

# NEW JERSEY POLICE TRAFFIC OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION



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## **Monthly Business Meeting ONLINE**

**Important Notice** – The Person to Person **May** meeting at AAA is canceled due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

We will be holding a virtual meeting online on Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 am. An email will be sent out next week with the details. Make sure that you are on the website's email list; if not, you can sign up on the bottom of the home page.

## **President's Message**

First, I hope all of you and your families are staying safe and healthy during these times. As the COVID-19 crisis continues, its effect can be directly felt in the law enforcement and traffic communities. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of those who have been directly impacted by the virus. As we continue to navigate through uncertain times, the NJPTOA will continue to attempt to provide you with the most up-to-date information on our website and through emails.

On April 29, we held an Executive Board meeting via Zoom. Meeting on a virtual platform was a success. The association has not met since March 4<sup>th</sup>. The May meeting has been canceled, and the Expo in Atlantic City has also been postponed. Therefore, on the day of our regular business meeting, May 6, 2020, at 1000 hours, we will be hosting the NJPTOA regular business meeting on Zoom. More information on how to join will be sent out via email the week of May 4. While meeting virtually may have its challenges, I feel we can still get together and share valuable information during this time.

Stay safe; hope to see you online on the 6<sup>th</sup>.  
Nick

## **[WWW.NJPTOA.ORG](http://WWW.NJPTOA.ORG) & COVID-19**

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

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## Association News 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.

About 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](mailto:MWILSON@NJPTOA.ORG)

## **Murphy Administration Deploys Essential Equipment to Help Meet Need for N95 Respirators**

04/30/2020

### ***Battelle Critical Care Decontamination System Available for Free Use Statewide to Clean, Preserve PPE***

The Murphy Administration announced on April 30<sup>th</sup> that the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management, with the assistance of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and The Defense Logistics Agency, has secured the Battelle Critical Care Decontamination System (CCDS) to assist healthcare providers, first responders, and other agencies in decontaminating and preserving critically needed N95 respirators at no charge to the sending agencies.

“Safe personal protective equipment is critical in protecting our front-line health care workers and first responders,” **said Governor Murphy**. “Thanks to the prudent planning our Coronavirus Task Force, we were able to secure this decontamination system early, which will help preserve our existing personal protective equipment supply and enhance New Jersey’s response effort.”

The Battelle CCDS, which has been authorized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, helps address the current shortage of critical Personal Protective Equipment across the country. The system is designed to work on N95 respirators to decontaminate biological contaminants, including novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2), making them available for reuse by health care workers and first responders. The Battelle CCDS is centrally located in Edison (Middlesex County) and can service the entire state.

“In addition to securing an adequate supply, clean and safe Personal Protective Equipment is essential to protect our healthcare workers, first responders and others engaged in fighting COVID-19,” **said New Jersey Department of Health Commissioner Judith Persichilli**. “Health care providers and agencies throughout the state can utilize this system at no cost and help protect their limited resources.”

The Battelle system can decontaminate up to 80,000 N95 respirators a day. By using the system, each N95 respirator can be decontaminated up to 20 times and still maintain acceptable filtration performance.

Battelle representatives will coordinate the enrollment and decontamination process for interested agencies. Agencies that require additional information or wish to enroll in the program can complete the form at: <https://www.battelle.org/inquiry/offerings-and-services/covid-response>.

For more information on this system, visit:

<https://www.battelle.org/inb/battelle-critical-care-decontamination-system-for-covid19>

## National Police Week Updates

May 10<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>



Because of the COVID-19 Pandemic, many events during Police Week are being canceled or postponed.

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15<sup>th</sup> as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as Police Week. Traditionally, tens of thousands of law enforcement officers from around the world converge on Washington, DC, to honor those that have paid the ultimate sacrifice. [Click here to go to the Police Week website.](#)

## Virtual Candlelight Vigil May 13<sup>th</sup>

On May 13, 2020, the National Law Enforcement Memorial and Museum will host a virtual Candlelight Vigil honoring our country's fallen officers. Viewers will be able to watch from anywhere in the world as celebrities, U.S. officials, and law enforcement leaders pay tribute to the 307 officers whose names will be added to the Memorial wall. [Click here to register to watch the Candlelight Vigil](#)

## New Jersey Law Enforcement Memorial Service

The 36th Annual New Jersey Law Enforcement Memorial Service has been canceled, which was scheduled for Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, in Ocean Grove. The NJ State Association of Chiefs of Police and the NJ Police Chiefs Foundation are currently working on alternative plans to honor the NJ Law Enforcement Officers who lost their lives in the line of duty this past year, as well as those who made the ultimate sacrifice over the past 150+ years.



Please keep the following Officers, families, and agencies in your thoughts and prayers as they are remembered this year:

Sergeant Bryan McCoy  
New Jersey State Police  
EOW: April 6, 2019

Officer Mark J. Meier  
Port Authority of NY/NJ Police Dept  
EOW: July 31, 2017

Officer William J. Leahy  
Port Authority of NY/NJ Police Dept  
EOW: June 6, 2019

Sergeant Vincent J. Oliva  
Port Authority of NY/NJ Police Dept  
EOW: November 27, 2013

Detective April E. Bird  
Asbury Park Police Dept  
EOW: August 5, 2019

Officer Paul D. Pallas  
Port Authority of NY/NJ Police Dept  
EOW: March 14, 2011

Detective Joseph Seals  
Jersey City Police Dept  
EOW: December 10, 2019

### NJ Supreme Court Omnibus Order of April 24<sup>th</sup>

<https://www.njcourts.gov/pressrel/2020/pr042420a.pdf?c=dpF>

Supreme Court Order Resumes Some Court Operations, Extends Suspension of Others

On April 24<sup>th</sup> - the New Jersey Supreme Court issued an omnibus order resuming the operations of some courts and extending the deadline for other court sessions and activities.

- The order extends to May 31<sup>st</sup>, the suspension of jury trials, landlord/tenant trials, and grand jury proceedings.
- Civil arbitration and matrimonial early settlement panels will resume on April 27.
- Civil commitment hearings have already resumed and will continue.
- Municipal court sessions will resume on May 11 by video or phone where possible; with the consent of the parties, municipal court sessions can resume on April 27.
- The filing of notices of tort claims and the depositions or appearances of doctors, nurses, and healthcare workers are also suspended through May 31.
- Foreclosure motions or judgments received after March 1 will not be reviewed or recommended until further notice. The suspension of the evictions of residential tenants continues.

Since March 16<sup>th</sup>, when the Judiciary began working remotely because of COVID19, New Jersey courts have conducted more than 12,000 court events – including hearings on motions, settlement and status conferences, arraignments, detention hearings, and municipal appeals – with more than 80,000 participants.

The NJ Administrative Director of Courts has promulgated a notice to the bar that sets forth the plan to reopen the courts using available technology. Municipal Courts will start to open on May 11<sup>th</sup> by utilizing video and phone technology.

[Click here to download the AOC April 24<sup>th</sup> notice along with the NJ Supreme Court Omnibus Order of April 24<sup>th</sup>.](#)

### NJ Supreme Court Omnibus Order of April 24<sup>th</sup>

The Supreme Court has issued comprehensive updated guidance regarding remote proceedings in the trial courts during the COVID-19 pandemic. Most Proceedings to Continue Using Remote Options - Consent Required Only for Certain Matters The Order reinforces that most court events that can

Click the below address for a copy of the Court's April 20, 2020 Order:

<https://njcourts.gov/notices/2020/n200420a.pdf?c=wa1>

## NJ AOC Directive #10-20 - Process for Search Warrants and Communications Data Warrants in Response to COVID-19

The NJ Administrative Director of Courts has promulgated a directive to comply with the NJ Supreme Court's order dealing with the application for search warrants during the COVID-19 pandemic. Below is an excerpt from the directive.

