

**New Jersey
Traffic Safety
Specialist (TSS)
Certification
Program
Level-1**

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New Jersey Traffic Safety Specialist Program

Program Description

The Traffic Safety Specialist (TSS) Program was first established in Maryland with funding provided by the Maryland Highway Safety Office to support the Maryland Strategic Highway Safety Plan. The TSS designation is a statewide consistent recognition of police officers who attained notable experience, education, training, and proficiency in Highway Safety and Traffic Enforcement methods and procedures. The Maryland program began in 2011 and was opened to police agencies that performed law enforcement duties. Designations were developed by a Criteria Selection Committee, in coordination with the Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commissions. The committee also includes representatives from the Maryland Police Chief's Association, the Maryland Sheriff's Association, and the Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commissions (MPCTC).

The New Jersey Traffic Safety Specialist (TSS) Program intends to promote highway safety among police officers, as well as provide a mechanism for support, acknowledgment, recognition, and prestige among officers who have achieved advanced levels of training proficiency. The New Jersey TSS Program consists of two levels of certification; **TSS Level-1** and **TSS Level-2**.

This certification program strives to motivate and recognize officers who have attained notable levels of proficiency in Traffic Safety. A long-term commitment to the program is required to achieve this recognition of highway safety efforts. This designation is not considered an advanced rank, nor does it qualify for an increase in pay compensation, but has been recognized as a testament to an officer's expanded level of training and experience in the traffic safety field.

This elective program was piloted through the Ocean County Police Traffic Officers Association in February 2016. Kean University staff, on behalf of the Division of Highway Traffic Safety, will continue to implement the successfully proven Maryland Traffic Safety Specialist Program Model here in New Jersey.

TSS Program Requirements

The TSS Program is open to all Active Law enforcement officers in recognition of extraordinary achievement, while promoting traffic safety on New Jersey roadways. Eligibility involves officers enrolling in the program and submitting documentation materials required for specific TSS Designation Levels that are being pursued.

Applicants must:

1. Be an actively-employed, sworn officer in "good standing" by any New Jersey law enforcement agency
2. Complete New Jersey police academy officer certification
3. Submit the appropriate TSS documentation forms (e.g. course list, certificates of completion, and course syllabus)
4. Ensure that TSS Verification forms are signed by an agency supervisor or designate
5. Ensure that all TSS documentation forms are submitted by the appropriate quarterly Deadline

1st Quarter
March 31

2nd Quarter
June 30

3rd Quarter
September 30

4th Quarter
December 31

Traffic Safety Specialist Level I Requirements

The TSS program requires documentation of experience levels, training, job performance, and skill proficiency as a traffic officer. The first phase enables officers to be recognized for specialized training beyond the academy. **Level-1** requirements include three years of independent patrol/traffic experience, speed detection device certification, standard field sobriety certification, and 30 points of earned electives. One elective point is also awarded for each year (up to three points) of documented military experience.

Points are also awarded for documented college experience. Points are awarded as follows by degree type:

Associate = (1) pts.

Bachelors = (2)

Masters = (3) pts.

Applicants may also obtain up to seven points for traffic safety awards received from a Law Enforcement Agency, Traffic Safety Organizations, and/or Advocacy Groups such as MADD and SADD, during their employment.

New Jersey TSS Review Committee

The New Jersey Traffic Safety Specialist Program Review Committee is made up of a cross section of representatives of various traffic safety related organizations from across the state. The initial committee was tasked with developing the program, while the current committee is responsible for an ongoing review and updating of the program. The committee meets at a minimum of once a year to review the status of the program.

New Jersey TSS Review Committee Members

- Christopher Dudzik: TSS Program Chairperson, Kean University
- Chief Antonio Ellis: Manchester Twp. Police Department, President NJPTOA
- Michael O'Hara: Manchester Twp. Police Department, Executive Director NJPTOA
- Michael Tullio: TSS Program Coordinator, Kean University
- Technical Advisor: Kean University Criminal Justice Department

Traffic Safety Specialist Designation

Categories	Level-1	Level-2
Patrol Experience	3 Years	6 Years
TSS Level Designation	n/a	Level-1
Certifications	Speed Detection Device and Field Sobriety Test Certification	One or more: Crash Reconstruction, DRE Recognition, Practical Traffic Engineering for Police Officers, ACTAR Certification, or other approved Instructor Certifications
Elective Options* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Military (3 points) • Post-Secondary (3 points) • Traffic Awards (7 points) 	30 points	Additional 30 points (Cannot be repeated from TSS-1)
Written Reports	n/a	Traffic Study Written Report Participant Level

Over 90 existing courses are currently available in nine designated areas at county-based police academies. Several nationally sponsored programs (i.e. FBI, IPTM, and NIMS) are held in New Jersey and sponsored by the NJSP. One full point is awarded for each eight hours of training, one half point is awarded to courses that are four hours in duration. Maximum credit of 10 points will be received for 80-hour training programs.



