter the forty-seventh year for our association, we do so under conditions one would never have predicted for our lifetime. The loss of brother officers and fellow first responders, with others fighting to stay alive, stay-at-home quarantines, business shut down, schools closed, unemployment at the level none of us have ever seen... I could go on but, being the ones on the front lines, you all know what the real story is and how this virus it is affecting Law Enforcement and society. The catchphrase of the day, week, month is "The New Normal." Law Enforcement will adapt, as we always have, to deal with the Post-COVID-19 Pandemic New Normal.

Stay Safe & Healthy
Rich

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Monthly Business Meeting ONLINE

Important Notice – The Person to Person June meeting at AAA is canceled due to the COVID-19 outbreak. There will not be a meeting in Atlantic City as the Police Expo has been postponed.

We will be holding a virtual meeting online via Zoom on Wednesday, June 3rd, at 10:00 am. An email will be sent out on the Monday before the meeting with the details and access link. Make sure that you are on the website's email list; if not, you can sign up on the bottom of the home page. If you need the link to the meeting, send an email request to Rich Maxwell at rmaxwell@njptoa.org

WWW.NJPTOA.ORG & COVID-19

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

RADAR Tuning Forks

As a result of the COVID-19 shutdowns and restrictions, our association has not been able to hold a Person to Person meeting since March, and we are not sure when we will be able to resume them. We were only able to do half of the agencies during that meeting, leaving the N to Z agencies incomplete.

Adding to that, NJ Weights & Measures has limited their duties due to the current restrictions. They are not able to provide remote testing sessions; they will only be able to test the forks at their facility in Avenel.

Currently, we recommend that agencies wishing to have their RADAR Tuning Forks certified contact Weights & Measures directly to make arrangements.

We will be discussing other possible arrangements during the June online association meeting.

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.

A little over 50% of the member agencies have paid their 2020 dues; please make sure that your agency has paid or is in the process of paying the dues for 2020.

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

NOTE: Per Article 2, Section 1 in the association by-laws, "Any department failing to pay their dues on or before June 30 may be dropped from the rolls of this Association. Any department so dropped may be reinstated by making written application to the Executive Board stating the reason(s) why the dues obligation was not met..." Delinquent agencies will be removed from the mailing list for this newsletter and association notices on July 1, 2020.



Quick Points of Interest

NJSP Issues Recommendations for Alcotest 7110 Use During the COVID-19 Pandemic

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[Click here to download the NJSP Recommendations for Alcotest 7110 Use During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

A copy is also in the appendix at the end of this newsletter.



PACKING HEAT: How Ford's Latest Tech Update Helps Police Vehicles Self Neutralize COVID-19

MAY 27, 2020 | DEARBORN, MICH.

- Software solution for the vehicle's HVAC temporarily raises interior temperatures beyond 133 degrees Fahrenheit – hotter than Death Valley on the hottest day – for 15 minutes to help reduce the viral concentration inside the vehicle by greater than 99 percent.
- Ford worked with The Ohio State University to determine the temperature range and time needed to help reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus; additionally, Ford conducted software operational trials with vehicles owned by the New York City Police Department, Los Angeles Police Department, and others.

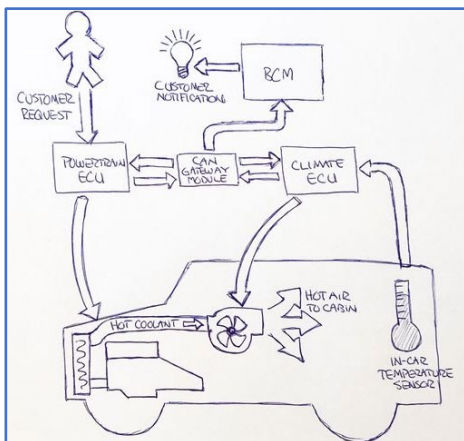
DEARBORN, Mich., May 27, 2020 – Ford has designed a new heated software enhancement to pilot with its Police Interceptor Utility – one that law enforcement agencies across the country can utilize to help reduce the footprint of the COVID-19 virus.

The latest example of smart vehicle technology, this software solution is available immediately on all 2013-19 Police Interceptor Utility vehicles in the United States, Canada, and other countries around the world.

“First responders are on the front lines protecting all of us. They are exposed to the virus and are in dire need of protective measures,” said Hau Thai-Tang, Ford chief product development and purchasing officer. “We looked at what’s in our arsenal and how we could step up to help. In this case, we’ve turned the vehicle’s powertrain and heat control systems into a virus neutralizer.”

“Our studies with Ford Motor Company indicate that exposing coronaviruses to temperatures of 56 degrees Celsius, or 132.8 degrees Fahrenheit, for 15 minutes reduces the viral concentration by greater than 99 percent on interior surfaces and materials used inside Police Interceptor Utility vehicles,” said Jeff Jahnes and Jesse Kwiek, laboratory supervisors at The Ohio State University department of microbiology.

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



Ford Images





List of officers awarded TSS Certification for 2020 NJ Traffic Safety Specialist Certification

June 3, 2020



Level 1 Awards

Joseph Bereheiko	Atlantic City Police Department
Steven Bittman	Mendham Township Police Department
Frank Bremer	Burlington Township Police Department
Kyle Buck	Mansfield Township Police Department
Stephen Cilento	Jackson Township Police Department
Richard DeLeon	Brigantine Police Department
Adam Fulmore	Somerville Police Department
Thomas Greenwich	Mount Holly Police Department
Benjamin Griffin	Raritan Borough Police Department
Christopher Guenther	Linden Police Department
Brian Hauss	Mantua Township Police Department
Andrew Keleshian	Logan Township Police Department
John Kennedy	Bridgewater Police Department
Kevin Lamey	Bridgewater Police Department
Charles Mawson	NJSP Fatal Accident Investigation Unit
Douglas Mayer	Cranbury Township Police Department
Monika Oliveira	Linden Police Department
Daniel Pachuta	Mansfield Township Police Department
Anthony Rando	Allentown Police Department
Jason Rigby	Hammonton Police Department
Joseph Sandstrom	Lakewood Police Department
Robert Scarano	Sea Isle City Police Department
Christopher Scheper	Verona Police Department
Anthony Severino	Bernards Township Police Department
Jimmy Solano	Linden Police Department
Clifford Spencer	Mount Holly Police Department
Frank Sutter	East Brunswick Police Department
Shayne Temple	Cranford Police Department
Thomas Valente	West Milford Police Department
Greg Walters	Mount Holly Police Department
Daniel Weigle	Galloway Township Police Department
Robert Wysokowski	Mendham Township Police Department

Level 2 Awards

Christopher Cherney	Holmdel Township Police Department
Project - <u>South Holland, Holland, Takolusa, & Telegraph Hill Intersection</u>	
Charles (Chad) Clark	Wall Township Police Department
Project - <u>Manasquan Traffic Circle Intersection</u>	
Joshua Cramer	Voorhees Township Police Department
Project - <u>Preston Avenue Bicycle Lane</u>	
Steven D'Ambola	Cranford Police Department
Project - <u>Crash Reduction: Commerce Drive & Jackson Drive Study</u>	
Carmen Del Palazzo	Voorhees Township Police Department
Project - <u>Traffic Control Intersections within the Township of Voorhees</u>	



Updates from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety

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Crash Investigation Classes Through the End of June are Postponed/ Canceled

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, for the safety of the instructor cadre, the safety of the students, Crash Investigation Classes are **postponed until further notice**:

Check www.njsaferoads.com for updates once they become available.

New Jersey Statewide Strategic Highway Safety Plan

Work on the 5-Year NJ Statewide Strategic Highway Safety Plan (DOT/DHTS) is ongoing and on schedule to be completed this summer. For more information go to <https://www.saferoadsforallnj.com/about>

Kyleigh's Law & Graduated Driver's License

May 1st was the 10th anniversary of Kyleigh's Law and the 20th anniversary of our state's Graduated Driver's License law. Plans were in the works to highlight these two anniversaries with renewed enforcement and emphasis on the regulations. But the plans have been put on hold till the fall as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

CPS Conference & ARIDE Training – Save-The-Date

The Annual CPS conference combined with an ARIDE training class has been rescheduled to October 26, 2020. More information will become available as we get closer to the date.

<https://www.nj.gov/oag/hts/childseats/childtraining.html>

Click-it or Ticket Mobilization

The Annual Click-it or Ticket Mobilization has been postponed as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic. NJDHTS is looking to hold it in mid-November; possibly, more information will become available as we get closer to the date.

Drive Sober or Get pulled over

The end of Summer Labor Day - Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign is still on schedule of now, but stay tuned for updates as we get closer to the project date.

Social Media Question

Does your agency have a presence on social media? If so, NJDHTS is asking that you connect with their channels so they can share your department's posts and highlight anything you want/need highlighted. If you have any questions, call NJDHTS at (609) 633-9300.

Drug Recognition Expert Tablet Program

The New Jersey DRE tablet program is up and running. All Drug Recognition Experts must utilize the DRE Data Entry & Management System software tablet application to record all Drug Influence Evaluations effective 1/1/2020. If in the event, a DRE does not have a tablet, the DRE can use a PC to log into the system and enter data.

Below are a few highlights from the DRE Tablet Program:

- If a DRE or and agencies' command staff needs data from the DRE Data Entry & Management System, a request must be made to the State DRE Coordinator.
- All Drug Influence Evaluations and Narrative reports will be finalized and submitted to the Institute for Traffic Safety Management & Research (ITSMR) server within **ten** days following the evaluation date.
- All Toxicology reports will be entered into the system and submitted to the ITSMR server within **14** days after receipt of the official toxicology report from the laboratory

Statewide Public Poll on Traffic Safety

NJHTS is in the planning stages of a Statewide Poll of the general public regarding traffic safety issues and is looking for input and suggestions concerning the questions to be asked or content of this poll. If you or your agency can help out, please contact your DHTS Regional Supervisor.

Crash Analysis Tool

DHTS recently launched the "hot-spot" locator tool called Network Screening for the Crash Analysis Tool. The application allows the user to apply filters to the entire roadway network in New Jersey about specific roadway characteristics, crash attributes, or driver contributing factors to identify hot-spot locations in a town, county, or statewide. Users can now generate an instant ranking list of roadway segments that tell you which areas require attention. Contact Joe Weiss if you need access to the system or help with the tools.

Joseph Weiss, Transportation Safety Analyst | 609 376 9667 | Joseph.Weiss@njoag.gov

DHTS Grant Update

State Pedestrian Fund Grants

There are no changes in terms of the timeline for the current year for state-funded DHTS grants. State Pedestrian Funded Grants must cease any enforcement operations **by May 31st** and be closed out no later than June 30th. The grantees that are not working due to the public health issues around COVID-19 should submit their final closeout claims ASAP; there's no reason to wait.

DHTS Federal Grants

Federal grants are following the regular schedule. These grants must cease operations by September 30th and have all final claims submitted no later than October 31st. There will be **no extensions** or carry-over of funds from this year to next, no exceptions. It is understood that the lack of work with these grants during this period as a result of the conditions created by the COVID-19 Pandemic is understandable and will not hurt this year of the approval of grants for the next fiscal year.



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>

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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, June 1, 2020

Fatal Crashes			Fatalities	
2020	179		2020	194
2019	190		2019	204
2018	195		2018	213

Difference in Fatalities from 2019 to 2020 = decrease of 10

Percentage of change between 2019 and 2020 = - 4.9%

Difference in Fatalities from 2018 to 2019 = decrease of 9

Percentage of change between 2018 and 2019 = - 4.2%

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

2020 Memorial Day Holiday Period Fatal Crashes

Below is the 2020 Memorial Day holiday period fatal crash statistical report produced by the NJSP Fatal Accident Unit. The holiday period began on Friday, May 22nd, at 1800 hours and ended on Tuesday, May 26th, at 0559 hours.

Any agency aware of a fatal motor vehicle crash not listed, please contact the NJSP Fatal Accident Investigation Unit at 609-882-2000 Ext. 2038 or notify via email to fatalaccidentinvestigationunit@njsp.org.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY Fatal Crash Statistics — Holiday Period

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

Year: 2020 Holiday Period: Memorial Day - Preliminary
 Begins: Friday, May 22, 2020 at: 1800 Hours
 Ends: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at: 0559 Hours

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	IMPAIRMENT	VICTIM CLASSIFICATION
05/22/2020	1802	State Highway 54 @ Pancoast Mill Road Buena Vista Township Atlantic County	Pending	Motorcyclist
05/24/2020	0412	U. S. Route 1 North Brunswick Township Middlesex County	Pending	Passenger Car Driver
05/24/2020	2148	Central Avenue East Orange City Essex County	Pending	Pedestrian
05/25/2020	0737	U. S. Route 130 South Brunswick Township Middlesex County	Pending	(2) Passenger Car Drivers



Updates from the Federal Bureau of Investigation

Ten Most Wanted Fugitives

The official FBI Ten Most Wanted Fugitives list is maintained on the FBI website.

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

Below are two of the FBI's top ten that have ties to New Jersey, click the links to read more:

<https://www.fbi.gov/wanted/topten/bhadreshkumar-chetanbhai-patel>

[Click here to download the wanted poster](#)

<https://www.fbi.gov/wanted/topten/alexis-flores>

[Click here to download the wanted poster](#)

FBI's Top Ten List Turns 70

The FBI highlights the 70th anniversary of their Ten Most Wanted Fugitives program—commonly known as the Top Ten List.

[Click here to read the full article and hear the podcast from the FBI](#)



Image courtesy the FBI

Newark FBI Special Agent in Charge Announces Retirement

NEWARK — Special Agent in Charge Gregory W. Ehrie, of the Newark Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, will retire from the FBI effective May 29, 2020. SAC Ehrie has served the FBI domestically and abroad for more than 22 years and has worked in the Newark and New York Field Offices as well as FBI Headquarters in Washington, DC.

“Special Agent in Charge Greg Ehrie will forever be remembered as a dedicated law enforcement professional who brought the fight to terrorists, and in the process, made the world a safer place,” said Colonel J. Patrick Callahan, Superintendent of the New Jersey State Police. “Although Greg has a long list of achievements that deserves recognition, I would like to take the opportunity to thank him on behalf of the entire New Jersey State Police family for his unwavering partnership in our efforts to apprehend Joanne Chesimard, who was convicted of the murder of Trooper Werner Foerster in 1973. Greg always made it clear that her return to New Jersey to complete her sentence is one of the FBI’s top priorities.”

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

Georgia Man Charged with Trafficking Guns to Jersey City, Used in Shootings

Jonathan Brown of Georgia has been charged with trafficking multiple firearms from Georgia to Jersey City, New Jersey, which were subsequently used in acts of violence.

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

New Jersey Man Charged with Federal Program Theft

Eliseo Sierra of New Jersey was charged in a criminal information with embezzling over \$34,000 from Lincoln Charter School in York, Pennsylvania.

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

FBI Warns - Child Sexual Abuse Material Being Displayed During Zoom Meetings

The FBI has received multiple reports of incidents involving the broadcast of child sexual abuse material (CSAM) on Zoom. If you are a victim of one of these incidents or if you have information regarding the identity of anyone distributing or producing CSAM, please report it to the FBI.

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

FBI Bulletin – Union City Police memorial Park

The May 7th issue of the FBI Bulletin featured an article about Union City, New Jersey, and the memorial park; the Union City Police Department dedicated to honor and remember six heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice.