To effectuate the Court's order, search warrants and communications data warrants shall be processed as follows, until further order:

1. Applications submitted electronically to a Superior Court judge must include certification in lieu of oath completed by the applicant in accordance with Rule 1:4-4(b).
2. Law enforcement officers and prosecutors submitting applications electronically to the judge shall encrypt the email in accordance with procedures promulgated by the Administrative Director of the Courts.
3. Any revisions to the application deemed necessary by the judge shall be incorporated into the application.
4. If the judge decides to authorize the issuance of the warrant, an electronic authorization may be sent by encrypted email to the applicant, with instructions to the applicant to affix the judge's electronic signature to the warrant.
5. The judge's email authorization shall be retained by the appropriate county prosecutor for discovery purposes.
6. For communications data warrants, arrangements should be made locally to assign the appropriate number.
7. Law enforcement shall be responsible for delivering the return to the county prosecutor in the issuing county.
8. The county prosecutor in the issuing county shall be responsible for: (a) retaining the executed search warrant, any inventory, and any other accompanying documents, (b) complying with any request for a copy of the inventory as authorized by Rule 3:5-5(a), and (3) providing all search warrant information to the defendant as part of discovery pursuant to Rule 3: 13-3.

In those vicinages in which Assignment Judges have authorized Municipal Court judges to hear search warrant applications, effective immediately and until further order only Superior Court Judges should handle such applications. This will continue as long as the protocol set forth in this memorandum is operational. **This change does not affect the handling of blood-draw search warrants by Municipal Court judges.** Since blood-draw search warrants are handled telephonically and do not involve a direct appearance by law enforcement before the judge, that process will continue with no change.

<https://njcourts.gov/notices/2020/n200401b.pdf?c=6s2>

[Click here to read/download the full Directive and Supreme Court Order](#)

## NJ AOC Directive #11-20

**Supreme Court Guidelines on Media Access and Electronic Devices in the Courts**

<https://njcourts.gov/notices/2020/n200427a.pdf>

## NJ AOC Directive #12-20

**Principles and Protocols for Virtual Court Operations During the COVID-19 Coronavirus Pandemic-**

- (1) Methods of Conducting Remote Court Events;
- (2) Access to the Public Records; and
- (3) Posting of Events Guidance

<https://njcourts.gov/notices/2020/n200427b.pdf>

### **NJMVC Facilities to Remain Closed Until at Least May 11th**

#### ***Headquarters & Online Services to Continue Operations***

New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission Chief Administrator Sue Fulton announced on April 23<sup>rd</sup> that all agency, road testing, and inspections facilities will remain closed until at least Monday, May 11. The closures are part of the Murphy Administration's ongoing efforts to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

In addition to expanding [online services](#), the Commission is continuing essential operations, including measures to support commercial trucking to keep the supply chain moving during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Most renewals of driver licenses, non-driver IDs, and registrations – including, for the first time, some commercial registrations – can be processed online at [NJMVC.gov](#). Customers can change their address, pay fees, and other services online as well.

Drivers with suspended licenses can seek to get licenses restored, if they are eligible, using email instead of phone or in-person interactions. Drivers who believe they are eligible for restoration should email [suspension.info@mvc.nj.gov](mailto:suspension.info@mvc.nj.gov).

“As Governor Murphy reminds us, public gatherings represent a threat to all of us, as New Jersey works to flatten the curve in this global pandemic,” Fulton said. “The volume of customers that typically visit our agencies would risk the health of our customers and employees alike. We will continue to strive to make as many services available online as possible.”

Working with Governor Murphy, Chief Administrator Fulton ordered the initial closure of agencies and inspection stations from March 16 until March 30 and followed that with two-week extensions until April 27. Expiration dates for driver licenses (including CDLs), registrations, inspection stickers, and temporary tags were extended by two months on March 13.

Customers should check [NJMVC.gov](#) for the latest information and updates.  
[Click here to view/download NJMVC's COVID-19 Information Sheet.](#)



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



### All Crash Investigation Classes Through the End of May are Postponed/ Canceled

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

- Advanced Crash Investigation, Morris County Police Academy, May 4 to 15, 2020
- Basic Crash Investigation, Burlington County Emergency Services Training Center, May 4 to 15, 2020
- Basic Crash Investigation, Stockton State University, May 11 to 22, 2020
- Advanced Crash Investigation, Gloucester Police Academy, May 11 to 22, 2020

Check [www.njsaferoads.com](http://www.njsaferoads.com) for updates once they become available.

### 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.

## Updates from the New Jersey State Police

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

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

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





## Fatal Accident Investigation Unit

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

Below is fatal crash data for the state as of 10:00 am, April 30, 20120

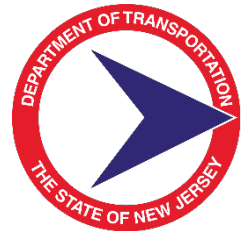
<i>Fatal Crashes</i>			<i>Fatalities</i>	
2020	134		2020	141
2019	147		2019	160
2018	148		2018	162

Difference in Fatalities from 2019 to 2020 = decrease of 19  
Percentage of change between 2019 and 2020 = - 11.9%

Difference in Fatalities from 2018 to 2019 = decrease of 2  
Percentage of change between 2018 and 2019 = - 1.2%

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

## [Updates from the New Jersey Department of Transportation](#)



### **Murphy Administration Announces \$47.3 Million in Local Bridge Fund Grants**

***Each county to receive \$1 million-plus additional funds based on the deck area***

The New Jersey Department of Transportation announced on April 4<sup>th</sup> that 41 Local Bridge Fund grants totaling \$47.3 million would be available in FY 2020 to help counties maintain local bridges in a state of good repair.

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



## Mailing NJTR-1 Reports?

### Non-Fatal Crashes

As a reminder, all non-fatal reportable crash reports (NJTR-1) need only to be mailed to the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) at the address below, within five days following State Statute Title 39. Do not mail them to the Motor Vehicle Commission or State Police.

New Jersey Department of Transportation  
1035 Parkway Avenue  
P.O.Box 600  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0600

Phone: 609.530.3474  
Fax: 609.530.3496

Attention: Bureau of Transportation Data and Safety Crash Records Unit

### Fatal Crashes

When investigating a Fatal Crash, local and county police agencies must notify the NJ State Police Fatal Accident Investigation Unit by one of the following methods: using the NCIC2000 system, NLETS message, by fax, or by telephone within 24 hours of the fatal crash occurring. Refer to NJSA 39:5-30.d A.

In addition to the initial notification, a copy of the NJTR-1 Crash Report must be mailed or faxed to the following three agencies within 72 hours of the crash occurring, even if the report is not complete;

1. Motor Vehicle Commission, Fatal Unit
2. NJDOT, Crash Records Unit
3. NJSP, Fatal Accident Investigation Unit

Motor Vehicle Commission  
Fatal Unit  
225 East State Street  
PO Box 173  
Trenton NJ 08666

Phone 609-292-8018  
Fax 609-341-3373

New Jersey DOT  
1035 Parkway Avenue  
CN 600  
Trenton NJ 08625  
Attn: Bureau of Transportation Data and Safety  
Crash Records Unit

Phone 609-530-3474  
Fax 609-530-3496

NJSP – Division Headquarters  
Fatal Accident Investigation Unit  
PO Box 7068  
West Trenton 08628

Phone 609-882-2000 Ext 2038  
Fax 609-883-0237

The New Jersey Self-Reporting Crash form (SR-1) is used to report a crash that **was not** investigated by the police and it is the **only** form that can be used for this purpose.

- [New Jersey Self-Reporting Crash form \(SR-1\)](#)

The New Jersey Police Crash Investigation Report forms (NJTR-1) listed below are for **information only and cannot be used to report a crash.**

- **Year 2017**
  - [NJTR-1 Overlays](#) (pdf 1m)
  - [NJTR-1 Form](#) (pdf 1.2m)
  - Note: [Submit a request for Non-Void](#)
  - [NJTR-1A Crash Description](#) Form (pdf 536k)
  - Note: [Submit a request for Non-Void](#)
  - [NJTR-1B Crash Diagram Form](#) (pdf 553k)
  - Note: [Submit a request for Non-Void](#)
  - [NJTR-1M Multi-Occupant Form](#) (pdf 545k)
  - Note: [Submit a request for Non-Void](#)
  - [NJTR-1 Bus Layout Form](#) (pdf 276k)
  - [NJTR-1 School Bus Layout Form](#) (pdf 125k)



## Updates from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration



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



### Postponement of NHTSA Traffic Safety Campaigns

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, NHTSA has canceled some of the upcoming traffic safety campaigns. NHTSA recognizes that States, law enforcement, and first responders are working tirelessly to respond to the current public health emergency. For States and Law Enforcement to prioritize public health, NHTSA is postponing the Distracted Driving, Heatstroke Awareness, and Click It or Ticket enforcement campaigns.