New Jersey Traffic Safety Specialist (TSS) Level-1 Designation Application

1. Fill out the application pages 4-10 **completely**.
 - a. Fill in boxes on pages 5-8 — include codes from course list document.
 - b. If you run out of space, submit additional courses on a separate PDF sheet.
 - c. Scan all certificates, letters, diplomas, and awards and attach to TSS-1 application.
2. Print your name and sign the signature page.
3. Have your Police Chief/Director/Administrator sign the signature page.
4. Scan and email the application to Mike Tullio, the TSS Coordinator: mtullio@kean.edu

First and Last Name _____ Rank: _____

Agency: _____ Length of Service: _____ Yrs.

Address: _____

Email _____ Phone: _____

Category 1: Uniform Patrol/Traffic Safety Division Experience

I have completed at least three years of Uniform Patrol/Traffic Safety Division Experience

Category 2: Speed Detection Device Certification

I am certified in Speed Detection Device Operation and have included a copy of the certificate/card with this application

Category 3: Standardized Field Sobriety Testing Certification

I am certified in Standardized Field Sobriety Testing and have included a copy of the certificate/card with this application

Category 4A: TSS Elective Courses

(See TSS Course List for course number, hours, and elective point credit that range from ½ point to 10 points per course.) If course is not on TSS Elective Course List, provide title, sponsoring agency, hours, and date attended).

I have successfully completed courses on the following dates;

Course # and Title	
PT	Date(s) Attended
Course # and Title	
PT	Date(s) Attended
Course # and Title	
PT	Date(s) Attended
Course # and Title	
PT	Date(s) Attended
Course # and Title	
PT	Date(s) Attended

Course # and Title [Redacted]
[Redacted]

PT [Redacted] Date(s) Attended [Redacted]

Course # and Title [Redacted]
[Redacted]

PT [Redacted] Date(s) Attended [Redacted]

Course # and Title [Redacted]
[Redacted]

PT [Redacted] Date(s) Attended [Redacted]

Course # and Title [Redacted]
[Redacted]

PT [Redacted] Date(s) Attended [Redacted]

Course # and Title [Redacted]
[Redacted]

PT [Redacted] Date(s) Attended [Redacted]

Course # and Title [Redacted]
[Redacted]

PT [Redacted] Date(s) Attended [Redacted]

Course # and Title

PT

Date(s) Attended

Total Course Points Total Classroom Hours

Category 4B: Military Service (Up to 3 points of elective credits)

One point per year of service is earned upon examination of the submitted discharge document. List your service record below.

Branch: Years of Service:

Military Service Completion Date:

Total Points for Military Service

Category 4C: Post-Secondary Education Degree Credit (Up to 3 points of elective credits are awarded that cannot be used in Level 2). In order to receive credit, a diploma copy or college transcript with graduation date must accompany the submission.

Education Degree (Check one)

Documentation (Check one)

Associate of Arts,
Major , Date

Diploma Transcript

Bachelors,
Major , Date

Diploma Transcript

Masters,
Major , Date

Diploma Transcript

Total Points for Education

Category 4D: Traffic Safety Awards (A maximum of one award per type, earned within the last 5 years, may be submitted for up to seven TSS elective credits.) In order to receive credit, a copy of each award document must accompany the application.

Award Types (Check all that apply-maximum of one award per type)

DUI Enforcement Year Awarded Points: 1

Occupant Protection Year Awarded Points: 1

Local Traffic Safety Award Year Awarded Points: 1

<input type="text"/>	State Traffic Safety Award	Year Awarded <input type="text"/>	Points: 2
<input type="text"/>	National Traffic Safety Award	Year Awarded <input type="text"/>	Points: 2
Total Points for 4b,4c,4d			<input type="text"/>
Approved TSS course pts			<input type="text"/>
TSS-1 Grand Total Points			<input type="text"/>

Traffic Safety Specialist Level 1 Signature Page
(Submit with completed TSS-1 Online Application)

Applicant Name and Title (*please print*)

Date Hired

I certify that content of my New Jersey Traffic Safety Specialist, Level 1 online application is accurate and has been properly documented.

Applicant Signature _____ Date
 Agency Address

Police Chief/Director/ Administrator Verification
(Signature Required)

I certify that the above information is accurate.

Name

Phone

Email

Signature _____ Date