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

FBI Releases 2019 Law Enforcement Officers Killed in the Line of Duty Data

According to statistics reported to the FBI, 89 law enforcement officers were killed in line-of-duty incidents in 2019. Of these, 48 officers died as a result of criminal acts, and 41 officers killed in accidents. Comprehensive data tables about these incidents and brief narratives describing the fatal attacks are included in *Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted, 2019*, released on May 4th.

<https://www.fbi.gov> [Click here to read the press release](#)

Updates from the New Jersey Bike & Walk Colation



NJBWC Announces New Executive Director

New Jersey Bike & Walk Coalition announced that Debra Kagan had become the NJBWC's new executive director, taking the reins on April 15th. In addition to producing the 2020 NJ Bike & Walk Summit, Deb was previously the president of Bike & Walk Montclair, where she led the organization's championing of the Montclair SAFE plan, which became a focus for candidates running for town council. Deb has an extensive background in community engagement and public/private partnerships and project management in education and digital media.

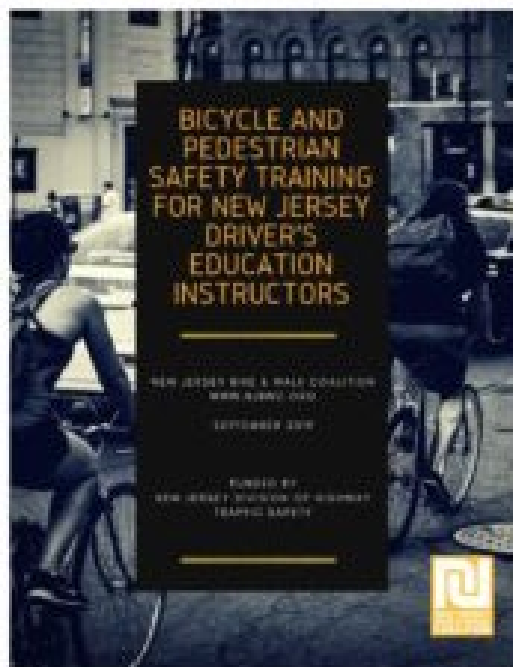
They also announced that Cyndi Steiner, NJBWC's executive director from July 2012 through June 2019, has been able to return to the NJBWC being named Director of Strategic Initiatives.

Both of these dynamic leaders look forward to an exciting year ahead as we move several vital projects forward.

NJBWC - Creating Bike-Friendly Drivers

New Jersey Bike & Walk Coalition's work on educating drivers on their responsibilities in making safer roads for bike riders and pedestrians continues with the release of their new curriculum guide, [Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety Training for New Jersey Drivers Education Instructors](#). The guide is intended for driver's education instructors, but it can be incorporated into bike safety education also, as many concepts that relate to both rules of the road and street infrastructure are included in the guide. This project was funded by a grant from the NJ Division of Highway Traffic Safety.

[Click here to download a copy of the guidebook](#)



Updates from the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission



NJMVC Facilities to Remain Closed

MVC Agency, Inspection Station Closures Extended Until June 8 Headquarters, Online Services to Continue Operations

New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission Chief Administrator Sue Fulton announced on May 22nd that all agency, road testing, and inspections facilities will remain closed until at least Monday, June 8. The closures are part of the Murphy Administration's ongoing efforts to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

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

NJMVC Further Extends Driver License, Registration, and Inspection Expiration Dates Due to COVID-19

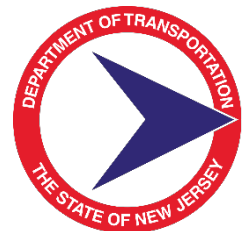
Governor Phil Murphy and New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission Chief Administrator Sue Fulton announced on May 18th additional extensions to driver license, registration, and inspection expiration dates in their continuing efforts to mitigate COVID-19 and safeguard public health.

Effective immediately, the following documents, if expiring between March 13 and May 31, have been extended to July 31. Documents expiring June 30 are extended two months to August 31, and those expiring July 31 are extended to September 30.

- All Standard driver licenses (including permits) and standard non-driver IDs
- Privately owned and commercial vehicle registrations
- Vehicle inspections
- Purple Heart/Disabled Veteran placards
- Temporary tags

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

Updates from the New Jersey Department of Transportation



NJTR-1 Electronic Data Transfer

NJDOT is moving forward with EDT (Electronic Data Transfer project) and an electronic crash report suite for departments who do not have software – or want to use the NJDOT software and submit crash reports to NJDOT electronically. But until then, please make sure that your agency is still submitting **all** crash reports to NJDOT on time, following the procedures outlined in the May NJPTOA Newsletter.

Taking the Path to Weather Savvy Roads in New Jersey New Jersey Department of Transportation

CASE STUDY

TAKING THE PATH TO WEATHER SAVVY ROADS IN NEW JERSEY: IMPROVING ROAD WEATHER MANAGEMENT USING CMM

By New Jersey Department of Transportation

IN THIS CASE STUDY YOU WILL LEARN:

1. How a Road Weather Management program can identify challenges and deficiencies using CMM.
2. How NJDOT developed strategic goals for weather management after the CMM process.

BACKGROUND

Despite being a small state, New Jersey has five distinct climate regions, with daily weather affected by their geology, distance from the Atlantic coast, and atmospheric flow patterns. Average annual snowfall ranges from 40-50 inches in the northern region to about 10-15 inches in the coastal south. The snow season may range from mid-October until the end of April, with the average number of snow days ranging from eight inches in the coastal south to 15 inches in the north. Additionally, 25-30 annual thunderstorms occur in the state; some are severe and accompanied by severe precipitation and flooding, such as Superstorm Sandy. The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) is responsible for road weather management (RWM) on 2,334 highway miles and has the challenge of efficiently assigning and managing resources across the state to readily and effectively respond to weather conditions and keep the roads clear and safe for the motorists. NJDOT has an established and well-organized RWM program managed across three operations regions. While the RWM program generally works well and is well coordinated across the state, there were challenges and deficiencies in the current practices, including organizational, budgetary, communication, and technological. At the same time, NJDOT recognized that each of these challenges presented an opportunity to further improve its RWM practices. NJDOT decided to apply the FHWA's Capability Maturity Model (CMM) as a proven and effective tool for identifying the key strategic improvements in RWM practices and develop an action plan for their implementation. Some senior RWM managers had already participated in other successful NJDOT CMM implementations. This institutional experience provided a head-start and an internal understanding of different elements of the CMM process, making it more time- and cost-effective.

TSMO PLANNING, STRATEGIES, AND DEPLOYMENT

NJDOT RWM units completed the CMM self-assessment in early spring 2019, followed by a CMM workshop in April 2019. The workshop's main purpose was to assess RWM capabilities and develop an action plan for targeted improvements.

Capability Maturity Assessment by the NJDOT RWM CMM Workshop Stakeholders

Dimension	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Business Processes		2.47		
Systems/Technology		2.26		
Performance Management		2.76		
Organization/Workforce			2.64	
Culture				3.06
Collaboration			2.81	

The table's highlighted cells indicate the consensus maturity levels agreed during the workshop discussions, and numbers indicate the average score from the self-assessment. The CMM stakeholders included multiple NJDOT units, including Operations, Equipment, Traffic Operations, Statewide Incident/Emergency Management, and Emergency Operations Centers.

NOCoE CASE STUDY
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Despite being a small state, New Jersey has five distinct climate regions, with daily weather affected by their geology, distance from the Atlantic coast, and atmospheric flow patterns. The average annual snowfall ranges from 40- 50 inches in the northern region to about 10-15 inches in the coastal south. The snow season may cover from mid-October until the end of April, with the average number of snow days ranging from 8 in the coastal south to 15 in the north. Additionally, 25-30 annual thunderstorms occur in the State; some are severe and accompanied by severe precipitation and flooding, such as Superstorm Sandy.

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[Click here to download the NOCoE NJDOT-WeatherSavvyRoads-CaseStudy](#)

Survey About Rest Areas in the Four Northeast States Needs Truckers' Input

LANDLINE.MEDIA

As truck parking is finally catching the eyes of the general public and lawmakers, officials in several Northeast states need input from truckers in a survey about rest areas in the region.

A coalition of 10 metropolitan planning organizations and councils in Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania, along with the New Jersey Department of Transportation, the NYC Economic Development Corp. and the NYC Department of Transportation, need feedback from truckers about their operations in the region and their two cents about parking in the northeast.

The survey, which will take about three minutes to complete, can be found [here](#).

According to the New Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, the focus of the survey is to inform the creation and operation of truck rest areas throughout the region. The collaboration of 13 governmental agencies ensures that drivers will not have to take a similar survey multiple times.

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

Fewer N.J. Bridges are in Poor Condition, Study Says, But 10 Heavily Traveled Spans Need Major Repairs

NJ.com

The most recent figures from the [Federal Highway Administration](#)'s annual report found 529 bridges in the state rated as structurally deficient, or in poor condition, the lowest number in more than a decade. That was 7.7 percent of New Jersey's 6,786 bridges. Ranking NJ 21st among the 50 states.

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

New Jersey Uses Humor for First Time On Highway Message Signs

'Knucklehead' highway signs were a 1st for N.J.

Star-Ledger May 6, 2020

New Jersey's recent attempt at a road safety message with snark -- "Don't be a knucklehead, keep a safe distance" -- debuted on highways. It was a first for Garden State roadways.

"While many state DOTs have used humor to convey safety messages on variable message signboards for quite some time, NJDOT had not used such quips until this weekend," said Steve Shapiro, a spokesman for the state department of transportation.

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



Updates from the US Department of Transportation Agencies



Updates from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

NHTSA Vehicle Safety Hotline 1-888-327-4236



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**National Highway
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National Local Radio Campaign

May 23 - June 20, 2020

This summer-long nationwide radio campaign will start airing over Memorial Day weekend. The goal of this campaign is to remind male drivers [18-34 years old] to follow highway traffic safety laws, using a new combined *seat belt use, impaired driving prevention, distraction, and speed enforcement* radio ad.

[Click here for more information.](#)

Motorcycle Safety

National Ride to Work Day - June 17, 2020

Motorcyclists have the same rights and privileges as any other motor vehicle operator on the road.

Motorcycle crashes involving another motor vehicle continue to account for nearly half of all motorcyclist fatalities in the United States. Motorcyclists are inherently at more risk than motor vehicles because they lack many of the same safety features of automobiles. From a statistical perspective, motorcyclists are 27 times more likely to die in a crash than other motorists. NHTSA has a vested interest in addressing the types of motorist behaviors that pose a risk to motorcyclists. In years past, and enshrined in statutory language, these efforts have been bundled under the moniker of **Share The Road**.



Use these materials and resources to promote motorcycle safety in your community.

[Click here to go to the NHTSA motorcycle-safety share-the-road page](#)



Bicycle Safety

Evergreen Campaign Material

Share the Freedom of the Open Road

Being a "Roll Model" means actively decreasing the risks of traffic crashes, preventable injuries, and deaths. In 2015, there were 818 bicyclists killed - a 12% increase from 2014 - and an estimated 45,000 injured in traffic crashes in the United States. Whether a person rides or drives, they should know about bicycle safety, now more than ever.

Use these materials to get your community involved in bicycle safety, whether while riding a bike or driving a vehicle.

Being A "Roll Model" Means:

- Ride and Drive Focused - Never ride or drive distracted.
- Ride and Drive Prepared - Always expect the unexpected.
- Safety First - Always wear a bicycle helmet when on a bicycle and a seat belt when in a vehicle.
- Know the Rules of the Road - A bicyclist is considered a vehicle on the road with all the rights and responsibilities of motorized traffic.
- Share the Road - Both motorists and bicyclists should look out for each other and show mutual respect.

<https://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/get-materials/bicycle-safety/evergreen-campaign-material>



July is National Theft Prevention Month

Motor vehicles are the primary mode of transportation for most of us, and often, an indispensable part of our lives. Having said this, nearly \$6 billion was lost to motor vehicle thefts in 2018.

- What would happen if yours suddenly disappeared?
- There were 748,841 motor vehicles stolen in 2018.
- Only 59.3% of all stolen motor vehicles were recovered.
- Of all motor vehicles stolen, 74.8% were passenger vehicles.

These materials are for use every day of the year. Use these safety tools to educate your community on the dangers of vehicle theft and how to keep themselves safe.



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



4th of July Impaired Driving Prevention

Date: July 4, 2020



We love to celebrate the 4th of July with family, friends, food, and fireworks, but all too often the festivities turn tragic on the nation's roads. The fact is this iconic American holiday is also one of the deadliest holidays of the year due to impaired-driving crashes.

These enforcement marketing tools can be used to fit your needs and objectives while, at the same time, partnering with other states, communities, and organizations on this drunk driving prevention initiative.

- For 4th of July "**Buzzed Driving is Drunk Driving**" (social norming) marketing materials, please click [HERE](#)

Click the links below to get your 4th of July campaign materials:

Enforcement:

[Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over](#) (alcohol-impaired driving)

[Drive High - Get a DUI](#) (drug-impaired driving)

Social Norming:

[Buzzed Driving is Drunk Driving](#) (alcohol-impaired driving)

[If You Feel Different, You Drive Different](#) (drug-impaired driving)

[Click here for traffic safety marketing materials drive-sober-or-get-pulled-over-4th-July](#)



National Child Heatstroke Prevention campaign starts July 1, 2020

Heatstroke is one of the leading causes of vehicular not-in-traffic non-crash-related deaths for children under 14. Each year, an average of 39 children have died from heatstroke since 1998.

These are the statistics as of May 28, 2020:

- Child heatstroke fatalities in 2020: 2
- Child heatstroke fatalities in 2019: 52
- Child heatstroke fatalities in 2018: 53
- Child heatstroke fatalities in 2017: 44
- The national average of child heatstroke fatalities per year since 1998: 39

Yet, this tragedy is 100% preventable.

While it seems like an impossible mistake to make, every parent or caregiver can potentially become distracted, and distractions often fuel this devastating situation. No one is immune.

We each have a role to play to help keep our kids safe. Help us share life-saving tips and resources with as many people as we can.

Take Action. Act Fast. Save a Life.

Click [here](#) to get your *Heatstroke Prevention Toolkit*.



Child Passenger Safety Week: September 20-26, 2020 National Seat Check Saturday: September 26, 2020

Every 32 seconds in 2018, one child under the age of 13 in a passenger vehicle was involved in a crash. Many times, injuries and deaths can be prevented by proper use of car seats, boosters, and seat belts.

Use this toolkit to download campaign materials and get information on how to generate awareness about child car safety in your community. Click [here](#) and get your campaign materials now.



Pedestrian Safety Month - October 2020

NHTSA has designated October as [Pedestrian Safety Month](#). Please consider engaging in concentrated safety messaging activity throughout October.



Early Estimates of 2019 Motor Vehicle Traffic Data Show Reduced Fatalities for Third Consecutive Year

The U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration today released preliminary estimates for the Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) 2019 data on highway crashes showing a continued decline in traffic fatalities. The nation saw a decrease in traffic deaths during 2018 and 2017, and these newest estimates suggest a continuing decline in traffic-related deaths.

"Safety is our top priority, so this report that traffic fatalities appear to have decreased again for the third year is great news," said U.S. Transportation Secretary Elaine L. Chao.

Fatalities decreased in most major traffic safety categories:

- Drivers (down 3%)
- Passengers (down 4%)
- Motorcyclists (down 1%)
- Pedestrians (down 2%)
- Pedalcyclists (down 3%)

[View the 2019 Early Estimates](#)

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

**IF YOU FEEL DIFFERENT
YOU DRIVE DIFFERENT
DRIVE HIGH GET A DUI**

NHTSA Announces Grant Program to Help States Inform Vehicle Owners About Safety Recalls

The U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration announced that States could apply for funding to help drivers learn about and repair open safety recalls on their vehicles.