**The following enforcement campaign is canceled:**

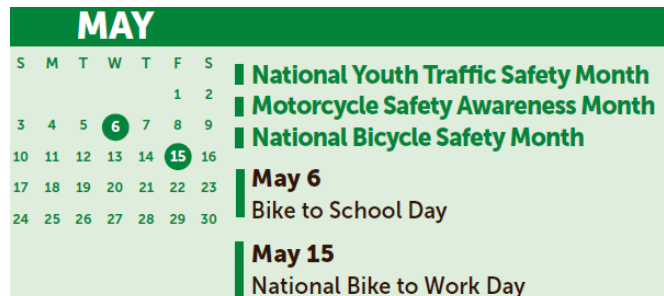
The National Seat Belt Enforcement Mobilization, May 11-31, 2020

### Updated Resources from Traffic Safety Marketing

In response to the current situation, TSI has amended the 2020 NHTSA Communications Calendar and the paid media campaign placements resource document.

[View the Updated 2020 NHTSA Communications Calendar](#)

[Read the Updated Paid Media Campaign Placements Resource Document](#)



### Analysis of SHRP2 Speeding Data: Methods Used to Conduct the Research

Released by the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

### NHTSA, EPA Roll Out Final Fuel Economy Rule

AASHTO Journal

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency released the Safer Affordable Fuel-Efficient, or SAFE Vehicles Rule on March 31<sup>st</sup> – establishing corporate average fuel economy or CAFÉ standards as well as setting carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emission standards for the model year 2021 through 2026 passenger cars and light trucks. [Click here to read the article](#)

## 4<sup>th</sup> of July Impaired Driving Prevention Campaign



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.

- 4th of July impaired driving prevention campaign "[Welcome Letter](#)" from James Owens, NHTSA Deputy Administrator.
- Over the 4th of July holiday period in 2018 (July 3 to July 5):
- One hundred ninety-three people died in motor vehicle traffic crashes. 40% (78) of these fatalities occurred in alcohol-impaired crashes.
- 71% of these alcohol-impaired fatalities involved at least one driver or motorcyclist with a BAC of .15 or higher.

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)

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

**buzzed**  
driving is  
**drunk**  
driving

## 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.

## Updates from the US Department of Transportation Agencies



## Updates from the Federal Highway Administration



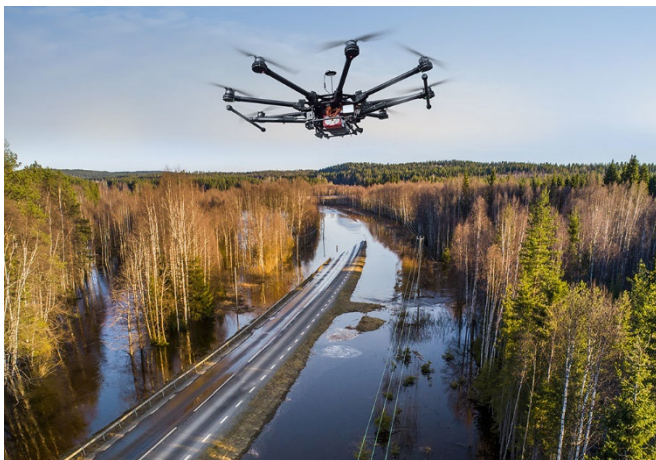
### Unmanned Aerial Systems

Unmanned aerial systems (UAS), or drones, are multi-use aircraft controlled from a licensed operator on the ground. UAS are used by transportation agencies around the country to enhance many aspects of highway transportation operations—replacing boots on the ground, increasing accuracy, speeding up data collection, and providing access to hard-to-reach locations.

Agencies use UAS to produce a high-quality survey and data mapping, provide support for emergency response events, supplement labor-intensive activities such as bridge safety and construction inspections, and more. UAS allows States to obtain quality data to make better-informed decisions, all collected from a relatively low-cost platform. In short, the UAS business cases are revolutionizing the transportation industry.

Benefits:

- **Safety.** Keeping workers out of harm's way is a significant benefit of UAS. Traditional inspection methods can require setting up temporary work zones, detouring traffic, and using heavy equipment.
- **Accelerated Construction.** UAS technology can accelerate the rate of data collection operations, such as survey or aerial photography, and facilitate exact quantity calculation and efficient payment to contractors. UAS can be used for routine inspections, such as flying a programmed path over silt fencing after a rain event to check for sediment buildup, and high-risk inspections, such as crane or falsework construction.
- **Asset Maintenance.** The ability to routinely and consistently map terrain offers the potential for isolating problem areas before an emergency occurs, which can save lives and reduce costs for asset maintenance. In an emergency event, UAS technology can quickly and inexpensively survey the damage, allowing for better-informed and efficient recovery operations.



Unmanned Aerial Systems can fly over areas that would otherwise be difficult or impossible to reach, such as this section of flooded roadway. (FHWA photo)

## EDC Outtakes – Unmanned Aerial Systems

In EDC Outtakes—a series of short interview videos—State practitioners and FHWA personnel give insight into the current round of EDC innovations. In our [latest edition](#), Robin Murphy, Director for the Texas A&M University Robot-Assisted Rescue Center, discusses several benefits of using [unmanned aerial systems](#), including some specific cost savings agencies have seen.

## EDC-5 Progress Report Available

The [Every Day Counts Round 5 Progress Report #2](#) is now available. This report describes the ten technologies and practices FHWA is promoting in EDC-5 and summarizes the deployment status of each innovation as of December 2019 and each innovation's goal for adoption by the end of 2020.

[Click here to download the report](#)

## About EDC

[Every Day Counts](#), a state-based initiative of the Federal Highway Administration's Center for Accelerating Innovation, works with state, local, and private sector partners to encourage the adoption of proven technologies and innovations to shorten and enhance project delivery.

## Updates from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration



## FMCSA wants to make it simpler for states to ban drug and alcohol violators

Fleet Owner

Regulators want to formally prohibit state driver licensing agencies from issuing, renewing, upgrading, or transferring a CDL for drivers with substance abuse violations, according to a filing in the Federal Register.

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

## FMCSA Reviewing Seizure Policy

tnews

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration is reviewing the agency's current seizure medical policy to possibly eliminate a requirement that truck drivers with the condition request a special exemption from the agency.

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

## **FMCSA Distributes 1 Million Masks to Truckers**

Transport Topic

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration is distributing 1 million protective masks to commercial truck drivers to enhance safety during the coronavirus pandemic.

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

## **FMCSA Adds More Locations for Distributing Masks to Truckers**

Land Line

More locations will receive masks to distribute to truck drivers, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration confirmed over the weekend.

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

## **FMCSA Working Toward Administering Tests to Truck Drivers**

Land Line

The FMCSA is working on a plan to administer COVID-19 testing to truck drivers, the agency's acting administrator said at its Medical Review Board meeting on Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>.

In response to a question from the Medical Review Board's Dr. Brian Morris, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Acting Administrator Jim Mullen said the agency is working with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Department of Homeland Security on a plan to test truck drivers at high-volume rest areas across the nation.

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

## **Updates from the Federal Railroad Administration**



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

## **Operation Lifesaver, FRA Award Grants to Rail-Safety Education Programs**

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Operation Lifesaver Inc., in partnership with the Federal Railroad Administration, announced in April the award of \$200,525 in grants to 15 state Operation Lifesaver programs to be used for grade crossing and trespass prevention public education programs. Individual state grant awards range from \$4,500 to \$20,000, which are to go for public education campaigns, New Jersey is one of the states that will receive an award.

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

## For the First Time in 15 Years, Grade Crossing Safety Gains a Hearing

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For the first time in 15 years, the [House Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials](#) held a hearing to address grade crossing safety.

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

## Rail Regulators Intensify Push to Advance Grade Crossing Safety

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Grade crossing incidents and illegal trespassing on rail property continue to account for about 95 percent of all U.S. rail-related fatalities each year, according to the [Federal Railroad Administration](#). Sadly, most of those incidents are preventable.

[Click here to read the feature »](#)

## Updates from New Jersey Transit



### NJ Transit natural gas plant in Kearny gets green light

NJ.com

NJ Transit is moving forward with the construction of a natural gas power plant in Kearny after the project passed an environmental review in April.

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

## Updates from the Federal Aviation Administration



### FAA Fact Sheet – The UAS Integration Pilot Program

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) recognizes that unmanned aircraft systems –“UAS,” or more popularly, “drones”— are the fastest-growing segment of aviation. In the United States, people are flying these aircraft for fun or are performing commercial operations. Drones enable people to go to places and do things that might otherwise be dangerous, and they often save money and time. The FAA is dedicated to safely and fully integrating this innovative technology into America’s national airspace. The agency and its government and industry partners have two key initiatives underway that will help make the routine use of drones a reality.

[Click here to read the full faa fact sheet](#)



## **FAA Lacks Sufficient Security Controls and Contingency Planning for Its DroneZone System**

***A report released by the U.S. Department of Transportation Office of the Inspector General on the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration's DroneZone System***

In 2012, Congress directed the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to develop a plan for the safe integration of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), also known as drones, into the National Airspace System. As part of its integration and oversight of UAS, the FAA compiles data in its UAS registration service, known as FAA DroneZone, as well as in its Low Altitude Authorization and Notification Capability (LAANC), an automated system that authorizes registered UAS users to fly their drones near airports.

Both DroneZone and LAANC are cloud-based systems that contain sensitive data provided by the general public, including personally identifiable information (PII). The audit was initiated to determine whether FAA's UAS registration system has the proper security controls and recovery procedures in place. The audit objectives were to:

- (1) Assess the effectiveness of FAA's UAS registration system security controls, including controls to protect PII, and
- (2) Determine whether FAA's contingency planning limits the effects caused by the loss of DroneZone during disruptions of service.

It was found that the FAA has not effectively ensured that DroneZone and LAANC have adequate security, including privacy controls. Also, the FAA's inadequate monitoring of security controls and the use of unauthorized cloud systems increases the risk of the systems being compromised.

Furthermore, the FAA could not demonstrate that 24 of 26 privacy controls were assessed to protect 1.5 million DroneZone users. The report lists several recommendations to the FAA to improve the security of the DroneZone and LAANC systems and privacy of user information.

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

## **Attorney General Barr Issues Guidance to Protect Facilities from Unmanned Aircraft and Unmanned Aircraft Systems**

On April 13<sup>th</sup>, US Attorney General William Barr issued Guidance to the Department of Justice components regarding counter-unmanned aircraft systems (C-UAS) actions authorized under the Preventing Emerging Threats Act of 2018.

[Click here to read the full press release from the US justice dept](#)

## Updates from the Drug Enforcement Administration



### **DEA releases 2020 Drugs of Abuse Resource Guide**

***The digital guide issued as a tool for law enforcement, practitioners, and the public***

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration has released the 2020 edition of [Drugs of Abuse, A DEA Resource Guide](#), which is designed to be a reliable resource on the most commonly abused and misused drugs in the US.

Released periodically, Drugs of Abuse provides crucial science-based information about the harms and consequences of drug use, describing a drug's effects on the body and mind, overdose potential, origin, legal status, and other vital factors. Also, the guide outlines U.S. drug regulation, including drug scheduling and chemical controls. The 2020 digital edition updates the 2017 Drugs of Abuse publication with the most current information on new and emerging trends in drug misuse and abuse, including fentanyl, marijuana, and marijuana concentrates, vaping, and stimulant drugs.

[To view and download the 2020 Drugs of Abuse resource guide click here.](#)

Because education plays a critical role in preventing substance abuse, this comprehensive guide is intended as a tool not just for medical practitioners and law enforcement officials, but also for educators, families, and communities.

Drugs of Abuse also offers a list of additional drug education and prevention resources, including the DEA websites:

[www.DEA.gov](http://www.DEA.gov),

[www.getsmartaboutdrugs.com](http://www.getsmartaboutdrugs.com) for parents,

[www.justthinktwice.com](http://www.justthinktwice.com) for teens,

[www.campusdrugprevention.gov](http://www.campusdrugprevention.gov) for colleges and universities, and

[www.operationprevention.com](http://www.operationprevention.com) for school and work curriculum.



### **Update on Prescription Drug Take-Back Day**

As we all are aware, due to the COVID-19 health crisis, April 25, 2020, National Take-Back Initiative was postponed to a date to be announced.

[Please continue to check here for updates for our next scheduled event.](#)

## **Updates from the US Department of Justice**

*Click on a headline below to read the related press release.*



THE UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### **Justice Department Alleges Conditions at Edna Mahan Correctional Facility for Women Violate the Constitution**

The Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division and the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of New Jersey announced on April 13<sup>th</sup> the results of an investigation. There is reasonable cause to believe that the conditions at the Edna Mahan Correctional Facility for Women in Clinton, New Jersey violate the Eighth Amendment of the Constitution. Specifically, the department concluded that there is reasonable cause to believe that Edna Mahan fails to protect prisoners from sexual abuse by the facility's staff.

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

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### **New Jersey Tax Preparer Sentenced to Four Years in Prison for Conspiring to File False Income Tax Returns**

A former employee of Tax Pro's and Tax Solutions & Associates, tax preparation businesses located in Essex and Union counties, was sentenced on April 29<sup>th</sup> to 48 months in prison for conspiring to defraud the US by filing false income tax returns. A total of five people were involved in the conspiracy.

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

### **South Jersey Tax Preparer Admits Filing False Income Tax Returns**

04/28/2020

### **Camden County Man Admits Food Stamp Fraud Scheme**

04/28/2020

### **Union County Man Charged with Filing a False Tax Return for Tax Year 2013**

04/14/2020

### **Pentax Medical Company Agrees to Pay \$43 Million to Resolve Criminal Investigation Concerning Misbranded Endoscopes**

04/07/2020

### **New Jersey Chiropractor Agrees To Pay \$2 Million To Resolve Allegations Of Unnecessary Knee Injections And Knee Braces And Related Kickbacks**

04/06/2020

### **Union County Man Charged in Drug Trafficking Conspiracy**

04/03/2020

## Updates from the National Institute of Justice



### **Digital Evidence in Criminal Cases Before the U.S. Courts of Appeal: Trends and Issues for Consideration**

An NIJ-funded research article that has recently been published by Martin Novak that appeared in “The Journal of Digital Forensics, Security and Law” (Vol. 14, No. 4, Article 3).

[Click here to read the article](#)

### **Tip Lines for School Safety: A National Portrait of Tip Line Use**

The National Criminal Justice Reference Service, NIJ has made available a final technical report by Michael Planty, Duren Banks, Christine Lindquist, Joel Cartwright, Amanda Witwer

Summary Link: <https://nij.ojp.gov/library/publications/tip-lines-school-safety-national-portrait-tip-line-use>

Full Document Link: <https://www.rti.org/publication/tip-lines-school-safety/fulltext.pdf>

### **Specialized Smartphones Could Keep Released Offenders on Track for Successful Reentry**

As much as smartphones may engender social isolation for some, one smartphone application could help resocialize a significant U.S. population segment in need of lifelines: discharged inmates expected to reenter the social mainstream

NIJ is engaging researchers to find new pathways for using smartphones and other mobile devices to help offenders returning to the community. Initially, an NIJ-funded research team plans to develop devices that deploy artificial intelligence (AI) to provide early warning of risky offender behavior, as well as tools to curb that behavior and help offenders comply with reentry conditions.

Learn more about NIJ’s vision of using AI to strengthen a wide array of reentry support services in our new article.