In 2017, NHTSA entered a \$222,300 cooperative agreement with the State of Maryland, launching a two-year pilot program to provide open recall information to consumers when they register a new vehicle or renew registration. From April 2018 to January 2020, Maryland had 4.6 million vehicle registrations renewed, with 456,000 of those vehicles identified as having 943,000 open recalls. Of those, 371,000 individual recalls were repaired, according to the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration, and more than 32% of the recalls remedied were airbags.

The grant program provides funds totaling \$1.5 million for as many as six States to notify consumers of open recalls during vehicle registration.

On average, only about 60% of recalled vehicles are repaired. Improving recall remedy rates is an NHTSA priority, mainly due to the Takata airbag recall, the most massive and most complex recall in automotive history. [Please click here for information about these grants.](#)

Consumers can check their VIN for open recalls at any time by using NHTSA's VIN lookup tool at [nhtsa.gov/recalls](https://www.nhtsa.gov/recalls).

NHTSA Opts Not to Recall Takata Air Bag Inflators

ttnews

The U.S. government's highway safety agency will not force automakers to recall millions of newer Takata airbag inflators, citing industry research that shows the devices are safe.

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

NHTSA Recall - Caprice Police Pursuit Vehicles Loss of Electric Power Steering Assist

NHTSA Campaign Number: 20V254000

A more significant steering effort would be needed to control the vehicle if power steering is lost, increasing the risk of a crash.

General Motors LLC (GM) is recalling certain 2015-2016 Chevrolet Caprice Police Pursuit vehicles (PPV) and SS vehicles. Corrosion of the connector between the electric power steering module and the torque sensor connector may cause a loss of electrical power steering assist.

GM will notify owners, and dealers will replace the steering gear assembly, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin June 22, 2020. Owners may contact Chevrolet customer service at 1-800-222-1020. GM's number for this recall is N192285350.

Notes

<https://www.nhtsa.gov/recalls?nhtsald=20V254#recalls650>

NHTSA Recall - Critical Equipment Recall Information – Jack Stands

Harbor Freight Tools has announced a recall of more than 1.7 million Pittsburgh Automotive 3-Ton and 6-Ton Heavy Duty Steel Jack Stands for a defect that poses a significant risk to your safety.

Owners of these jack stands are asked to immediately discontinue use due to safety concerns. Injuries have been reported due to this issue. Specifically, the jack stands may collapse under load, which can increase the risk of harm to people near or under a lifted vehicle.

There are two separate recalls for the jack stands.

- NHTSA recall [20E016](#) involves an estimated 454,000 units that were produced from June 13, 2013, to November 22, 2019.
- NHTSA recall [20E027](#) involves an estimated 1,254,000 units that were produced from December 1, 2012, to March 31, 2020.



3-Ton jack stands with item number 61196 and 56371
6-Ton jack stands with item number 61197

The 61196 and 61197 jack stands can be identified by checking the item number found on the yellow part of the label on the base of each jack stand.

The 56371 jack stands can be identified by checking the item number found on the label on the top of each jack stand.

Investigation of Potential Design and Performance Criteria for Booster Seats Through Volunteer and Dynamic Testing

DOT HS 812 919

The purpose of this research was to explore candidate booster performance metrics that have the potential to identify less effective booster systems since the current FMVSS No. 213 booster performance requirements can be met without a booster. A combination of volunteer testing of belt fit and posture, along with dynamic sled tests of booster seats, was employed to achieve the project goals. Posture and belt fit was measured in 24 child volunteers 4 to 12 years old. Children were measured in three vehicles and three laboratory seating conditions selected to provide cushion lengths and belt geometries representing the range found in late model vehicle rear seats.

[Click here to read or download the full report](#)

Updates from the Office of the Secretary



US Department of
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U.S. Department of Transportation Issues Order Finalizing Procedures to Distribute Public Charter Flights Between the United States and Havana, Cuba

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) today issued an Order finalizing procedures to distribute public charter flights between the United States and Havana, Cuba. The Order also grants an initial allocation of charters to the carriers Swift Air and World Atlantic Airlines for U.S.-Havana public charter flights between June 1, 2020, and May 31, 2021. The remaining charters will be maintained in a charter pool for distribution on a first-come, first-served basis to interested carriers.

[Click here to read the dot order](#)

200 Pledges in 100 Days: Transportation Industry DOUBLES Secretary Chao's Call to "Put the Brakes on Human Trafficking."

The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) today announced over 200 transportation industry leaders had answered Transportation Secretary Elaine L. Chao's call to help fight human trafficking. That number is more than double USDOT's initial commitment to seek out "100 Pledges in 100 Days" from transportation, labor, and non-governmental organizations across the country. These signatories represent leaders across all modes of transportation, in addition to leaders of organizations that intersect with transportation, who have committed to raising public awareness regarding human trafficking and to train more than one million employees to help fight crime.

[Click here](#) to watch Secretary Elaine L. Chao's video message

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

Updates from the Office of Inspector General



US Department of
Transportation
**Office of the
Inspector General**

Quality Control Review of the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission

A quality control review on the single audit that Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP, performed for the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission's fiscal year that ended June 30, 2018. During this period, the Commission expended approximately \$19.2 million from the U.S. Department of Transportation's grant programs. The audit found nothing to indicate that Baker Tilly's opinion on DOT's major program was inappropriate or unreliable. However, it identified deficiencies in the Commission's reporting package that required correction and resubmission.

<https://www.dhs.gov/quality-control-review-of-the-delaware-valley-regional-planning-commission>
[Click here to read the full OIG report](#)

FHWA Releases Integrated Corridor Management Video

The Federal Highway Administration released a video on May 7 touting the benefits of “Integrated Corridor Management,” which is a surface transportation strategy that targets major highway congestion events

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

Intermodal Research - Integrated Corridor Management

The vision of Integrated Corridor Management (ICM) is that transportation networks will realize significant improvements in the efficient movement of people and goods through institutional collaboration and aggressive, proactive integration of existing infrastructure along major corridors. Through an ICM approach, transportation professionals manage the corridor as a multimodal system and make operational decisions for the benefit of the corridor as a whole.

[Click here to read the full research project](#)

Federal Highway Administration to Assist States with Innovative Reopening Efforts

May 28, 2020 – The U.S. Department of Transportation’s Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) today announced the agency would consider short-term exceptions to the fair market value (FMV) requirement for the temporary use of sidewalks and public parking areas in the highway right-of-way (ROW) as additional restaurant seating or retail space. The FHWA will support States as communities seek innovative ways to reopen the economy while social distancing safely.

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

Introduction to -- Safe Transportation for Every Pedestrian

The [Safe Transportation for Every Pedestrian](#) (STEP) program has supported States and local agencies across the country with technical assistance since the program started in 2017. This summer, FHWA will challenge agencies to consider alarming trends in pedestrian safety and “STEP UP” to implement proven safety countermeasures at pedestrian crossings.

Beginning in June, the STEP UP campaign will highlight improvements that help reduce pedestrian fatalities in dark conditions, between intersections, and involving vulnerable older pedestrians. FHWA will share print-ready materials, social media posts, [educational videos](#), and [case studies](#) that illustrate how STEP countermeasures can help address these urgent issues and conditions. STEP had produced [videos](#) and a summary [tech sheet](#) for RRFBs and each of the STEP countermeasures.

FHWA looks forward to hearing from you! Follow FHWA on social media and share examples of STEP countermeasures that have helped improve pedestrian safety at crossings. If you would like more information on the [STEP](#) program, contact [Becky Crowe](#) with FHWA's Office of Safety or [Peter Eun](#) with the FHWA Resource Center.

[Click here to watch the FHWA intro to STEP video](#)

Innovation of the Month: Safe Transportation for Every Pedestrian

May 7, 2020 - In 2018, an estimated 6,227 pedestrians died in the United States, [according to the Governors Highway Safety Association](#) – the highest total number of pedestrian fatalities since 1990. Pedestrian fatalities increased by 35 percent between 2008 and 2017, while other traffic fatalities decreased by six percent. The [Safe Transportation for Every Pedestrian](#) (STEP) program promotes seven proven countermeasures at pedestrian crossings to reduce growing numbers of pedestrian fatalities.

These countermeasures include:

- [Crosswalk Visibility Enhancements](#)
- [Raised Crosswalks](#)
- [Refuge Islands](#)
- [Rectangular Rapid-Flashing Beacons](#) (RRFBs)
- [Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons](#) (PHBs)
- [Road Diets](#)
- [Leading Pedestrian Intervals](#) (LPIs).

[Click here to read the full May 7th EDC article](#)

Safe Transportation for Every Pedestrian

May 28, 2020 - After introducing the seven countermeasures [Safe Transportation for Every Pedestrian](#) (STEP) promotes on May 7th, we looked at how Austin implemented [leading pedestrian intervals](#) with overwhelmingly positive feedback. This week, we turn our attention to Virginia, where [rectangular rapid-flashing beacons](#) (RRFBs) are making a difference in pedestrian safety.

Arlington County, Virginia, recently evaluated ten operational RRFBs to help identify other potential sites for widespread implementation of RRFBs. The County asked several critical questions regarding both pedestrian and driver behavior at RRFB locations:

- how often pedestrians are actuating the RRFB;
- the volumes and characteristics of pedestrians at the crossing;
- the drivers' yield rates to pedestrians at the RRFB; and
- how vehicle speeds change when the RRFB is flashing.

The results across the 10 study locations showed that after installing the RRFBs:

- driver speeds reduced by 15 percent
- an increase of 110 percent in driver yielding
- an increase in pedestrian volumes with the RRFBs.

[Click here to read the May 28th press release](#)

EDC Outtakes – Safe Transportation for Every Pedestrian

In EDC Outtakes—a series of short interview videos—State practitioners and FHWA personnel give insight into the current round of EDC innovations. In the [latest edition](#), Brian Mayhew, Transportation Engineer for North Carolina DOT, discusses rectangular rapid-flashing beacons (RRFBs), their benefits, and some of the additional countermeasures that may be deployed along with them. RRFBs are one countermeasure promoted in the [Safe Transportation for Every Pedestrian](#) initiative.



Click the image to watch the video

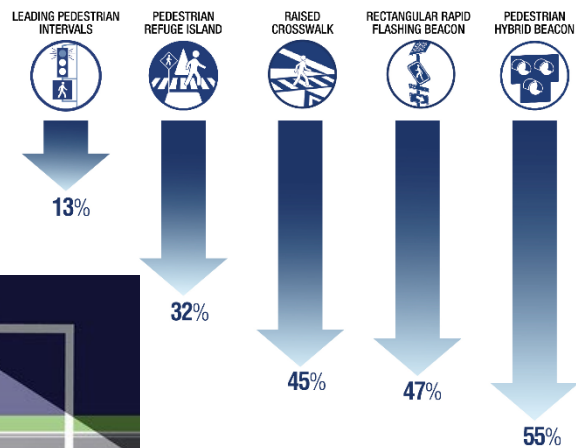
Taking STEPs to Boost Pedestrian Safety

An article in the FHWA's Innovator May/June 2020 issue

Pedestrian fatalities escalated 53 percent between 2009 and 2018, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Crashes with vehicles killed 6,283 pedestrians in 2018, the highest number since 1990. To help address this national safety problem, the Every Day Counts (EDC) initiative on [safe transportation for every pedestrian](#) (STEP) is promoting proven safety countermeasures for pedestrian crossings. In EDC round five (EDC-5), 34 States set goals to advance the implementation of some or all of what the STEP team calls the “spectacular seven” countermeasures. By early 2020, 12 States have advanced or met their EDC-5 goal. Seven States have institutionalized the use of STEP countermeasures.

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

Potential Reduction in Pedestrian Crashes



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



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**Federal Motor
Carrier Safety
Administration**

U.S. Department of Transportation Modernizes Hours of Service Rules to Improve Safety and Increase Flexibility for America's Truckers

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) today published a final rule updating hours of service (HOS) regulations to increase safety on America's roadways by updating existing regulations for commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers.

"America's truckers are doing a heroic job keeping our supply chains open during this unprecedented time, and these rules will provide them greater flexibility to keep America moving," said U.S. Transportation Secretary Elaine L. Chao.

[Click here](#) to watch Secretary Elaine L. Chao's hours-of-service final rule announcement video
[Click here to read the dot order](#)

FMCSA Adopts Crash Accountability Program

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration on May 1 announced that effective immediately, it is making permanent a pilot program that will not count a crash in which a motor carrier was not at fault when calculating the carrier's safety measurement profile. It also is expanding the types of crashes that may be considered.

[Click here to read the fmcsa program information](#)

Operation Safe Driver Week Focuses on Speeding - July 12-18

The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance's (CVSA) 2020 Operation Safe Driver Week will go on as scheduled, July 12-18. During this week-long traffic enforcement safety initiative, law enforcement personnel throughout North America will be looking for drivers who are engaging in unsafe driving behaviors on our roadways. Identified drivers will be pulled over by law enforcement and may be issued a warning or citation.

According to the Governors Highway Safety Association, less traffic may be encouraging some drivers to ignore traffic safety laws, including speed limits. Despite there being far fewer vehicles on the road due to COVID-19 stay-at-home orders, many jurisdictions are seeing a severe spike in speeding.

[Click here to go to the cvsa webpage for the program](#)

[Click here to read a fleet owner article](#)

[Click here to read a tnews article](#)



Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) Says Two Upcoming Safety Campaigns Still Happening

The CVSA says there are no plans to cancel or postpone Operation Safe Driver Week, taking place July 12-18, or Brake Safety Week, which is scheduled for August 23-29.

[Click here to read more >>](#)

FMCSA Amber Brake Light Exemption Expected For All Tanker Trucks, Other Trucks May Follow

Commercial Carrier Journal

Following a 30-month study that ended last year, [Groendyke Transportation](#) learned that the addition of a relatively simple, pulsating [amber brake light](#) reduced rear-end collisions by roughly 34%. The Oklahoma-based hazmat hauler had received an exemption from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) to mount the light on the back of 632 of its tanker trucks. In two-and-half-years, they saw a 33.7% drop in rear-end crashes along with the elimination of all railroad crossing rear-end accidents.

A reduction like that in accidents caught the attention of safety experts at the FMCSA, which is now expected to grant an exemption for amber pulsating brake lamps on all tank truck carriers.

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

Is Your Company's Pickup Truck Really a CMV?

worktruckonline

An examination of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) could very well reveal that some smaller fleet vehicles qualify as regulated CMVs.

The notion that a company pickup truck might be a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) may seem highly unlikely to some. Common arguments against classifying a pickup as a CMV often include the truck:

- Is not transporting cargo, and
- It is too small.

But, an examination of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) could very well reveal that some smaller fleet vehicles qualify as regulated CMVs.

Is it a CMV? How do I determine? Is a smaller vehicle is a CMV, consider the following:

- Commerce involves anything that moves the business forward
- Hauling supplies and tools to and from a worksite
- Dropping off workers
- Just visiting a worksite

If you are not hauling freight for someone else, you can still be considered a private (motor) carrier. The weight threshold of 10,001 pounds or higher in the CMV definition (§390.5) includes the truck, load, and any attached trailer (including a small utility trailer). This weight is based on the actual weight of the vehicle or vehicle combination is used to determine applicability. If the exact weight is 10,001 pounds or higher, you have a CMV. Any size vehicle hauling placardable amounts of hazmat is a CMV.