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

## 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.*



### **Three More NTSB 2019 - 2020 Most Wanted List Safety Recommendations Implemented**

The NTSB announced in April the recategorization of three more safety recommendations from the agency's [2019 – 2020 Most Wanted List of Transportation Safety Improvements](#), bringing to 38 the total number of implemented recommendations from the list.

NTSB safety recommendations [A-07-043](#), [H-15-022](#), and [R-17-022](#) were recategorized to “closed – acceptable action,” helping to improve safety in the skies, on the road, and on the rails.

For more than 12 years, the NTSB pressed the Federal Aviation Administration to enhance medical monitoring of pilots diagnosed with alcohol or drug dependency ([A-07-043](#)). In January, the FAA indicated it had modified its processes to satisfy this recommendation.

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

### **Failure to Stop Caused Fatal Pedestrian Crash at Indiana School Bus Stop**

April 7, 2020 — The National Transportation Safety Board released the abstract of the final report for its investigation of the fatal, Oct. 30, 2018, Rochester, Indiana, pedestrian crash in which three students died when a pickup truck driver failed to stop for a school bus.

The NTSB determined the crash was caused by the pickup truck driver's failure to stop for the school bus, despite the bus's activated and clearly visible warning lights and stop arm, as well as a roadway warning sign for an upcoming school bus stop.

[Click here to read more about this story](#)

### **MEDIA ADVISORY: Air Ambulance Helicopter Crash Subject of Board Meeting**

April 23, 2020 — The National Transportation Safety Board announced its intention to hold a board meeting May 19, 2020, 9:30 a.m. (EDT), to determine the probable cause of the Jan. 29, 2019, crash in Zaleski, Ohio, of a Bell 407 air ambulance helicopter. The helicopter, operated by Viking Aviation, LLC, and doing business as Survival Flight, was on a mission to pick up a patient when the crash occurred in deteriorating weather. All three occupants, the pilot, flight nurse, and flight paramedic, died in the accident.

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

## Updates from Traffic Incident Management (TIM)



### Updating Traffic Management Standards

*Mapping Comparison: Guide to Temporary Traffic Management and Australian Standard 1742.3*,  
released by Austroads

This document maps the content from the superseded AS1742.3 (2009) to either the revised standard AS1742.3 (2019) or Austroads Guide to Temporary Traffic Management.

The 2019 update of AS1742.3 by Standards Australia resulted in the removal of content from the 2009 standard that was determined to be guidance material. This guidance material has been substantially transferred into the Austroads Guide to Temporary Traffic Management and expanded based on information from Austroads member organizations.

To help stakeholders understand these changes, the content from AS1742.3 (2009) has been mapped to identify the new location of this content in either AS1742.3 (2019) or Guide to Temporary Traffic Management.

[Click here to read/download the austroads publications on temporary-traffic-management](#)

### Advance Warning for Highway and Roadway Incidents: Make it a Priority

Responder safety

How many times have you responded to a crash or incident on a highway, and after arriving, you quickly realize that your emergency lights are not effective, or you just can't be seen well by the approaching traffic due to the location's topography or other conditions? How many times have you known that you and/or your crew were in a dangerous position?

Maybe the approaching traffic is not able to react to your vehicle positioning or emergency lights. Perhaps the traffic volume is light, and there is no backup, and the vehicles are coming at you at high speed and then have to over-brake and maneuver wildly.

We have all heard those skidding tires and are quite familiar with the smell of hot semi brakes and burned rubber. We have all winced and tensed up, seeing, hearing, and smelling it unfold. We were lucky. Others were not.

[Click here to read the full responder safety feature](#)

## Updates from PA NY NJ



### Major NY and NJ Infrastructure Projects in Jeopardy

*Port Authority received only a fraction of federal aid it requested*

The real deal

The coronavirus pandemic could imperil billions of dollars set aside for major infrastructure projects in New York and New Jersey. Rick Cotton, executive director of the [Port Authority](#) of New York and New Jersey, said that unless the federal government steps in, its 10-year, \$37 billion spending plans are at risk of reduction...

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

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



## **NHTSA Gathering Data on Occupant Protection in Autonomous Vehicles**

Bulk Transporter

NHTSA to study Automated Driving Systems (ADS) that lack the traditional manual controls necessary for human drivers, but that is otherwise conventional vehicles with typical seating configurations.

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

## **USDOT Seeks to Make Automated Vehicles More Accessible to People with Disabilities**

Transportation Today

The U. S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) opened the first stage of its Inclusive Design Challenge in April, offering a national prize for designs that make automated vehicles more accessible to those with disabilities.

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

## **Supporting connected vehicles on roadways**

Connected Vehicle System Design for Signalized Arterials is a report released by the University of Utah.

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

## **Autonomous-Driving Startup Pony .ai Takes on Last-Mile Delivery**

ttnews

With autonomous-vehicle companies parked by COVID-19, Pony .ai has teamed up with Los Angeles-based e-commerce site Yamibuy to deliver packages and groceries in the city of Irvine, Calif.

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

## **Linking Self-Driving Cars to Traffic Signals Might Help Pedestrians Give Them the Green Light**

The Conversation

Automated vehicles don't have human operators to communicate their driving intentions to pedestrians at intersections. A team's research on pedestrians' perceptions of safety shows their trust in traffic lights tends to override their fear of self-driving cars. This suggests one way to help pedestrians trust and safely interact with autonomous vehicles may be to link the cars' driving behavior to traffic lights.

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

## **Rate Counsel Says Utilities Can't Spend a Dime of Ratepayer Money on EV Charging Infrastructure | NJ Spotlight**

njspotlight

Division files to block PSE&G and ACE from investing \$364 million and \$42 million to build out charging infrastructure in their respective territories.

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

## **U.S. Transportation Officials Seek Alternative Tech for GPS**

spectrum.ieee

Ten years after decommissioning the previous backup to the country's global satellite fleet, government agencies are taking steps to create a new one. New systems are being looked at as an alternative to the satellite GPS based system.

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

## **Deployment of Hydrogen Fuel Cell Powered Trucks Will Require Fueling Networks, Clear Business Cases**

ttnews

A hydrogen-powered commercial truck built by Hyundai was set to begin hauling groceries in Switzerland in April, representing the first of 1,600 fuel cell electric trucks that the manufacturer plans to put on highways in the Alpine nation by 2025.

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

## **State commits \$45M to electrify heavy-duty vehicles used in cities**

NJ Spotlight

The state yesterday allocated nearly \$45 million to bolster its efforts to electrify the transportation sector, targeting the money to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions by converting heavy-duty vehicles in urban areas to electric power.

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

## **Waymo Shares New Details About its Autonomous Vehicle Simulation Efforts**

silicon angle

Waymo LLC stopped testing its autonomous vans on public roads last month because of the coronavirus pandemic. Still, the artificial intelligence powering the vehicles is continuing to rack up miles in simulation. The Alphabet Inc. subsidiary shared an update on its simulation efforts on April 28<sup>th</sup>. They revealed that its Driver autonomous driving AI is covering about 20 million miles a day on virtual roads. That's the equivalent of about 100 years' worth in the real world. Waymo uses these virtual road trips to hone Driver's navigation capabilities and expose the system to new scenarios it may have to face in the future when ferrying passengers on public roads.

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



## Ford, Rivian Put Plans for Electric Lincoln on Back Burner

ttnews

Ford and Rivian put their plans on ice to jointly develop a Lincoln brand electric vehicle, a Lincoln spokeswoman confirmed on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

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

## Automated Vehicle Safety Consortium Publishes Best Practice for Defining Operational Design Domains

**The latest best practice provides recommendations for a common framework and vocabulary to help guide the on-road testing of SAE Level 4 autonomous vehicles**

Theweekenddrive

April 30, 2020, [The Automated Vehicle Safety Consortium™](#) (AVSC) today announced the availability of its second published best practice titled, [Describing an Operational Design Domain \(ODD\): Conceptual Framework and Lexicon](#). The best practice provides a much-needed conceptual framework and common language that all manufacturers and developers can use in defining and communicating the ODD for their automated driving systems (ADS) operated vehicles with users.