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

Updates from the Federal Maritime Administration



US Department of
Transportation
**Maritime
Administration**

Maritime Day Observance Also Recognizes Award of Congressional Gold Medal to World War II Merchant Mariners

Friday, May 22, 2020 - WASHINGTON - On this Maritime Day, the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Maritime Administration (MARAD) honored the men and women who serve the industry “in peace and war,” while paying a special tribute to World War II merchant mariners. President Donald J. Trump recently signed the Merchant Mariners of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2020. The Act awards “a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the United States merchant mariners of World War II,” in recognition of their dedicated and vital service during that conflict.

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



Updates from the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration



US Department of
Transportation
**Pipeline and
Hazardous Materials
Safety Administration**

PHMSA Withdraws Rulemaking Action to Limit Crude Oil Vapor Pressure

Monday, May 11, 2020

The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) announced on May 11th that it is withdrawing its January 2017 Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking regarding vapor pressure for unrefined petroleum products and other flammable liquids. The decision follows an extensive study conducted by Sandia National Laboratories and the review of public comments regarding the role of vapor pressure limits in the transportation of crude oil and other flammable liquids by rail. The Sandia study concluded that imposing vapor pressure limits would not reduce the risks of transporting crude oil and other flammable liquids by rail. In its decision to withdraw the ANPRM, PHMSA is no longer considering vapor pressure limits for the transport of crude oil by rail. Read PHMSA's [withdrawal notice](#) for more details.

Updates from the Federal Railroad Administration



US Department of
Transportation
**Federal Railroad
Administration**

Railroads on Track to Meet PTC Deadline, GAO Reports

ttnews

A sense of optimism about the ability to fully implement automatic braking systems before a Dec. 31 deadline is shared by the country's rail operators, according to a new report by the Government Accountability Office.

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

FRA Awards \$91.5 Million to Portal North Bridge Replacement

The FRA awarded Amtrak \$55.1 million to fund the construction of a new bridge span above the Hackensack River.

Progressive railroading

The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) awarded \$91.5 million to Amtrak, and New Jersey Transit for the project to replace the 110-year-old Portal North Bridge on the Northeast Corridor (NEC), U.S. Sens. Bob Menendez (D-N.J.) and Cory Booker (D-N.J.) [announced](#) on May 26th.

The award includes \$55.1 million to [Amtrak](#) to fund construction of a new bridge span above the Hackensack River, and \$36.4 million to [NJ Transit](#) to reconstruct an electrical substation in Kearny, New Jersey, that powers NEC mainline services. The substation was damaged during Hurricane Sandy in 2012.

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

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

[Click here to read Sen Menendez's press release](#)

Senator Markey Introduces “Warren Cowles Grade Crossing Safety Act” to Reduce Rail-Related Fatalities Nationwide

The legislation authorizes \$250 million annually for grade crossing safety projects

Senator Edward J. Markey (D-Mass.), a member of the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee, today announced the Warren Cowles Grade Crossing Safety Act. This legislation is named in honor of Warren P. Cowles, a dedicated public servant who was tragically struck by an Amtrak train on March 14, 2017, at the Tina Lane and Birnie Road grade crossing in Longmeadow, Massachusetts. A grade crossing is an area where a railway line intersects with a road or path. Grade crossings are significant danger zones, such that 33 percent of rail-related fatalities occur at these locations nationwide. Senator Markey's legislation modifies an existing rail-safety grant program to increase the funding for grade crossing improvement projects to \$250 million each year, adjusted for inflation. This significantly increased funding will prevent unnecessary deaths by allowing for the installation of grade separations, railroad crossing signals, gates, lights, and other barriers or cautionary signage at grade crossings nationwide.



The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) published the following *Technical Reports and/or Research Results* in April 2020:

This report describes a pilot project evaluating the potential for developing standardized criteria for railroads to classify trespasser strikes on railroad right-of-way in the US, in support of the Federal Railroad Administration.

The John A. Volpe National Transportation Systems Center (Volpe) developed criteria called Trespasser Intent Determination and Evaluation (TIDE). The requirements can assist railroads in making consistent internal judgments about the probable intent of an individual involved in a trespasser strike regardless of whether the outcome is a fatality or injury. The criteria include three types of factors that can be used to make one of three determinations: probable suicide, probable accident, or inconclusive.

[Click here to read the report](#)

Updates from the Federal Aviation Administration



US Department of Transportation
Federal Aviation Administration

NASA Drone Project Aims to Aid Disaster Recovery Efforts

AASHTO Journal

NASA has launched a new project called Scalable Traffic Management for Emergency Response Operations or STEReO that would improve the ability of drones to assist emergency responders in making natural disaster interventions even faster, more targeted, and better able to adapt to changing circumstances.

For example, drone-based software can track the location of firefighters on the ground before dropping forest fire retardant, ensuring it is dumped more accurately and at a safe distance away from people, the agency said.

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

U.S. Department of Transportation Announces Technology Partners for Remote ID Development

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) today announced the eight companies that will assist the Federal government in establishing requirements for future suppliers of [Remote Identification \(Remote ID\)](#). Remote ID will enable Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS), commonly called drones, to provide identification and location information while operating in the nation's airspace.

The FAA selected the following companies to develop technical requirements for future Remote ID UAS Service Suppliers (USS): Airbus, AirMap, Amazon, Intel, One Sky, Skyward, T-Mobile, and Wing.

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

Drone Remote ID Cohort Information

Questions were received by the FAA after a [press release](#) on the Remote ID Cohort. To clarify, the Cohort is not part of the decision-making process for the [proposed Remote ID rule](#) final rule. The Cohort will help the FAA develop technology requirements for other companies to develop applications needed for Remote ID. The comment period on the Remote ID Notice of Proposed Rulemaking closed on March 2, 2020, and the FAA is reviewing the more than 53,000 comments.

If you are a drone operator with questions about Remote ID, or any other drone-related question, please email UAShelp@faa.gov or call 844-FLY-MY-UA.

[FAA Initiates More Drone-Related Developments](#) (*AASHTO Journal*)

Two Remote FAA UAS Symposium Editions for Remote Pilots

The [5th Annual FAA UAS Symposium](#) is coming to you this summer through two remote episodes: July 8-9 and August 18-19. Episode II will NOT be a repeat of Episode I. Each episode will have its distinctive focus areas, speakers, and participants. Engage with FAA and industry leaders during presentations, breakouts, and virtual networking to help shape the future of UAS integration. Our experts will be ready to answer your questions from our virtual support center each day!

FAA UAS Symposium – Episode I

July 8-9, 2020

Key Topics: Airspace integration, Unmanned Traffic Management (UTM), STEM, type certification, operational approvals, LAANC, DroneZone updates, and international integration.

FAA UAS Symposium – Episode II

August 18-19, 2020

Key Topics: Integration Pilot Program (IPP), TFRs, and assistance for public safety, emergency operations, airport security, and response plans, authorizations and waivers, real-world activities, and accident investigations.

[Register](#) today. Follow us on social media for updates. Additional details about the schedule and registration information are available on the [symposium's website](#)

Updates from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives



First Responders: Know Your Fire Investigation Role

By Chad Campanell, Special Agent, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF)

First responders can play in a successful fire investigation.

Even though this article is intended for firefighters, it can easily apply toward Patrol Officers as, in most cases, we are indeed the first on the scene. You are not just a first responder to the fire, but a first responder to the fire investigation as well. In that role, you are the eyes and ears of those professionals who investigate the fire to determine its origin and cause.

As with any structure, the foundation is the most crucial part. **You lay the foundation for the scene examination.** If you are aware of the scene, you can play a vital role in preserving clues for the fire investigators.

Observe your surroundings while on scene

First and foremost, preserve life and property. While suppression operations are ongoing, though, you may observe other things that can be useful to investigators.

- Did you see a car speeding away from the scene of the fire?
- What did the occupants say about the cause of the fire? Or where it was?
- Was there any evidence that occupants attempted to fight the fire?
- Did you observe any weather events that could explain the fire or affected fire suppression efforts?
- Was there any evidence of ongoing improvements such as electrical or hot work being performed on the structure?
- Did you notice any unusual odors, or did anything look out of place?

These are just a few of the dozens of things firefighters can potentially see before the fire investigators get there. This is not to distract away from your primary mission: there can't be a fire investigation until after the fire is out. But keep these observations in mind so that you can pass them along to the fire investigators after your work is done.

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

Updates from the Drug Enforcement Administration



DEA Podcast About Drug Misuse Among College Students Wins Award

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration's podcast series, *Prevention Profiles: Take Five*, has received a Second Place Blue Pencil & Gold Screen Award from the National Association of Government Communicators. The podcast highlights issues related to preventing drug misuse among college students. Each podcast episode is posted monthly and features interviews with individuals at the federal, national, state, and local levels, based around five questions related to drug misuse prevention among college students. The podcast airs on www.campusdrugprevention.gov



Update on Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

No new date has been set yet; [Please continue to check here for updates for our next scheduled event.](#)

Updates from the US National Park Service



Infrastructure options for improving transportation safety in a National Historic Park

[Morristown National Historical Park Alternative Transportation Study](#),
Released by the U.S. National Park Services

This report describes the alternative transportation challenges and opportunities for Morristown National Historical Park, located in New Jersey. Walking, bicycling, and using micro-mobility devices and mobility - assistive devices to travel within and between the four park areas and other nearby cultural, recreational, and historical destinations, is a challenge due to the auto-oriented nature of the transportation network in the region. The report details infrastructural options for improving alternative transportation safety and accessibility, including traffic calming strategies, increasing visibility, and reducing vehicle speeds. The report also includes suggested operational strategies to encourage alternative transportation use.

[Click here to view or download the full report](#)



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



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Civil Unrest & Protests Currently Occurring

Attorney General Barr has directed that the Department's existing network of regional FBI Joint Terrorism Task Forces will be deployed to apprehend and charge violent agitators hijacking peaceful protests and engaging in violations of federal law. In states across the country, the U.S Attorney's Office and the Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) are working together. The JTTF consists of highly trained FBI agents and investigators from federal and local law enforcement agencies. The JTTF has been directed to investigate any potential violations of federal law associated with the ongoing activity during the recent protests that are occurring around the country. Where violations are identified, prosecutors from the US Department of Justice will hold violators accountable to the fullest extent of federal law.

Below are recent convictions and indictments on the federal level for persons that have connections to New Jersey. Click on a headline below to read the related press release.

[Justice Department Sues Gloucester County Company for Fraud in Connection with New Jersey Turnpike Extension Project](#)

05/29/2020

[Two Men Charged in \\$8 Million Credit Card Fraud](#)

05/29/2020

[Passaic County Man Admits Unauthorized use of the Seal of the United States House of Representatives](#)

05/29/2020

[Cumberland County Man Charged with Illegal Possession of More Than Three Dozen Firearms](#)

05/29/2020

[Union County Man Admits Distributing over One Kilogram of Fentanyl](#)

05/27/2020

[International Gun-Trafficker Pleads Guilty to Role in Straw Purchase Scheme](#)

05/27/2020

A New Jersey resident and citizen of the Dominican Republic pleaded guilty today to helping arrange the straw purchase of multiple handguns.

[Morris County Man Admits Making Bomb Threat to Religious Institution](#)

05/26/2020

[New Jersey Man Arrested For \\$45 Million Scheme To Defraud And Price Gouge New York City During COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

05/26/2020

[Hudson County Man Admits Role in Bank Robberies and Impersonating Federal Agent](#)

05/26/2020

[Mercer County Man Admits Participation in Heroin Conspiracy and Firearms Offenses](#)

05/21/2020

[**Paterson Man Sentenced to 37 Months in Prison for Role in Drug Trafficking and Money Laundering Operation**](#)

05/21/2020

[**New Jersey Man Charged With Federal Program Theft**](#)

05/20/2020

[**Justice Department Files Lawsuit Against Township of Jackson, New Jersey, and the Township's Planning Board for Zoning Restrictions that Target the Orthodox Jewish Community**](#)

05/20/2020

The Justice Department announced that it filed a lawsuit against the Township of Jackson and the Township's Planning Board, alleging that they violated the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act and the Fair Housing Act by targeting the Orthodox Jewish community through zoning ordinances restricting religious schools and barring religious boarding schools.

[**Previously Convicted Felon from Newark who Shot Another Individual admits to Possession of Firearm and Ammunition**](#)

05/20/2020

[**Monmouth County Man admits Role in Multi-State Patient Brokering and Bribery Scheme**](#)

05/20/2020

[**New Jersey Man Sentenced To 18 Months In Prison For Possessing Child Pornography**](#)

05/19/2020

[**Three Members of Burlington County Drug Trafficking Organization, Including Leader, Admit Roles in Drug Conspiracy**](#)

05/15/2020

[**Member of Newark Drug Trafficking Organization Sentenced to 10 Years in Prison for Conspiracy to Distribute Heroin and Crack Cocaine**](#)

05/15/2020

[**Passaic County Man Charged with Producing and Distributing Child Pornography**](#)

05/14/2020

[**Bergen County Man Charged in Large-Scale Identity Theft**](#)

05/13/2020

[**New Jersey Man Sentenced For Purchasing Turtles in Violation of the Lacey Act**](#)

05/12/2020

[**Newark Man Charged with Possession of Machine Gun**](#)

05/08/2020

[**Gloucester County Man Sentenced to 65 Months in Prison for Using Fraudulent Invoices to Steal from Hospitals, Clinics and Doctors' Offices Across United States**](#)

05/08/2020

[**Monmouth County Man Charged with Receipt of Child Pornography**](#)

05/06/2020

[**Atlantic County Man Admits Personal Income Tax Evasion**](#)

05/07/2020

[Camden County Man Admits Role in Theft of Government Funds with Stolen Electronic Benefits Machine](#)

05/06/2020

[Essex County Man Sentenced to 10 Years in Prison for Being Felon in Possession of a Firearm](#)

05/06/2020

[Monmouth County Man Charged with Possession of Machine Gun](#)

05/04/2020

Shots Fired, 110 MPH Chase Lead to Federal Charges

KANSAS CITY – A Kansas man who was arrested after a high-speed chase from Miami County to Linn County is facing a federal charge, U.S. Attorney Stephen McAllister said.

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

FBI Releases 2019 Law Enforcement Officers Killed in the Line of Duty Report

According to statistics reported to the FBI, 89 law enforcement officers were killed in line-of-duty incidents in 2019. Of these, 48 officers died as a result of criminal acts, and 41 officers killed in accidents. Comprehensive data tables about these incidents and brief narratives describing the fatal attacks are included in *Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted, 2019*, released on May 4th.

Accidental Deaths

Forty-one law enforcement officers were killed accidentally while performing their duties in 2019, a decrease of nine when compared with 2018. The majority were killed in motor vehicle crashes:

- 19 died as a result of motor vehicle crashes
 - 18 while operating cars, SUVs, trucks, or vans
 - One while operating an ATV or a motorcycle
- 16 were pedestrian officers struck by vehicles
- One officer was reported to have died when they were struck by a tire/wheel while assisting a motorist

Use of seatbelts

Of the 18 officers killed in motor vehicle crashes (cars, SUVs, trucks, or vans):

- Nine were wearing seatbelts
- Six were not
- Three no data was available

[Click here to read the full fbi press releases and get more details](#)



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Honoring Federal, State, Local, & Tribal Public Safety Officers

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Recognize public safety officers making a difference in your community

The nomination period for the [2020 Medal of Valor](#) is now open.

Each year, BJA recognizes public safety officers in law enforcement, firefighting, and emergency services for their valiant acts performed in the line of duty.

Multiple officers can be nominated for the same event, and individual officers can be nominated for multiple acts of service.

We appreciate your time and attention in honoring our country's public safety officers, and we thank you for recognizing the selfless acts of bravery they perform every day.