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

## VTTI Launches Automated Driving System Study

Aashtojournal

The Virginia Tech Transportation Institute initiated a three-year study of “dynamic scenarios” involving automated driving systems on April 24<sup>th</sup> that will examine in part at how self-driving vehicles communicate with the roadway and other related physical infrastructure.

The study – funded by a [\\$7.5 million grant](#) from the U.S. Department of Transportation, one of two [competitive federal awards](#) that VTTI received in [September 2019](#) – will also involve vehicle manufactures, infrastructure owner-operators, public safety communities, and the Virginia Department of Transportation.

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

## How Law Enforcement Can Benefit from Driver Assist Technology

**Collision avoidance and driver assist technology can help save officers’ lives.**

Statetechmagazine

Distraction is an inherent risk in law enforcement driving. Using technology to minimize distraction and improve officer safety should be a priority. Protecting the safety of officers while driving their cars and other motor vehicle remains a significant problem in the digital age. According to the 2016 FBI data, crashes involving motor vehicles were the top cause of [accidental officer deaths](#) in the line of duty. [According to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund](#), there were 49 vehicle-related officer deaths in 2018 (including motorcycle accidents), making up 31 percent of all officer fatalities that year.

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

## **New HLDI Study Finds That Benefits From Advanced Driver Assistance Systems Are Growing**

iihs

A new study from Highway Loss Data Institute finds that some collision avoidance systems are eliminating more crashes; however, the impact of partially automated driving remains murky.

Collision avoidance systems are eliminating more crashes as the technology improves, according to a new study of insurance claims data from various BMW models. However, the impact of partially automated driving remains murky.

In its latest study, the Highway Loss Data Institute compared insurance claims data from BMW vehicles for model years 2013-17. The analysis showed that the combination of improvements in front crash prevention and the addition of adaptive cruise control resulted in large reductions in the frequency of property damage liability and bodily injury liability claims. However, the further addition of lane centering as part of the company's partially automated driving package had little impact.

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

## **Tesla Says Cars Can Automatically Stop for Traffic Lights**

**Tesla is rolling out a new feature of its partially automated driving system designed to spot stop signs and traffic signals**

ABC News

After testing on public roads, Tesla is rolling out a new feature of its partially automated driving system designed to spot stop signs and traffic signals.

The update of the electric car company's cruise control and auto-steer systems is a step toward CEO Elon Musk's pledge to convert cars to fully self-driving vehicles later this year.

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

## **Miscellaneous Traffic Safety Points of Interest**



## **Speeders Take Over Empty Roads — With Fatal Consequences**

Pewtrusts

As Americans remain at home, many roads in cities, suburbs, and rural areas are practically deserted. But the absence of traffic is a seductive draw for one type of driver: speeders.

GHTSA and other traffic safety advocates note that the decrease in traffic volumes has provided a dangerous opportunity for drivers to test their need for speed — and the results can be devastating.

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

## New York City Set Up a Tip Line for People to Report COVID-19 Violations - It Did Not Go Well.

### *Flood of prank messages caused NYC's coronavirus 'snitch number' to briefly shut down*

Nypost -- route fifty

Whether it's people standing too close together in a line, a grocery store crowded with shoppers, or a neighbor's party, New York City officials want residents to report those who are violating social distancing protocols. They've made the process easy: snap a photo and text it to 311.

But what started as a means of enforcing social distancing, quickly evolved as online trolls and annoyed city residents [flooded the tip line](#) with pictures of male genitalia, memes, [prank messages](#), and false information. The veritable tsunami of complaints, many of which compared Mayor Bill de Blasio to Hitler and the tip line to tactics used by Nazis to quell dissent, led to a temporary shutdown of the 311 texting system last week as the city figured out how to respond.

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

[Click here to read the route fifty article](#)

## Edited Car Crashes

A car crash is an extremely violent event. The level of violence is even more apparent when you focus on only one of the participants. This YouTube video brings to your attention a very densely packed one-minute video depicting several car crashes.

Through some amazing video editing, the other car involved in these crashes has been edited out, so you only see the effect of the impact on a single-vehicle. This video may be of value to crash re-constructionists, or highway safety instructors.

Demonstrating the violence and suddenness of these crashes is sure to renew the student's interest in avoiding one. Click on the link below to view the video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vDZ0pLQTMKQ>



The [Center for Health and Safety Culture](#) is working on a project for the [National Center for Rural Road Safety](#) to find examples of community coalitions (e.g., Vision Zero coalitions) who have successfully planned for the identifying of **traffic safety culture strategies**. They are looking to see if anyone is aware of any good examples of partnerships that were successful in planning and identifying traffic safety culture strategies. [Click here to read more details](#) about the project and the information they are seeking.

Contact Professor Nicholas J. Ward (contact info below) for further information.

Professor Nicholas J. Ward, Director Center for Health and Safety Culture at Montana State University, P.O. Box 170548, Bozeman, MT 59717-0548 office (406) 994-5942 or email [nward@montana.edu](mailto:nward@montana.edu)

## Getting There: New Crosswalk Beacons Coming to OBT

News 13

In Orange County, Florida, a new type of signal is coming to a dangerous section of the Orange Blossom Trail, in hopes of reducing the number of people being hit as they cross the road.

[Click here to see the mynews13 story and read the article](#)

## Ford Police Explorer – Recall & Technical Service Bulletins

### NHTSA Issues a Recall for the Ford Police Explorer

April 3, 2020, There is a safety defect with the transmission shift cable lock clip, which can allow the transmission to be in a different gear than selected by the driver. This inaccurate gear position display could cause unintended vehicle movement, increasing the risk of injury or a crash.

For more information and to enter the VIN of your vehicle(s) to see if they are included, we provide you with a link to the NHTSA safety recall website.

<https://www.nhtsa.gov/recalls?nhtsald=20V197>

### Bad Exhaust Weld

*Information provided by Mitchell 1*

Some 2013-2019 Ford Explorer vehicles equipped with a 3.5L twin independent variable camshaft timing (Yi-VCT) engine may exhibit an illuminated malfunction lamp with DTC P013A and/or P013C stored in the PCM. This may be due to an improperly welded exhaust Y-pipe.

If a replacement is needed, the Y-pipe is available as P/N DB5Z-5G274-B. Two gaskets are required under P/N 7T4Z-9450-AA, and four M10 nuts under P/N W714265-S441.

### Bad Converters

*Information provided by Mitchell 1*

Some 2013-2018 Ford Police Interceptor Utility vehicles equipped with a 3.7L twin independent variable camshaft timing engine (Ti-VCT) may exhibit an illuminated MIL with DTC P0420 and/or P0430. The concern may involve replacing the right, left, or both catalytic converters.

Using a scan tool, retrieve the DTCs. If P0420 and/or P0430 are the only DTCs stored in the PCM, replace the affected catalytic converter per the DTC. Note: If the vehicle was built on or before April 25, 2014, reprogram the PCM using the appropriate Ford scan tool release 90.02 or higher. Make sure that you are connected to the internet when entering module programming to obtain the latest updates.

## Studies Show Not All-State Distracted Driving Laws are Equal

Forbes

News of Covid-19 is sweeping the nation, but other severe threats to safety remain. [Distracted driving](#), for example, claimed the lives of 2,841 people in the United States in 2018. Among those killed: 1,730 drivers, 605 passengers, 400 pedestrians, and 77 bicyclists, according to the [National Highway Traffic Safety Administration](#).

Two recent studies shed light on differences in how states are regulating distracted driving and how law enforcement professionals in Ohio view the dangers of this risky behavior.

[Read more >>](#)

## Simple, Low-Cost Changes Make Intersections Safer for Walkers

Forbes

A study has found that creating left-turn, traffic-calming measures lead to safer turns and lower speeds, improving pedestrian safety.

Safety features like bollards and rubber curbs installed on the centerline of roads at intersections can dramatically reduce close calls between people on foot and left-turning vehicles, which pose considerable risk to walkers. These inexpensive, low-tech road design improvements make crosswalks safer by protecting people traversing the street onto which the driver is turning.