[Click here to go to the BJA web page for the award](#)



Updates from the National Institute of Justice



Evidence-Based Policing in 45 Small Bytes

Improving policing depends on producing and then using the best available evidence when making decisions, developing policies, and designing programs and practices. Our new publication is a guidebook that presents a practical framework for understanding evidence-based policing (EBP) that is understandable, feasible, and directly tied to making policing more effective.

The framework is presented in 45 small “bytes” and organized by sections that will first help you understand what EBP and what it isn’t. The framework then identifies data that should be collected, analyses that should be conducted, and research that should be carried out—all to make policing better.

[Click here to download the publication](#)

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.



NTSB Chairman Calls for Renewed Road Safety Effort as Nation Reopens

5/18/2020

WASHINGTON (May 18, 2020) — [The National Transportation Safety Board](#) is calling on Americans to practice highway safety with the same sense of responsibility they applied to reduce the spread of the coronavirus when they take to the nation’s roads as the country continues to reopen.

In a “normal” year, more than 36,000 Americans are killed on our roads. While it is too early to tell what will happen to highway crash and fatality trends in the year of the pandemic, the desire to return to normality will increase the number of drivers on the road, and that increases the risk for highway users.

There are four significant ways to keep safe:

- Don't speed.
- Don't drive distracted.
- Don't drive impaired.
- Always buckle up.

Helicopter Air Ambulance Operator's Poor Safety Management, Inadequate Oversight Led to Fatal Crash

5/19/2020

An air ambulance helicopter crash that killed three crew members was caused by the operator's "inadequate management of safety," which led to a pilot departing on a flight without a thorough preflight weather evaluation, the [National Transportation Safety Board](#) announced in a public meeting.

The Bell 407 helicopter air ambulance, operated by Survival Flight, crashed in Zaleski, Ohio, Jan. 29, 2019, in deteriorating weather, while en route to pick up a patient for transport from one hospital to another. All three occupants – the pilot, flight nurse, and flight paramedic – were killed in the accident.

An abstract of the NTSB report, which includes the findings, probable cause, and safety recommendations, is available at <https://go.usa.gov/xvJ8A>. The complete text of the final report is expected to be published in the next few weeks. The accident docket, containing more than 2,600 pages of factual materials was opened Nov. 19, 2019; it is available at <https://go.usa.gov/xvsha>.

Failure to Heed Severe Weather Warning Led to Sinking of Branson, Missouri Duck Boat

April 28, 2020 — The [National Transportation Safety Board](#) said during a public board meeting, the continued operation of amphibious passenger vessel Stretch Duck 7 during severe weather led to the fatal, July 19, 2018, sinking of the vessel on Table Rock Lake, Missouri.

The 33-foot-long, modified, World War II-era DUKW amphibious passenger vessel, operated by Ripley Entertainment Inc., dba Ride The Ducks of Branson, sank during a derecho on Table Rock Lake near Branson, Missouri. The vessel had 29 passengers and two crewmembers aboard for a tour. One crew member and 16 passengers died in the accident.

[Read more about this story »](#)

Updates from Traffic Incident Management (TIM)



U.S. Department of Transportation

Federal Highway Administration

Integrated Corridor Management

The U.S. Federal Highway Administration produced this video for making the case to executive leadership for ICM, which targets the most impacting freeway events, like truck overturns, chemical spills, and multi-vehicle pile-ups.

[Click here to watch the video](#)

Best Practices Supporting Traffic Incident Management (TIM) through Integrated Communication Between Traffic Management Centers and Law Enforcement and Effective Performance-Measurement Data Collection

NCHRP U.S. Domestic Scan Program

Traffic incident management (TIM) depends fundamentally on effective communication among responsible personnel (for example, in incident reporting, response dispatch, and traffic management). Experience gained from each incident provides opportunities to improve agencies' TIM performance. This scan examines the TIM practices in regions that have enhanced TIM performance through integrated communication between traffic management centers and law enforcement and effective performance-measurement data collection

[Click here to download the Final Report](#)

[Click here to download Executive Summary](#)

[Click here to download Presentation - Findings and Recommendations](#)

[Click here to download Prospectus](#)

Leading Practices in Modifying Agency Organization and Management To Accommodate Changing Transportation System Technologies

NCHRP U.S. Domestic Scan Program

The National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) recently conducted a domestic scan at the request of AASHTO's Committee on Transportation System Operations (CTSO), with the express purpose of investigating and exchanging information about how Departments of Transportation (DOTs) are changing their organizations, institutional arrangements, and management practices to improve transportation system performance by using new technologies and/or other innovative programs; all while maintaining their traditional role in capital improvement, operations, and maintenance programs.

[Click here to view the report](#)

[Click here for an executive summary of the report](#)

[Click here for a Prospectus of the project](#)

Paper Extols Virtues of ITS for Reducing Traffic Congestion

A new research paper published on May 21 finds that intelligent transportation systems or ITS can help manage and reduce traffic congestion in several ways.

That paper – entitled *Mitigating Traffic Congestion: The Role of Intelligent Transportation Systems*, co-authored by Paul Pavlou, dean of the C.T. Bauer College of Business at the University of Houston – consolidated a “unique longitudinal data set” on road traffic and the deployment of a large federally supported ITS program in the United States (511 systems) in 99 urban areas between 1994 and 2014.

The difference-in-differences estimates show that the adoption of 511 systems is associated with a significant decrease in traffic congestion, reducing fuel consumption by 53 million gallons, saving more than \$4.7 billion, and cutting travel time by 175 million hours annually in U.S. cities.

<https://aashtojournal.org/2020/05/29/paper-extols-virtues-of-its-for-reducing-traffic-congestion/>

<https://pubsonline.informs.org/doi/10.1287/isre.2019.0894>

Updates from the World of Work Zone Safety



NOCoE Case Studies

Comprehensive Work Zone Management Program Iowa Department of Transportation

In this case study, you will learn:

- Development strategies using Iowa's Traffic Critical Projects (TCP) checklist leading to a Detailed Work Zone Management Plan
- Innovative methods of sharing and disseminating work zone information
- Effective countermeasures Iowa has integrated into their project Design Manual concerning Work Zone Safety to develop a more mature TSMO

[Click here to read the case study](#)

National Work Zone Awareness Week Turns 20!

April marked the 20th anniversary for [National Work Zone Awareness Week](#). This year's campaign took place April 20-24 with the theme "*Safe Work Zones for All: Protect workers. Protect road users.*" The week began with a national virtual panel focused on struck-by incidents in work zones with representatives from American Road & Transportation Builders Association (ARTBA), Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), and Kraemer North America. Additional information on struck-by incident prevention can be found [here](#).

The WZDx Specification – A Look Forward

After publishing the recent WZDx [version 2.0](#), the [Work Zone Data Working Group \(WZDWG\)](#) is pushing forward in gathering information for the next iteration of the specification. Targeted for a late summer 2020 release, version 3.0 is being developed by the WZDx v3 Specification Update Subgroup, made up of public and private data producers and users. The WZDWG is also promoting the integration and communication of real-time information on the presence of work zone workers.

Support the specification development by visiting the [WZDx GitHub page](#) and contributing to the open specification. Email avdx@dot.gov with any questions.

Future Work Zone Data Demonstration Grants

The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) will be funding Work Zone Data Exchange (WZDx) Demonstration Grants to support public infrastructure owners/operators in standing up or expanding the scope of work zone data feeds. The program plans to provide one-time funding to make unified work zone data feeds available to third parties. USDOT and the third party will also collaborate on [WZDx specification](#) development. The Notice of Funding Opportunity is expected to be released by USDOT soon.

Designing Workspace Access Points to Better Accommodate Large Trucks

This fact sheet provides information on how to reduce rear-end collision potential with large trucks by designing workspace access points that allow deceleration out of and acceleration into the high-speed travel lanes. Access the fact sheet [here](#).

Updates from the NJ State League of Municipalities



MEL Safety Institute CV-19 Resources

The MEL Safety Director's office has created a central repository on the NJ MEL website for updated COVID-19 information specific to municipal operations, including several bulletins addressing particular subject areas during the COVID-19 pandemic. That information may be found at [NJ MEL website](#).
<https://njmel.org/covid-19-updates/>

Updates from the Transportation Security Administration



Transportation
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TSA releases roadmap for mitigating insider threats to transportation environments

The Transportation Security Administration released in May its framework to thwart insider threats in the transportation sector. The [TSA Insider Threat Roadmap](#) will streamline processes, identify requirements and capabilities, and leverage partnerships to proactively mitigate risks associated with insider threats.

"Together with our interagency partners and industry stakeholders, we will maximize innovation and technology to mitigate insider threats," said TSA Administrator David Pekoske. "In addition to addressing key operational needs, implementing the Roadmap will also enhance our position as a global leader in transportation security and advance transportation security standards worldwide."

The roadmap focuses on three overarching priorities:

- 1) Promoting data-driven decision making to detect threats
- 2) Advancing operational capability to deter threats
- 3) Maturing capabilities to mitigate threats to the transportation sector

"While we recognize that there is no 'turn-key' solution to mitigating insider threat, this roadmap will help implement safeguards that incrementally raise the security baseline," Pekoske said.

[Click here to watch TSA Administrator Pekoske discuss the TSA Insider Threat Roadmap](#) discuss the importance of the Insider Threat Roadmap.

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



Let's Get Technical: Ford Offers Multi-Seasonal Self-Driving Data to Spark Research and Development

MAY 5, 2020 | DEARBORN, MICH

Every second, a self-driving vehicle is operating, it's gathering information about the world around it. Cameras and LiDAR help it identify vehicles, pedestrians, signs, and anything else that might be out in or near the streets. Radar helps the car keep track of how fast things are moving around it.

Without all this data, self-driving cars wouldn't even be able to leave a parking lot. These vehicles need to process a constant stream of information to navigate their surroundings safely, but also before they can do that, high-quality data is required to help engineers and researchers create software that can adequately teach self-driving vehicles how to analyze their environments.

To further spur innovation in this exciting field, Ford is releasing a comprehensive self-driving vehicle data package to the academic and research community. There's no better way of promoting research and development than ensuring the academic community has the data it needs to create practical self-driving vehicle algorithms.

Continue reading the [full story on Medium](#).

[Click here for the ford press release](#)

New Jersey Makes Significant Commitments to Transportation Electrification

Advanced Clean Tech News

The New Jersey Clean Cities Coalition ([NJCCC](#)) is pleased to report significant new initiatives, with available funding, designed to stimulate the electrification of New Jersey's transportation sector.

New Jersey saw its first significant payout from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative ([RGGI](#)) in March 2020, receiving \$20 million in proceeds from its first quarterly carbon dioxide allowance auction since rejoining the initiative. RGGI proceeds, besides signaling a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions statewide, will help pave the way for new infrastructure, financing mechanisms, carbon recapture technologies, ecological restoration, and advanced vehicle technologies.

NJBPU Straw Proposal Shifts Financing of EV Infrastructure to Shareholders, Not Ratepayers

State agency tackles some of the biggest questions about the electrifying transportation sector, a specific role for utilities is under discussion.

Click the below links to read more:

https://www.nj.gov/bpu/pdf/Final_EV_Straw_Proposal_5.18.20.pdf

<https://www.njspotlight.com/2020/05/bpu-straw-proposal-shifts-financing-of-ev-infrastructure-to-shareholders-not-ratepayers/>

Tesla Delays First Deliveries of Electric Semi to 2021

ttnews

Tesla Inc. pushed back first deliveries of its Semi commercial tractor into next year, making the truck two years behind its original schedule.

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

Volvo Says Virus Won't Slow Its Rollout of Self-Driving Car Tech

ttnews

Volvo Car AB is grappling with plant shutdowns and layoffs. Still, one thing it's not doing amid the fallout from the coronavirus pandemic is pumping the brakes on autonomous driving development.

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

PS&EG Pushes Ahead on Electric Vehicle Plan

njspottlight

Public Service Electric & Gas is urging state regulators to move forward on a \$364 million proposal to build out the state's electrification of the transportation sector. The New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel attempted to block PSEG's plan in a filing last month, saying that the private sector would be better suited to help the state achieve its clean energy goals. The Rate Counsel also has opposed a separate filing by Atlantic City Electric to spend \$42 million on electric vehicle infrastructure. Tom Johnson reports.

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

Americans Still Don't Trust Self-Driving Cars

Nearly 3 in 4 Americans say autonomous vehicle technology "is not ready for primetime."

Theverge

This is not a total shock considering autonomous vehicles remain theoretical and elusive for most people. The limited number of self-driving cars on the road today are mostly test vehicles that aren't available to the riding public. Combine that with Americans' very, shall we say, *complicated* feelings toward concepts like "freedom" and "control," and you can see where this is going. Digging on technology in the streets, control freaks in the sheets.

The latest poll to affirm this deep distrust comes from Partners for Automated Vehicle Education (PAVE), a coalition of industry players and nonprofits aimed at improving the public's understanding of autonomous vehicles. A glance at the results reveals that they'll have their work cut out for them.

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

Miscellaneous Traffic Safety Points of Interest



Road Fatalities Up in March Despite Drop in Miles Driven, NSC Study Finds

There was a 14% year-over-year jump in fatality rates per miles driven in March 2020, while the actual number of miles driven dropped 18.6% compared to the same time last year.

[READ MORE](#)

Responsibility.org Launches Online Resource for High-Risk Impaired Driving

This past month, the Governors Highway Safety Association partner Responsibility.org launched its newest resource to help end high-risk impaired driving: StopHRID.org. This comprehensive resource helps identify the factors putting Americans at the highest risk from impaired drivers, recommends law enforcement reforms needed to make roads safer, and helps the public understand how to improve the complicated impaired driving legal system.

[Read more >>](#)

New Jersey Turnpike Authority approves toll increases, \$24B capital plan

njbiz

Hikes would affect Garden State Parkway, New Jersey Turnpike

Motorists are slated to see tolls go up on two of the state's largest highways – the Garden State Parkway and New Jersey Turnpike – with the administration set to decide Wednesday afternoon whether to hike tolls for the Atlantic City Expressway, as well.

Gov. Phil Murphy, on Wednesday, appeared unlikely to veto the proposed increases – a power that he has ten days to exercise – meaning the plan could likely go through.

<https://njbiz.com/new-jersey-turnpike-authority-approves-toll-increases-24b-capital-plan/>

Report: States with Texting Bans Have Lower Crash Fatality Rates

Using 11 years of data, an American Academy of Pediatrics study focused on crashes involving drivers ages 16-19 to determine support for handheld bans.

[Read more >>](#)

Oklahoma Considers Launching Marijuana Breathalyzer Program

govtech

Oklahoma's Legislature passed legislation last month to require the Department of Public Safety to use \$300,000 to pay for a medical marijuana pilot program to test out marijuana breathalyzers.

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

2021 CHEVROLET TAHOE SUITS UP FOR DUTY

All-new Police Pursuit Vehicles and Special Service Vehicles debut late this year

The 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe continues its tradition of providing law enforcement with capable and dependable vehicles. The next-generation Tahoe is available in two law enforcement packages: the Tahoe Police Pursuit Vehicle is designed for high speeds and dynamic capability with the added comfort needed from an everyday patrol vehicle; the Special Service Vehicle is more focused on off-road and towing needs where high-speed operations are not required.

“Tahoe is the most aspirational vehicle in the law enforcement industry,” said Ed Peper, U.S. vice president, GM Fleet. “By listening to the needs of officers from around the country, we have built the best Tahoe ever.”