[Read more >>](#)

**It's been more than 65 years since the annual line-of-duty police deaths totaled less than 100.**

**Let's Start Rolling Back the Clock—NOW!**

**Wear your belt.**  
**Wear your vest.**  
**Watch your speed.**

**WIN—What's Important Now?**  
**Remember: Complacency Kills!**



***The Life You Save May Be Your Own!***

## Legal Update Traffic & Police Related



Some information in this newsletter is courtesy of:  
Muni-Mail, 2000 Hamilton Ave. Hamilton, NJ  
Kenneth Vercammen & Associates, 2053 Woodbridge Ave, Edison, NJ [www.njlaws.com](http://www.njlaws.com)  
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<https://law.justia.com/>  
Oyez  
Legal Information Institute, 477 Myron Taylor Hall, Cornell Law School, Ithaca, NY  
Police Chief Magazine  
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### US Supreme Court Opinion Kansas v. Glover

**Docket:** 18-556  
**Opinion Date:** April 6, 2020  
**Areas of Law:** Civil Rights, Constitutional Law, Criminal Law

A Kansas deputy sheriff ran a license plate check on a pickup truck, discovering that the truck belonged to respondent Glover and that Glover's driver's license had been revoked. The deputy pulled the truck over because he assumed that Glover was driving. Glover was driving and charged with driving as a habitual violator. He moved to suppress all evidence from the stop, claiming that the deputy lacked reasonable suspicion. The District Court granted the motion, but the Court of Appeals reversed. The Kansas Supreme Court, in turn, reversed, holding that the deputy violated the Fourth Amendment by stopping Glover without reasonable suspicion of criminal activity.

Held by the US Supreme Court: When the officer lacks information negating an inference that the owner is driving the vehicle, an investigative traffic stop made after running a vehicle's license plate and learning that the registered owner's driver's license has been revoked is reasonable under the Fourth Amendment.

(a) An officer may initiate a brief investigative traffic stop when he has "a particularized and objective basis" to suspect legal wrongdoing. The level of suspicion required is less than that necessary for probable cause and "depends on...the factual and practical considerations of everyday life on which reasonable and prudent men, not legal technicians, act." Courts must, therefore, permit officers to make "commonsense judgments and inferences about human behavior."

(b) Here, the deputy's commonsense inference that the owner of a vehicle was likely the vehicle's driver provided more than reasonable suspicion to initiate the stop. That inference is not made unreasonable merely because a vehicle's driver is not always its registered owner or because Glover had a revoked license. Though common sense suffices to justify the officer's inference, empirical studies demonstrate that drivers with suspended or revoked licenses frequently continue to drive. And Kansas' license-revocation scheme, which covers drivers who have already demonstrated a disregard for the law or are categorically unfit to drive, reinforces the reasonableness of the inference that an individual with a revoked license will continue to drive.

The US Supreme Court reversed the lower court's decision.

[Click here to download the US Supreme Court opinion](#)

Also, go to the Online Videos in the Training Section of this newsletter to view the J Harris Roll Call Training Video on this court case.

## US Supreme Court Grounds Pilot Fired Over Failed Alcohol Tests

Law360

A pilot who was fired after failing multiple alcohol tests while working for Continental Airlines failed to convince the U.S. Supreme Court in early April to review a Seventh Circuit decision. She claimed they upheld a sham arbitration award that sunk her challenge to her termination.

[Click here to read the full law360 article](#)

## US Supreme Court Will Livestream Arguments in May

The Supreme Court is getting dragged kicking and streaming into the 21st Century. The court will hear arguments in May for a select group of cases, and everyone will be able to watch live, giving the majority of Americans their first real glimpse into the court's inner workings.

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

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

## New York State Rifle & Pistol Association, Inc. v. City of New York

Civil Procedure, Civil Rights, Constitutional Law, Government & Administrative Law  
US Supreme Court

A few months back, we published an article about this case, going to the US Supreme Court. The Court issued its decision on April 27<sup>th</sup>. The case did not have the hype that was expected because New York had changed its laws to allow the actions that the Rifle and Pistol Association were asking for in the case. But the court did remand the case back to the lower courts as the Association had requested for monetary damages that were not in the original case. Click the link below to read the full opinion of the court.

[https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/19pdf/18-280\\_ba7d.pdf](https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/19pdf/18-280_ba7d.pdf)

## US Supreme Court Rules Georgia Can't Copyright State Code

The State of Georgia cannot copyright its annotated legal code, the US Supreme Court said in a ruling on April 27<sup>th</sup> is likely to upend states' agreements with third parties to produce those documents.

The high court's 5-4 decision, which upholds an appellate court ruling, found that annotations explaining Georgia's collected state laws are "outside the reach of copyright protection" because they "are authored by an arm of the legislature in the course of its legislative duties."

Click the below links to read the full opinion of the court:

[https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/19pdf/18-1150\\_new\\_d18e.pdf](https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/19pdf/18-1150_new_d18e.pdf)

This link is for a correction to the order:

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

### **Cops Take on the Dirty Job so Medical Workers Can Leave the Coronavirus Behind**

nj.com

When NYNJ Port Authority Police Officers asked how they could help doctors, nurses, and paramedics on the front lines of the coronavirus fight, they might not have expected to become a cleaning crew. But this is a dirty job being done with love.

On Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, off-duty Port Authority Police Officers spent the day decontaminating ambulances, paramedics' trucks, and even the boots and pants of emergency medical service workers after they delivered patients to Hackensack Hospital. The Port Authority PBA paid for the equipment to perform the cleaning tasks.

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

### **National Safety Council Postpones Distracted Driving Awareness Month to October**

Scheduled for April, the National Safety Council had postponed observing Distracted Driving Awareness Month. Over more than ten years, the month of April has been designated to raise awareness of driver distraction. Distracted Driving Awareness Month will be held during October 2020.

### **NJ Utilities Had No Duty to Suspend Service Ahead Of Superstorm Sandy**

law360

Electric and gas utilities in New Jersey did not have a duty to preemptively suspend service before customers' homes were destroyed in fires during Superstorm Sandy. State law did not require such action, a state appellate panel said in April in declining to revive the customers' suits against the companies.

[Click here to read the full law360 article](#)

### **Ride-Sharing Services Tied to Rising Car Crashes**

usnews.com

Uber and Lyft are a convenient way to get around town and get home after a night of bar-hopping, but crashes involving cars and pedestrians haven't decreased, a new study finds. These ride-hailing or ride-sharing services have made 11 billion trips in the United States since they began in 2010, and crashes involving drunk drivers have decreased -- but the total number of crashes hasn't, researchers report.

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



## No Fees for Attys Who Bungled Toyota Suit, 8th Circ. Says

law360

The Federal Eighth Circuit Court ruled in April that the New York-based personal injury law firm Napoli Shkolnik PLLC was not entitled to attorney fees. They messed up a suit against Toyota over a fatal car crash, agreeing with the lower court that the firm provided no net value to the clients.

[Click here to read the full law360 article](#)

## The Last Time VMT Dropped This Sharply – WWII Gas Rationing

Eno

Fear of exposure to the novel coronavirus and the business closings and stay-home orders imposed by state and local governments have led to a significant decrease in U.S. automobile traffic since March 1<sup>st</sup>...If only there were some precedents into what happens when the government forces a drastic reduction in VMT. Oh, wait, there is...The World War II experience in gasoline rationing may provide some interesting parallels.

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

## Mann & Hummel and Ford Motor Co. to Produce Respirators

Autoserviceprofessional

Mann+Hummel will collaborate with Ford Motor Co., one of its key automotive customers, in the rapid development and production of powered air purifier respirators.

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

## Rate of Guns Found in Bags Jumps as Fewer People Fly, TSA Says

CBS17

With far fewer people flying because of travel restrictions during the coronavirus pandemic, airport security screeners are naturally finding fewer guns in carry-on baggage.

But the ratio of guns to passengers seeking to board airplanes has jumped sharply.

The Transportation Security Administration said on Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, that it found 58 guns at checkpoints from March 22 to April 22, compared with 346 firearms over the same stretch last year.

Adjusting for the 95% drop in travelers, that means TSA screeners found one gun for every 80,000 people screened — or 2.7 times higher than the rate of a year ago when they found one gun for every 216,200 people.