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

Legal Update Traffic & Police Related



Some information in this newsletter is courtesy of:

Muni-Mail, 2000 Hamilton Ave. Hamilton, NJ

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Retired Cops, Police Organizations Sue New Jersey Over Concealed-Carry Gun Law

NorthJersey.com

A New Jersey law that requires extra hurdles for retired cops who want to carry a concealed firearm is illegal, and state officials should be barred from enforcing it, two police organizations allege in a new federal lawsuit. Under state law, retired officers who have federal permission to carry concealed firearms must apply for a separate permit, meet different qualifications and pay additional fees to gain that privilege in New Jersey, according to the suit.

New Jersey also adds improper age restrictions and wrongly gives state officials "unfettered discretion" to deny permits, the lawsuit says. The complaint was filed in May in U.S. District Court in Newark. The plaintiffs are the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association, the New Jersey Fraternal Order of Police, and three retired federal officers.

<https://wzclick Here to read the full article>

<https://www.courthousenews.com/retired-cops-sue-over-new-jersey-gun-restrictions/>

New Jersey Expungement Law

New Jersey expungement law will take effect on June 15, 2020, and 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 bill 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. Contact us for help <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jNzJnkDNfuU>

New Bills Signed into Law

On May 15, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy signed the following bills into law:

[A-3942/S-2394](#) - Requires the hospital to permit an individual to accompany a woman during childbirth.

[A-3966](#) - Authorizes the sale and delivery of alcoholic beverages by the holders of specific retail consumption licenses and concessionaire permits during the COVID-19 state of emergency.

[A-3969/S-2392](#) - Allows extension of certain local government timeframes; allows local governments to accept certain payments; allows local governments to conduct certain meetings remotely; adjusts certain property tax distribution and notice requirements.

[S-2344/A-3970](#) - Requires Medicaid and health insurance coverage for certain refills of prescription drugs during a state of emergency.

On May 28th, Governor Phil Murphy signed legislation (A4157), which temporarily extends the deadline to file a property tax appeal to July 1, 2020, and the deadline for county boards of taxation to render decisions in tax appeal cases to September 30, 2020. The bill takes effect immediately and applies retroactively to April 1, 2020.

On May 28th Governor Phil Murphy conditionally vetoed the following bill:

S-2331/A-3912 (Sweeney, Cunningham/Pintor Marin, Quijano, Verrelli) - Assists inmates released from incarceration in obtaining necessary reentry benefits

[Copy of Statement](#)

On May 28th Governor Murphy absolute vetoed the following bills:

S-2351/A3924 (Scutari, Greenstein, Holzapfel/Kennedy, Carter, Benson) - Affords employment protection to certain emergency medical responders

[Copy of Statement](#)

S-2363/A-3921 (Greenstein/Benson, Mazzeo, Speight, DeAngelo) - Authorizes Governor to permit emergency rent suspension for certain small business tenants during COVID-19 pandemic

[Copy of Statement](#)

9th Circ. Affirms Warrantless Search of Late Rental Car Data

Law360 (May 5, 2020, 11:02 PM EDT) -- The Ninth Circuit ruled that a Nevada man cannot suppress evidence seized from his residence after he stole mail, saying he forfeited any reasonable expectation of privacy to the historical location data of his rental car because his lease agreement had expired. A three-judge panel in an opinion authored by U. S. District Judge Lawrence L. Piersol said Monday that Jay Yang lacked standing to challenge a warrantless government search of a database of license plates while affirming a lower court's denial of his motion to suppress evidence...

[Click here for the law360 article](#)

US Supreme Court Opinions

U.S. Supreme Court Throws Out Bridgegate Convictions

The U.S. Supreme Court on Thursday unanimously tossed the convictions of two former New Jersey public officials in the infamous "Bridgegate" scandal to realign lanes to the George Washington Bridge as a form of political revenge, saying such alleged conduct may be an abuse of power, but it's not a federal crime.

[Click here to read the supreme court's full opinion](#)

3rd Circ. Says Cops Can Give Personal 'Overview' At Trial

Law360 (May 6, 2020) -- The Third Circuit said law enforcement witnesses might address investigatory matters within their "personal knowledge" to kick off criminal trials, setting ground rules for so-called "overview" testimony in the appellate court's first precedential opinion on the subject as it upheld the convictions of three players in a timeshare consulting scheme. A circuit panel outlined those parameters on Tuesday in rejecting objections from Adam Lacerda, Ian Resnick and Genevieve Manzoni to such testimony by an FBI special agent at the start of the 2013 trial leading to their convictions on charges of stealing millions from timeshare owners through bogus consulting services from...[Click here for the full article](#)

<http://www2.ca3.uscourts.gov/opinarch/152812p.pdf>

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/vacation-ownership-group>

Prison Phone Co. To Pay Up To \$25M To End Inmate Call Suit

A prison technology company has agreed to a deal worth up to \$25 million in cash and phone credits to end allegations it overcharged for inmate calling services, the class said Thursday in asking a New Jersey federal court for preliminary approval of the settlement.

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Mass. State Police on Transitioning to Hybrid Patrol Vehicles

The Massachusetts State Police has ordered only the hybrid PIU for its frontline patrol vehicles this year and expects to see fuel savings.

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San Diego Police to Patrol in Ford Hybrid SUVs

The SDPD's Emergency Vehicle Operator Course (EVOC) instructors are creating a training video on PIU Hybrid operation that will be required viewing for police officers before they can drive the vehicles.

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[Training Events](#)



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

Online On-Demand Training Videos – Roll Call Videos



NJCLEC Presents:

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Garden State CLE New Criminal Law Review

Garden State CLE New Criminal Law Review is free-to-watch, courtesy of MuniMail, and Garden State CLE.

Recorded in front of a live audience late last year, senior instructors Robert Ramsey and Joseph P. Rem, Jr. discuss updates and reviews of several laws. Some of the interest to traffic officers are jury trial required on DWI associated with reckless vehicular homicide; civil reservations in Superior Court criminal cases; hindering the administration of law (NJSA 2C:29-1); informing a criminal suspect of active warrants; failure to provide *Brady* materials; prior DWI convictions as proof of recklessness in a vehicular homicide case; the need for NIST-certified thermometers in Alcotest; scientific reliability of CSAAS; and more. Bob & Joe dive into recent case law, looking at last year's decisions. [Click here to go to the garden state cle criminal law review website](#)



LEXIPOL

Today's Tip: May 6, 2020

“Safely Deploying Tire Deflation Devices”

Vehicle pursuits are among the most dangerous activities we engage in. They can endanger the general public, but they can also be hazardous for us. Tire deflation devices, or spike strips, can be a useful tool to end pursuits, but their use is not without risk. Way too many officers are hurt or killed deploying spike strips.

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LEXIPOL

Today's Tip: May 26, 2020

“Don't Rush to Clear the Call.”

Whether you're in the fire service, in law enforcement, or a custody setting, we all share one thing in common. Someone asks us for help, and we respond.

But we all have another thing in common. We're all pressed for time. We have other tasks waiting. It's easy to be distracted by different pressures. Dispatchers keep broadcasting new requests for service. Supervisors seem to want things done quickly and efficiently. Paperwork stacks up

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Roll Call Training Segment:

~ Miranda (Part 1) ~

Officers providing Miranda inappropriately can lose a critical case. Applying it when it is not necessary can make you lose valuable evidence. Not applying it when it is needed can cost you the conviction. Make sure your officers know how to use Miranda effectively. Start with this roll call training segment.

[Click Here to View This Training](#)

This video completes our overview of Miranda and how to utilize it to maximize your effectiveness during criminal investigations properly! Agencies may continue to download and use these videos as Roll Call Training for their officers. [Click here to view this video](#)

In this Roll Call Training Segment, we review the incident in Minneapolis and what law enforcement agencies and officers should focus on in the aftermath. [Click Here to View This Training](#)



On-Demand Webinars Presented by The Americans for Effective Law Enforcement (AELE)

In case you missed these past webinars, you are in luck. AELE recorded them, and they are now available on their website to watch at no cost,

[ON-DEMAND](#) viewing of AELE Handcuff Webinar presented April 22, 2020.

[ON-DEMAND](#) viewing of AELE Distraction Devices presented on May 5, 2020.



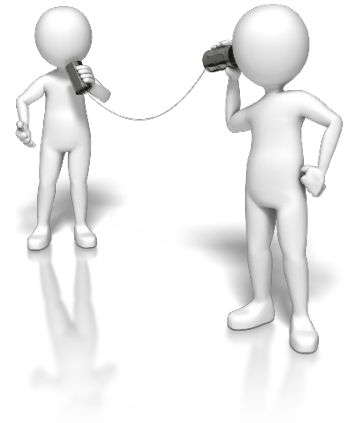
Cornell Local Roads Program
Work Zone Safety and Flagging Tutorial

The purpose of this tutorial is to provide the fundamentals of work zone safety and to explain the basic concepts of flagging in a work zone. This includes reminders about proper flagging equipment, placement of flaggers, appropriate use of standard signaling devices, and methods of traffic control.

This tutorial is intended as refresher training for New York State rural town, county, and village public works crews, Highway Superintendents, and their seasonal laborers. This tutorial may also be useful to New York State utility workers, law enforcement officers, and emergency response teams who occasionally need to redirect traffic. It is not intended to replace comprehensive instruction on the topic.

[Click here to go to the home page for the Work Zone Safety & Flagging Tutorial](#)

Webinar Training Events



TRB Webinar: Traffic Trends and Safety in a COVID-19 World

Date: Tuesday, June 2, 2020
Time: 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm
Cost: Free

In the days of coronavirus disease (COVID-19), we are seeing a reduction in overall traffic volumes and crash-related injuries and fatalities. What are the nuances of this situation, and what lessons can we learn to advance transportation safety research and practice?

This webinar will explore the impacts of COVID-19 on traffic crashes and overall highway safety conditions. It is co-sponsored by the Pacific Southwest Region University Transportation Center at the University of Southern California. The presenters will discuss lessons learned from the changes in traffic and safety conditions as a result of COVID-19 and identify how to leverage these changes to improve traffic safety in the future.

Registration is available until just before the webinar starts. Once the webinar starts, you will be unable to submit your registration. Individuals that are registered for a webinar but do not receive their confirmation emails due to their organization's internal firewalls should contact the TRB Helpdesk (mytrb@nas.edu) for assistance in signing in.

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



Rutgers Eagleton Institute of Politics Vote-By-Mail: Protecting the Ballot during COVID-19

Date: Tuesday, June 2, 2020
Time: 10:00am
Cost: Free

Join Eagleton for this special session exploring how we can effectively transition the processes and practices of politics to meet the challenges presented by COVID-19—most notably the continuity of elections.

Speakers will discuss the opportunities and vulnerabilities to be considered, best practices for administering elections by mail, and how vote-by-mail and other solutions can be implemented in ways that protect ballot access and power for all communities.

Program panelists include:

- Moderated by Ronald K. Chen, University Professor, Rutgers School of Law
- Secretary of State Kim Wyman, Washington State
- Charles Stewart III, Kenan Sahin Distinguished Professor of Political Science, MIT
- Joanne Rajoppi, Clerk, Union County, New Jersey
- Connor Maxwell, Senior Policy Analyst, Center for American Progress

[Click here to go to Rutgers Eagleton Institute webpage for this event](#)

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

If you have any questions, contact Maximo Vazquez at mvazquez@eagleton.rutgers.edu

Webinar: Traffic Trends and Safety in a COVID-19 World

Date: June 2, 2020
Time: 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm ET
Cost: Free
Organization: Transportation Research Board (TRB)

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For more information about this training, click [here](#).

<https://www.nationalacademies.org/event/06-02-2020/trb-webinar-traffic-trends-and-safety-in-a-covid-19-world>

Webinar - Roundabouts Update

Date: June 2, 2020
Time: 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm ET
Cost: Free

If there were 32 chances for your family member to make a deadly mistake and you were able to lower that number to only eight chances, why wouldn't you? Roundabouts, as many of us already know, convert a traditional intersection with 32 conflict points into an intersection with only eight conflict points. (And the eight conflicts points are generally at MUCH lower speeds.) It is because of this type of safety benefit that many communities in Ohio and around the world are looking to Roundabouts as a critical way to improve roadway safety at intersections.

Ohio's Roundabouts have grown in number and type over recent years. Presenter Hillary Isebrands has helped this growth by training many through the National Highway Institute "Modern Roundabouts: Intersections Designed for Safety" course. During this webinar, Engineer Isebrands will provide an update on recent developments and the current state-of-practice for Roundabouts.

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7440032753337595659>

Date: June 2, 2020 and June 4, 2020
Time: 9:00 am to 10:00 am ET 9:00 am to 10:00 am ET
Cost: Free Free

The two webinar sessions being offered in this Highway Plan Reading Course are designed for participants who seek a basic understanding of how to read and understand both construction and right of way plans.

Part I will cover Construction Plans, Title Sheet, Typical Sections, General Notes, Plan and Profile Sheets, and Cross Sections.

Part II will cover Right of Way Plans, Legend Sheet, Property Map, Summary of Additional Right of Way, and Detail Right of Way Plan Sheets.

The instructor will be Brett Shearer of the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)'s Office of Real Estate. Participants completing both sessions will be provided credit for the Real Estate Academy Highway Plan Reading course.

Registration information:

Part 1 of 2 – Tuesday, June 2, 2020

9:00 AM to 10:00 AM EDT

Registration: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8675564964654683663>

Part 2 of 2 – Thursday, June 4, 2020

9:00 AM to 10:00 AM EDT

Registration: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1767238849338176783>

Dates: [June 3 & 4](#) or [June 9 & 10](#) or [June 17 & 18](#) or [June 23 & 24](#)
Times: 8:00 am – 10:00 am EDT
Cost: Free

Rutgers CAIT, with the support of the Division of Highway Traffic Safety, will be delivering three separate NJTR-1 Crash Form Refresher Training Webinars during May for law enforcement officers familiar with the NJTR-1 crash form. Each webinar is two consecutive days in duration, two hours per day.

This course provides refresher training for law enforcement officials already familiar with the NJTR-1 crash form. Your safety colleagues rely on accurate crash data to create



successful, proactive road safety plans. However, many of the nearly 300,000 crash reports NJDOT receives each year contain errors or misinformation—these inaccuracies negatively impact the effectiveness of data-driven crash reduction efforts. As the official recorder of crash scene events, you can minimize these data deficiencies with the information learned from this training course.

This course covers common NJTR-1 errors for both passenger and commercial motor vehicle (CMV) crashes and offers methods to improve crash data quality. Crash analysis software functions and the role of data in the crash analysis will be discussed.

Please join us for this virtual learning experience!

To register for an NJTR-1 Webinar, click on one of the links below:

Make sure you sign-on to the Webinar with your full name to receive credit.

[NJTR-1 Webinar \(June 3-4, 2020\)](#)

[NJTR-1 Webinar \(June 9-10, 2020\)](#)

[NJTR-1 Webinar \(June 17-18, 2020\)](#)

[NJTR-1 Webinar \(June 23-24, 2020\)](#)



Webinar: **Safety Service Patrol Idea Sharing Network Working with Other Emergency Responders**

Date: June 3, 2020
Times: 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm ET
Cost: Free



SafeHighways.org will host its sixteenth Safety Service Patrol Idea Sharing Network webinar with support from NOCoE. The topic, selected by attendees from past sessions, will be 'Working with Other Emergency Responders.' This 2-hour session will focus on emergency responders' best practices for managing competing priorities at an incident scene, including methods for training, communication, and the initial introduction of the Safety Service Patrol to other emergency responders.

Learning Objectives: To share best practices across the Safety Service Patrol industry

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



Webinar: Law Enforcement and Homeless Populations: Balancing Outreach with Enforcement

Date: June 3, 2020
Times: 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm ET
Cost: Free

Homelessness could increase by 40% in the U.S. as a result of COVID-19-related unemployment, according to one model. Even before the pandemic, some communities had experienced a 1,000% increase in homeless encampments.

Homeless populations present significant challenges to law enforcement, and enforcement action alone will never solve systemic homelessness. In this webinar, a multi-disciplinary panel with decades of experience in addressing homelessness in Southern California will share tactics for a safer response to homeless populations, legal considerations associated with enforcement, and how law enforcement can work effectively with public health officials, mental health professionals, and homeless advocates to deploy long-term solutions.

You'll learn:

- National statistics, root causes and symptoms associated with those experiencing homelessness—and why you need to know the demographics of your community's homeless population
- Key legal considerations and recent case law
- The importance of statistical record-keeping and creative code enforcement to help address complaints such as panhandling, oversized vehicle, camping and trespassing
- How to build an event action plan to clear dangerous encampments and provide needed resources for homeless individuals
- Tactics for addressing officer safety concerns when interacting with homeless individuals

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Webinar: The New Normal - Restarting After COVID-19

Date: June 4, 2020
Times: 1:00 pm ET to 2:00 pm ET
Cost: Free



The COVID-19 pandemic has required us to change the way we live and work, and organizations are grappling to maintain business continuity. Statistics show that those without a robust business continuity plan are less likely to survive such a massive disruption. With the focus now on recovery, only the organizations with well-thought-out plans to get their operations up and running again will be able to get ahead of the curve and leverage this period into a competitive advantage.

Successfully restarting operations isn't as simple as flipping a switch. Through the implementation of a thoughtful, rational process, companies can effectively reset and ramp up operations while protecting employees. Join the DSS panel of experts for "The New Normal: Restarting After COVID-19" webinar

[Click here to register](#)

Webinar: Developing and Delivering Pedestrian Safety Projects

Date: June 4, 2020
Times: 1:00 pm ET to 2:30 pm ET
Cost: Free
Organization: Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center (PBIC)

Hear from a State DOT and local agency about independent and joint efforts to improve pedestrian safety and strategies to deliver projects. This webinar will include a specific focus on the pedestrian safety countermeasures that are promoted through FHWA's Safe Transportation for Every Pedestrian (STEP) initiative. Topics will consist of location identification, countermeasure selection, and project implementation with an emphasis on quick project delivery.

This webinar is supported by FHWA's [Safe Transportation for Every Pedestrian \(STEP\)](#) program, which promotes proven, cost-effective countermeasures to improve pedestrian safety.

For more information about this training, click [here](#).

Link: http://pedbikeinfo.org/webinars/webinar_details.cfm?id=100

eDriving Webinar -- Returning to Work: Health and Safety Tips for At-Work Drivers

Date: June 4, 2020
Times: 2:00 pm ET
Cost: Free

As restrictions are gradually eased around the world following the COVID-19 pandemic, your organization may be making plans for employees to return to work. But with the world having changed dramatically, and new health and safety considerations to address, how do you ensure the safety of employees as they get back on the road?

In this webinar, eDriving's Senior Vice President of Risk Engineering, Jim Noble, and eDriving's Environment, Health, Safety & Sustainability guru, Teri Snow, CSP, will discuss the key issues facing those who drive for work and recommend the steps you can take to continue protecting drivers as your organization starts to resume its activities.

The webinar will help you to:

- Determine if employees are ready and prepared to return to work
- Assess and communicate drivers' new risk exposures
- Implement employee protection measures, including social distancing and hygiene plans
- Communicate the importance of defensive driving when getting back on the road
- Address "returning home" precautions to help keep drivers and their families safe

[Click here to register](#)



Webinar: CARMA Webinar Series: CARMA Ecosystem

Date: June 4, 2020
Times: 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm ET
Cost: Free

CARMA is a USDOT program developed by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) involved in advancing research and development of cooperative driving automation (CDA) to accelerate market readiness and deployment. CDA enables automated vehicles (AVs) to communicate between vehicles, infrastructure devices, and road users, such as pedestrians and cyclists. The webinar will detail the CARMA ecosystem, including the program's use cases, methods for evaluation, and opportunities to develop in a collaborative environment.

The webinar will also present critical updates from the more extensive CARMA program, the latest software updates, and information on how organizations can implement CARMA to enrich transportation research.

Please [register now](#) for this webinar



Webinar: Advancing Regional Cross-Agency Collaboration during Unforeseen Circumstances

Date: June 10, 2020
Time: 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm ET
Cost: Free

The COVID-19 crisis has required traffic management agencies to make significant adjustments. Organizations now need to collaborate more than ever (i.e., health services & traffic management agencies for testing sites, etc.). How are states coordinating services with differences in directives? Let's explore examples of regional cross-agency collaboration throughout the US.

For more information about this training, click [here](#).

Link: <https://transportationops.org/event/advancing-regional-cross-agency-collaboration-during-unforeseen-circumstances>



Webinar - - FoRRRwD on All Public Roads - Systemic Approach: Risk Factors for Roadway Departure

Date: June 16, 2020
Time: 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm ET
Cost: Free

You are invited to a free FHWA EDC-5 webinar

Laura Slusher, Indiana LTAP, will present how to complete a systemic analysis and Indiana's systemic safety approach for counties, and Craig Parks, Boone County Indiana, will provide an overview of their Local Road Safety Plan (LRSP) that was developed through this process and how they have implemented the LRSP to reduce roadway departure crashes.

Adam Kirk, Kentucky LTAP, will demonstrate Kentucky's approach to identifying risk factors with limited roadway data, and Duane Campbell, Boyle County Kentucky, will provide a local perspective to utilizing the systemic process to identify roadway departure safety projects.

Khaled Ksaibati, Wyoming LTAP, will discuss the five-step process developed by the University of Wyoming, combining crash data and qualitative field observations to identify roadway departure systemic safety risks for development of the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Tribe roadway safety improvement program.

[Click here to register](#)

TRB Webinar: Transportation Experiences and Next Steps in the COVID-19 Pandemic

Date: June 16, 2020
Time: 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm ET
Cost: Free

The world is grappling with the containment of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) until a vaccine is developed. The webinar will discuss how planning, preparedness, and response can mitigate exposure and viral spread of infectious diseases among transportation customers and employees. Presenters will discuss their experiences on the ground. Even locations without reported cases can benefit from adapting workgroups, communication plans, and a long-term strategy to move forward.

[Click here to register](#)

Work Zone Safety Awareness for Road Departments

Date: June 16, 2020
Time: 8:00 am to 10:00 am ET
Cost: Free

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

There is NJ CPWM Credit!

Intended Audience: Individuals who are performing maintenance, construction, or traffic control on municipal roadways, including public works employees, and street superintendents.

[Click here to register](#)



Webinar - Systemic Approach: Risk Factors for Roadway Departure

Date: June 16, 2020
Time: 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm ET
Cost: Free

Rural roadway departures make up a third of U.S. traffic fatalities—about 30 people a day. The Every Day Counts round five (EDC-5) initiative, Focus on Reducing Rural Roadway Departures (FoRRRwD), features four Pillars: Addressing All Public Roads, Systemic Approach, Safety Action Plans, and Proven Countermeasures. This webinar focuses on the second pillar, the Systemic Approach.

State, local, and tribal agencies –discover how agencies have used different approaches to identify locations that are at high risk for roadway departure crashes in the future with varied levels of roadway data.

[Click here to register](#)

Webinar: Three Lessons to Facilitate Transforming Health and Safety Culture

Date: June 17, 2020
Time: 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm ET
Cost: Free
Organization: Center for Health and Safety Culture

Transforming culture in workplaces, schools, and communities to improve health and safety is a complex challenge. Jay Otto, Principal Scientist with the Center for Health and Safety Culture, will lead a webinar sharing three lessons the Center has learned over the past 20 years of working collaboratively to transform culture and address complex health- and safety-related issues like traffic safety, the misuse of substances, and violence (including child maltreatment). Understanding these lessons guides more effective communication, fosters greater engagement, and ultimately leads to greater effectiveness in addressing the complex, adaptive challenges of health and safety.

For more information about this training, click [here](#).
Link: <https://chsculture.org/outreach-events/webinars/>



ADA in Temporary Traffic Control Webinar Series

Date:	June 17, 2020	and	June 18, 2020
Time:	10:00 pm to 11:00 am ET		10:00 pm to 11:00 am ET
Cost:	Free		Free

Roadway construction and maintenance activities can temporarily close sidewalks and crosswalks. Similarly, utility work, sidewalk repairs, building construction, and other activities also affect sidewalks and crosswalks. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Public Rights-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG) state that when a pedestrian circulation path is temporarily closed, an alternate pedestrian access route complying with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) shall be provided. Requirements for pedestrian access will be reviewed in this session. Tools to minimize the impacts of construction, maintenance, and utility operations on pedestrians will be discussed, including phasing of construction, channelizing devices, detectable edging, temporary curb ramps, and effective signing/communication.

Wednesday, June 17, 2020

10:00 AM to 11:00 AM EDT

Registration:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2200770786588642575>

Thursday, June 18, 2020

10:00 AM to 11:00 AM EDT

Registration:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5459472562665768975>



Webinar: Talking TIM Webinar Series: June 2020

Date: June 24, 2020
Times: 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm ET
Cost: Free

State and local Traffic Incident Management (TIM) programs cover a broad range of maturity from emerging applications to those that are advanced. The Talking TIM Webinar Series seeks to provide a forum where TIM champions with any level of experience can exchange information about current practices, programs, and technologies. Each month, Talking TIM will highlight successful programs, identify best practices, and showcase technology that advances the profession. The June webinar schedule will be posted on the registration site soon.

[Click Here to register for the June Talking TIM Webinar](#)



Developing a UAS Program: From Startup to Additional Tasking

Date: June 25, 2020
Times: 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm ET
Cost: Free

As part of its ongoing Every Day Counts Round 5 (EDC-5) initiative, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is offering an interactive webinar to highlight how to start and build an Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) program for surface transportation agencies. The webinar will bring together transportation experts to showcase different options for starting a program, including use case that can provide a quick return on investment to offer the opportunity to expand a UAS program quickly.

<https://lick here to register>

Date: June 30, 2020
Time: 8:00 am to 10:00 am ET
Cost: Free

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

There is NJ CPWM Credit!

Intended Audience: Individuals who are performing maintenance, construction, or traffic control on municipal roadways, including public works employees, and street superintendents.

[Click here to register](#)

TRB Webinar: Forecasting Zero-Emission Vehicles Fleet Scenarios & Emissions Implications

Date: June 30, 2020
Time: 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm ET

How will future vehicle Zero-Emission Vehicles (ZEV) fleet scenarios affect emissions of criteria pollutants, mobile source air toxins, and greenhouse gases? This webinar will discuss research on future vehicle fleet scenarios' effect on emissions. Presenters will review literature and modeling analysis on U.S. ZEV adoption. The work provides insights encouraging the adoption of ZEVs such as electric or fuel cell vehicles with implications for state departments of transportation and metropolitan planning organizations seeking to make policy decisions to advance penetration of ZEVs into the light-duty vehicle fleet. Presenters will also discuss future research suggestions.

This webinar draws on research from [NCHRP Web-Only Document 274: Zero-Emission Vehicles: Forecasting Fleet Scenarios and their Emissions Implications](#).

Some registrants will need to pay \$95 to attend this webinar. Sign in to MyTRB.org to view registration information.

[Click here to register](#)

Date: July 1, 2020 and July 2, 2020
Time: 10:00 am ET to 11:30 am ET 10:00 am ET to 11:30 am ET
Cost: Free Free

With the 30th anniversary of the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), local governments must recognize their obligation to upgrade streets, sidewalks, and facilities for accessibility. ADA requires that public agencies perform self-evaluations and prepare transition plans. The plans were to have been completed by July 26, 1992, and be updated periodically. This webinar series examines the background to, contents of and enforcement of the self-evaluation and transition plan requirements. Several landmark court cases are highlighted. A case study is presented to illustrate these items. Participants will leave the webinar series with a “To Do” list of next steps they need to take and a toolkit of helpful resources.

Current criteria for accessible public rights-of-way, including the pedestrian access route, curb ramps and detectable warnings, accessible pedestrian signals, street furniture, on-street parking, and temporary traffic control requirements for pedestrians, are also reviewed in the webinar.

Wednesday, July 1, 2020

10:00 AM to 11:30 AM EDT

Registration: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7319435019512583179>

Thursday, July 2, 2020

10:00 AM to 11:30 AM EDT

Registration: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2738655173430357771>

FHWA Webinar Data Business Planning National Workshop

Date: July 8, 2020
Time: 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm ET
Cost: Free

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) developed a Data Business Plan Guide for Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), Departments of Transportation (DOTs), and regional agencies to assist them with organizing their mobility data – including addressing technology and institutional issues associated with sharing and integrating operations and planning data.

The Guide includes techniques to develop data partnerships and governance, address gaps, conduct capability maturity assessments, and get ready for regional data platforms. FHWA assisted three agencies in developing pilot Data Business Plans to address mobility data challenges. These are Hillsborough MPO, Maryland State DOT, and Mid America Regional Council (MARC). FHWA has also sponsored training and facilitated workshops for regional agencies interested in working on improving mobile data access and partnering. These agencies include The San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) and The Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC). A workshop is being planned for The Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council (GBNRTC).

This webinar will provide information about the Guide and features presentations from many of the agencies listed above, where they will share best practices and lessons learned in mobility data business planning and governance. The guide can be accessed [here](#).

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



Webinar Solving 5 Common Fleet Problems with a Triple Play Approach

Date: July 9, 2020
Times: 2:00 pm ET
Cost: Free



Ready to solve your fleet's problems? This webinar focuses on common problems in fleet management and how you can solve them with a triple play approach. Discover the innovative and integrated technology mix that helps you achieve your goals and see how long-term ROI in terms of fuel savings, driver safety, and vehicle upgrades.

In this webinar with Derive, you'll learn: How to solve common fleet problems, How to use today's technology to your advantage, How to future-proof your operations [Click here to register for this webinar](#)

Webinar - FoRRRwD on All Public Roads

Date: July 14, 2020
Times: 1:00 pm ET to 3:00 pm Et
Cost: Free

Limited information is out for this webinar; more information will be disseminated after it becomes available [Click here to register](#)

National Center for Rural Road Safety Webinar The Human Trafficking Tie to Transportation

Date: July 22, 2020
Time: 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm ET
Cost: Free

Human traffickers exploit legal systems within multiple business sectors for their profits. Traffickers are using resources within the transportation sector to move their victims. Transportation is also a way out for survivors. This webinar will feature research-based data, survivor-informed messaging, practical ways that you can identify potential incidents of human trafficking, what to do with what you observe safely, and how you can encourage others to join you in the fight to end modern-day slavery.

[Register here >>](#)

FHWA-FRA Joint Webinar: Innovative Technologies in Rail Crossing Safety

Date: July 29, 2020
Times: 2:00 pm ET
Cost: Free



Limited information is out for this webinar; more information will be disseminated after it becomes available [Click here to register](#)

Online Training Conferences

Conference: Virtual Traffic Safety Conference

Date: June 10-12, 2020
Location: Online
Organization: Texas A&M Transportation Institute
Cost: \$50

Join us for the 2020 Texas Traffic Safety Virtual Conference. This is the first time that we will be conducting the annual traffic safety conference online. Though we might be restricted to an online environment due to COVID-19, the pandemic won't keep us from meeting together to address traffic safety in Texas.

Sessions will focus on high priority safety issues and innovative solutions to #EndTheStreak of daily fatal crashes in Texas. We will discuss ways to support Texas' [new ambitious goal](#) of zero deaths per year on Texas roads. The agenda, interactive activities, and discussions will target engineering, enforcement, education and outreach, emergency responders, and community/stakeholder engagement. We'll also highlight information and strategies relevant to employers.

For more information about this conference, click [here](#).
Link: <https://groups.tti.tamu.edu/cts/2020-traffic-safety-conference/>

Conference: 2020 Virtual ITE Annual Meeting - Joint Western and Mountain Districts

Date: June 28 - July 1, 2020
Location: Online
Organization: Institute of Transportation Engineers, Western District, Mountain District

The Joint Western & Mountain Districts Annual Meeting has now transitioned to a virtual meeting on June 28-July 1, 2020. The plan includes one-hour, topic-driven sessions between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM (PST).

For more information about this conference, click [here](#).
Link: <https://www.westernite.org/annualmeeting/>



U.S. Department
of Transportation

USDOT Summit on Pedestrian Safety - Virtual Series

Date: July 16, 2020
Times: 12:00 noon ET to 2:00 pm Et
Cost: Free

Provide an opportunity to discuss pedestrian safety issues and consider what actions should be taken in the short term to improve pedestrian safety

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

Conference: Joint ITE International and Southern District Annual Meeting and Exhibition

Dates: August 4-6, 2020, August 11-13, 2020, August 18-20, 2020

Location: Online

Organization: Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE)

Join ITE this August for a highly educational online experience featuring access to [more than 30 technical sessions](#), thought leader perspectives on key topics such as equity in transportation and the utilization of big data/data analytics, [more than 65 exhibitors showcasing products and services](#) that help you serve your communities better. Also, you will be able to share insights with more than 40 poster presenters and take a deeper looker at transportation topics through eight two-hour workshops.

The program for the National Rural ITS Annual Conference will be integrated into this meeting with a track focusing specifically on topics relating to rural intelligent transportation systems.

Tuesday, August 4 - Thursday, August 6

Plenary and Technical Sessions, Poster Presentations

Tuesday, August 11 - Thursday, August 13

Plenary and Technical Sessions, Poster Presentations, and Workshops

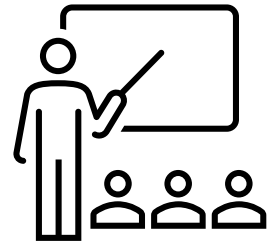
Tuesday, August 18 - Thursday, August 20

ITE Council and Committee Meetings

For more information about this conference, click [here](#).

Link: <https://www.ite.org/events-meetings/ite-virtual-annual-meeting-and-exhibition/>

Person to Person – Live Training Events



****Please check with the training provider to ensure that the scheduled classes are still taking place. All Police Academies were ordered closed by the Police Training Commission on March 20th, and the Governor closed all the universities in the state too.**



NJDHTS – NJTR-1 Crash Form Refresher



<u>Dates</u>	<u>Locations</u>
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 J. Farmer 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



Dates	Locations
June 17, 2020	Morris County Police Academy
June 30, 2020	Gloucester County Police
Time :	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, the class will explore UAS case studies, with emphasis place upon personal safety and awareness.

[Click here to go to the cait Rutgers training page 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., Sayreville
Times:	8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Cost:	Free

This four-day program is 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 for this class](#)



DCJ - Police Traffic RADAR Instructor Refresher Courses

Dates	Locations
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.

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 is in the appendix of this newsletter and the following link: [Click here to download the DCJ RADAR Instructor Refresher Registration Form](#)

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

ACTAR Test Prep class, Oct 5th

ACTAR Test, Oct 6th

New Jersey Traffic Safety Symposium 2020

Rescheduled

If you didn't get the email, the new date is all set for the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety & the AAA North Jersey Foundation for Safety 2020 Traffic Safety Symposium.

Date: Tuesday, October 27, 2020
Location: Ocean Place Resort
One Ocean Boulevard
Long Branch, New Jersey 07740
Times: 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Cost: Free



As more information becomes available, it will be posted on the association's website under the training section.



RUTGERS

Center for Advanced Infrastructure
and Transportation

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.



NJAAAR - "Back to Basics 2020" Training Seminar

Dates: ~~May 28 to 29, 2020~~
Location: Middlesex County Fire Academy
Cost: \$50 for members and \$100 for non-members

The New Jersey Association of Accident Reconstructionists will be holding a two-day training seminar again this year. NJAAAR website at www.njaar.org

Quote of the month

"I'm sorry, if you were right, I'd agree with you."

Ronix Willaims

**We have canceled the Person to Person
June meeting; it will be online!!**

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; 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.

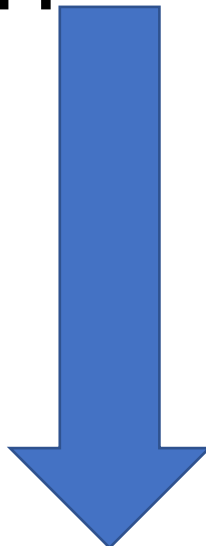
Newsletter Information

If any member would like to submit an article, information about events and training, or anything you want to spread the word about dealing with traffic safety, please email it to Rich Maxwell at rmaxwell@njptoa.org

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Appendix



**NJ Police Traffic Officers Association
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2020 MEMBERSHIP DUES INVOICE

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

DATE: 1/1/2020

SIGNED:

Sgt. Nicholas Schock

**Sgt. Nicholas Schock
President.**

*Copies of purchase orders can be mailed, faxed to 856-783-0012, or scanned and e-mailed to
MWILSON@NJPTOA.ORG*



Alcotest 7110 Use During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Intelligence Dissemination Report

New Jersey Regional Operations & Intelligence Center (ROIC), Crime Analysis Unit ~ ROIC202005-09269C

ROIC SIN: NJ-CRM-0200 (Targets/Vulnerabilities) / DHS SIN: HSEC 3.10 (Incidents)

27 May 2020

Key Finding

During the COVID-19 outbreak, certified Alcotest 7110 operators should conduct breath tests according to their training, with the following updated recommendations.

Recommendations

Operators **MUST** maintain control of the breath hose at all times; subjects should only touch the mouthpiece. Each subject receives a new disposable mouthpiece for each sample.

- Operators should handle the mouthpiece using the sealed bag, not touch it directly.
- Follow the CDC guidance regarding personal protective equipment (PPE) available [here](#).
- **COVID-19 Positive Subjects:**
 - Do not administer breath tests to COVID-19 positive or symptomatic subjects.
 - Charge the subject with DWI on observation alone or obtain a warrant or consent to obtain a blood test for the subject's blood alcohol content (BAC). When charging DWI based on observation only, complete a thorough, detailed report, as this will be the evidence in your case.
 - If a COVID-19 positive or symptomatic subject is in a motor vehicle crash involving death or serious bodily injury, and there is probable cause to believe the subject is impaired by alcohol/drugs, obtain a warrant or consent to obtain a blood sample.
 - Operators **MUST** clearly delineate blood samples from a COVID-19 positive subject on the evidential blood tubes and on the case history of the Evidence Receipt before submitting it to the NJSP Office of Forensic Sciences laboratory system.
 - After subjects who are COVID-19 positive or symptomatic deliver breath samples, quarantine the Alcotest for 28 days, allowing any live virus to die before its next use.
 - Operators **MUST** email NJSP Sgt. Kevin Alcott of the Alcohol/Drug Test Unit (Kevin.Alcott@njsp.org) and Deputy Attorney General Robyn Mitchell (mitchellr@njdcj.org) when a COVID-19 subject provides samples on the Alcotest.
- **Alcotest Processing Room Cleaning:**
 - Only certified operators should clean/disinfect the Alcotest.
 - Avoid wiping or cleaning any part of the Alcotest unapproved by the Alcotest Operator's Manual and the manufacturer's instructions, available [here](#).
 - Failing to follow the manufacturer's instructions could damage the instrument irreparably.
 - Common disinfectant fumes increase the likelihood of an ambient air fail or interferent detected.
 - Let all cleansers dry thoroughly and all fumes dissipate before using the Alcotest.
 - Wait at least 20 minutes after using hand sanitizer to operate the test.



Source: Law Enforcement Information

Source Reliability: Completely Reliable

Contributing Agency: New Jersey State Police

Dissemination: New Jersey Law Enforcement

Contact Information

Any agency with Alcotest-related questions should contact Lt. Thomas Snyder #5792 of the Alcohol Drug Testing Unit at (609) 947-6695 or Thomas.Snyder@njsp.org.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION NOTICE: This product contains LAW ENFORCEMENT SENSITIVE information for situational awareness; it does not establish probable cause to arrest or detain a subject. Recipients should not share any portion of this product outside the law enforcement community, such as the media, the public, or other personnel who do not have a valid need-to-know.

30 People will die today in a Rural Roadway Departure –
Let's save the people behind the numbers



FoRRRwD on All Public Roads - Systemic Approach: Risk Factors for Roadway Departure

An FHWA EDC-5 Webinar in collaboration with NLTAPA and the National Center for Rural Road Safety

June 16, 2020

1:00-3:00 pm ET/10:00 am-12:00 pm PT

Rural roadway departures make up a third of U.S. traffic fatalities—about 30 people a day. The Every Day Counts round five (EDC-5) initiative, Focus on Reducing Rural Roadway Departures (FoRRRwD), features four pillars: Addressing All Public Roads, Systemic Approach, Safety Action Plans, and Proven Countermeasures. This webinar focuses on the second pillar, the Systemic Approach.

State, local, and tribal agencies - come discover how agencies have used different approaches to identify locations that are at high risk for roadway departure crashes in the future with varied levels of roadway data.

Topics and Speakers to be covered include:

- **Data-rich example:** Laura Slusher, Indiana LTAP, will present how to complete a systemic analysis and Indiana's systemic safety approach for counties, and Craig Parks, Boone County Indiana, will provide an overview of their Local Road Safety Plan (LRSP) that was developed through this process and how they have implemented the LRSP to reduce roadway departure crashes.
- **Data-limited example:** Adam Kirk, Kentucky LTAP, will demonstrate Kentucky's approach to identifying risk factors with limited roadway data, and Duane Campbell, Boyle County Kentucky, will provide a local perspective to utilizing the systemic process to identify roadway departure safety projects.
- **Tribal example:** Khaled Ksaibati, Wyoming LTAP, will discuss the five-step process developed by the University of Wyoming, combining crash data and qualitative field observations to identify roadway departure systemic safety risks for development of the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Tribe roadway safety improvement program.

This webinar is free and open to anyone who is interested.

Registration: Participants must register in advance at

<https://collaboration.fhwa.dot.gov/dot/fhwa/WC/Lists/Seminars/DispForm.aspx?ID=2261>

Space is limited. Please register as soon as possible.

Please Note: Non-USDOT employees who have never participated in an FHWA webinar must create an account at <https://collaboration.fhwa.dot.gov/FBA/MembershipRequest.aspx> in order to register for this webinar.

****FHWA recommends using Microsoft Edge or Internet Explorer for optimal registration experience.****

Questions? Please do not hesitate to contact support contractor, Jennifer Symoun, [toXcel](mailto:jennifer.symoun@toxcel.com), jennifer.symoun@toxcel.com



Motor Vehicle Advisory

Philip D. Murphy
Governor

Sheila Y. Oliver
Lt. Governor

B. Sue Fulton
Chair and Chief Administrator

TO: All Law Enforcement Officials
FROM: B. Sue Fulton, Chair and Chief Administrator
DATE: May 18, 2020
SUBJECT: **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-04**

On May 6, 2020, Governor Philip D. Murphy extended, via Executive Order No. 138 (2020), the State of Emergency and Public Health Emergency with respect to the spread of Coronavirus disease 19 (COVID-19) in the State of New Jersey.

Today I have signed Administrative Order 2020-04, which hereby orders as follows:

1. The expiration date of any valid New Jersey basic (Class "D") driver license, basic driver permit, vehicle registration including any temporary registration certificate, vehicle inspection sticker, or Purple Heart/Disabled Veteran placard due for renewal between March 31, 2020 and July 31, 2020, is hereby extended as follows:
 - a. Expiration date March 31 extended to July 31, 2020
 - b. Expiration date April 30 extended to July 31, 2020
 - c. Expiration date May 31 extended to July 31, 2020
 - d. Expiration date June 30 extended to August 31, 2020
 - e. Expiration date July 31 extended to September 30, 2020
2. Any valid New Jersey commercial driver license ("CDL") or commercial learner permit ("CLP") due for renewal between March 1, 2020 and June 30, 2020 shall hereby expire on June 30, 2020. Expired nondomiciled CDLs are NOT extended.
3. Any Hazardous Materials Endorsement ("HAZMAT") due for renewal between March 1, 2020 and June 30, 2020 shall expire on June 30, 2020. HAZMAT endorsements that expired prior to March 1, 2020 are NOT extended.
4. For New Jersey registrants, all International Registration Plan ("IRP") registrations ("cab cards") that expire March 2020 through July 2020 are extended until July 31, 2020.
5. For commercial carriers/vehicles traveling through New Jersey for interstate relief efforts including transportation of supplies, medical equipment and similar materials that are necessary for preparing for, responding to, and mitigating the spread of COVID-19:
 - a. A temporary waiver of the IRP requirement that an out-of-state carrier apply for and obtain from the MVC a temporary registration credential known as a "Trip Permit" or "Temporary Authorization" in accordance with section N.J.A.C. 13:18-2.13 of the New Jersey regulations implementing and governing IRP. This temporary waiver shall remain in effect until July 31, 2020.
 - b. A temporary waiver of the International Fuel Tax Agreement ("IFTA") requirement that an out-of-state carrier apply for and obtain a licensing permit credential known as a "Trip Permit" in accordance with section N.J.A.C. 13:18-3.5 of the New Jersey regulations implementing and governing IFTA. This temporary waiver shall remain in effect until July 31, 2020.
6. Nothing in this Order shall be construed as reducing the fee required to be paid upon renewal of any basic or commercial driver license or vehicle registration.

Please carefully read the Administrative Order attached.

Thank You.

Attachment

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Philip D. Murphy
Governor

Sheila Y. Oliver
Lt. Governor

B. Sue Fulton
Chair and Chief Administrator

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-04

I, B. Sue Fulton, Chair and Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (“MVC”), as authorized pursuant to Executive Order No. 138 (2020), the Motor Vehicle Security and Customer Service Act, N.J.S.A. 39:2A-1, et seq., N.J.S.A. 29:2-3, N.J.S.A. 2A-21, N.J.S.A. 39:3-4, N.J.S.A. 39:3-10, N.J.S.A. 39:3-10f, N.J.S.A. 39:3-10.30, N.J.S.A. 39:4-207.10, N.J.A.C. 13:18-11.9, and for good cause shown, do hereby order as follows:

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Nothing in this Order shall be construed as restoring the driving or registration privilege of any person subject to an order of suspension or any suspension order imposed after the date of this Order.

Nothing in this Order shall be construed as permitting the operation of a motor vehicle without the automobile insurance required by law.

2. Any valid New Jersey commercial driver license (“CDL”) or commercial learner permit (“CLP”) due for renewal between March 1, 2020 and June 30, 2020 shall hereby expire on June 30, 2020. Expired nondomiciled CDLs are NOT extended.

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

Nothing in this Order shall be construed as restoring the commercial driving privilege of any person subject to an order of suspension or any suspension order imposed after the date of this Order.

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

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This order shall take effect May 18, 2020.



B. Sue Fulton
Chair and Chief Administrator

Date: May 18, 2020