[Click here to read and view the cbs17 story](#)



## Training Events

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

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

## Online Training Videos – Roll Call Videos

### **LEXIPOL** Tip of the Day: April 6, 2020 “Wrong-Way Drivers”

Today’s Tip is directed to all law enforcement personnel and concerns wrong-way drivers. You know the routine. The dispatch center receives calls about a wrong-way driver on a divided highway. Is it a drunk driver? Is it an older person who is confused? Is the driver lost?

[Click here to view the lexipol.com tip of the day wrong way drivers](#)

Featuring Lexipol co-founder Gordon Graham

### **LEXIPOL** Tip of the Day: April 28, 2020 “How to Make Excellence the Norm and Not the Deviation”

It’s not about you. It’s not about your department, right now it’s about the United States of America, taking care of our great public during these trying times. And that is the role of the first responder, you’re out there, the tip of the spear, doing these great things.

[Click here to view the lexipol.com tip of the day for April 28<sup>th</sup>](#)

Featuring Lexipol co-founder Gordon Graham



***Roll Call Training Segment:***  
**~ Plain View Doctrine ~**

This is the last of our eight-part series covering the Fourth Amendment Fundamentals. Now more than ever, we cannot become complacent. Knowing and understanding the nuances of this area of search and seizure is critical to your success as a law enforcement professional.

[Click here to view the Roll Call Training Video: Plain View](#)



***Roll Call Training Segment:***  
**~ Kansas v. Glover ~**

United States Supreme Court Case  
Kansas v. Glover  
Decided April 6, 2020

This recently decided US Supreme Case involved an officer running a license plate of a vehicle in front of him and then stopping it because the inquiry revealed that the registered owner's driver's license was suspended/revoked. Was the officer acting within the law to stop that vehicle to see if the owner was driving it?

[Click here to view the Roll Call Training Video: Kansas v Glover](#)



***Roll Call Training Segment:***  
**~ Use of Force Part 1 ~**

This is the first of a three-part series designed to assist police officers and law enforcement agencies throughout the United States with continuing their mandatory training or officer development. This video may be sent out to your officers as part of your ongoing training program with your agency

[Click Here to view this Roll Call Training Video: Use of Force Part 1](#)



***Roll Call Training Segment:***  
**~ Use of Force Part 2 ~**

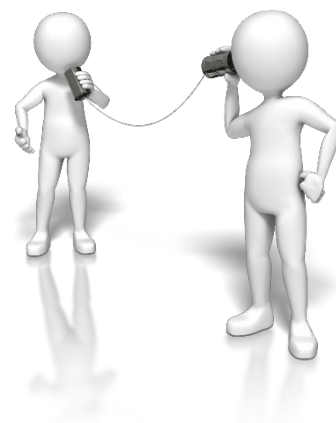
This is the second segment in our three-part series designed to assist police officers and law enforcement agencies throughout the United States with continuing their mandatory training or officer development. This video may be sent out to your officers as part of your ongoing training program with your agency.

[Click Here to View This Roll Call Training Video: Use of Force Part 2](#)

This is the third segment in our three-part series designed to assist police officers and law enforcement agencies throughout the United States with continuing their mandatory training or officer development. This video may be sent out to your officers as part of your ongoing training program with your agency.

[Click Here to View This Roll Call Training Video: Use of Force Part 3](#)

## Webinar Training Events



### **Webinar Rutgers CAIT – NJTR-1 Crash Form Refresher**

Dates:	May 5 & 6, 2020	May 12 7 13, 2020	May 20 & 21, 2020
Times:	8:00 am – 10:00 am EDT	8:00 am – 10:00 am EDT	8:00 am – 10:00 am EDT
Cost:	Free	Free	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:

**NJTR-1 Webinar (May 05-06, 2020)**

<https://cait.rutgers.edu/event/njtr-1-crash-form-refresher-webinar/>

**NJTR-1 Webinar (May 12-13, 2020)**

<https://cait.rutgers.edu/event/njtr-1-crash-form-refresher-webinar-2/>

**NJTR-1 Webinar (May 20-21, 2020)**

<https://cait.rutgers.edu/event/njtr-1-crash-form-refresher-webinar-3/>

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



**Webinar:**

**FoRRRwD on All Public Roads: Innovative Mechanisms to Deliver Safety Projects**

Date: May 12, 2020  
Times: 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm EDT  
Cost: Free

This FHWA EDC-5 webinar is free and open to anyone interested. 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 first pillar. State, local, and tribal agencies learn unique approaches and methods that you can use to efficiently deliver safety countermeasures and projects to reduce rural roadway departure crashes. Topics to be covered include:

- Maine DOT's use of safety supply (Curve Warning Signs, RRFBs, Speed Feedback Signs)
- Procurement projects where state procurement procedures are used
  - Local public agencies or State forces install their cost
- Agency force account to deliver roadway departure countermeasures
- State DOTs providing warning and advisory signage to local governments to install
- Job Order Contracting to streamline the delivery of safety projects

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

**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> to register for this webinar. Contact Jennifer Symoun if you have any questions or difficulty registering, at 703-754-0248 (x8208) or email [jennifer.symoun@toxcel.com](mailto:jennifer.symoun@toxcel.com)



## Webinar **How A.I. is Transforming Emergency Management**

Date: May 13, 2020  
Time: 2:00 pm EDT  
Cost: Free

When disaster strikes, every second counts. Emergency response teams know they need to do whatever it takes to react swiftly and efficiently in a crisis. Increasingly, they're turning to cutting-edge technologies to help understand and respond to unexpected weather events, pandemics, and natural disasters. Using artificial intelligence and machine learning applications, these departments are tracking emergency events in real-time and responding in a way that's smarter, faster, and better than before. How emerging tech is improving emergency response in states and cities across the country – and how you can implement these technological solutions in your jurisdiction.

Topics covered:

- How artificial intelligence tools can instantly comb through thousands of publicly available social media posts – along with millions of data points from IOT sensors and other internet-connected devices – to alert your first responders with crucial information in an emergency.
- How A.I. identified the emerging COVID-19 virus in Wuhan, China, almost two weeks before it was first reported in local media.
- How emergency departments from New York City to Orlando to the rural South are using machine-learning technology to react more quickly and deploy first responders more efficiently.
- How to ensure that your underlying sensor data is real and reliable, and how to separate fact from rumor on social media.

For questions or to register contact: Brittany Roberts, (800) 940-6039 ext.1388 or email [broberts@emergencymgmt.com](mailto:broberts@emergencymgmt.com)

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



## Webinar: **Critical Stress in Corrections: Mitigating the Damage**

Date: May 18, 2020  
Time: 1:00 pm EDT  
Cost: Free

Even though this is geared towards Correction Officers, it could apply to Police Officers. While there's much about the correctional environment we can't change, we do have control over how we approach correctional officer wellness and provide support to help personnel manage stress. This webinar will apply risk management expert Gordon Graham's "5 Pillars" approach to the issue of critical stress in corrections, providing attendees with a unique way to frame the problem and identify solutions.

You'll learn:

- Causes, symptoms, and consequences of critical stress in corrections personnel
- The 5 Pillars of Organizational Success and how they apply to manage stress in the correctional environment
- Specific strategies for addressing critical stress through each of the 5 Pillars

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



## Webinar: Mainstreaming Integrated Corridor Management

Date: May 19, 2020  
Times: 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm ET  
Cost: Free

This webinar introduces our informational document Mainstreaming ICM: An Executive Level Primer, and explains how best to use it (FHWA-HOP-19-040). For the ICM community, areas where ICM is either actively engaged (operating) or being considered. Agency leadership and staff that would be involved either in championing, decision making, or day to day operations of ICM should attend this webinar. The audience is assumed to have a basic knowledge of the tenets and strategies behind ICM.

### Learning Objectives:

- Explore the Primer
- Explain what its purpose is
- Explain what “mainstreaming” is in the ICM context
- Generally, inform people that the document exists and what its purpose is

[Click here to register for the Mainstreaming Integrated Corridor Management \(ICM\) webinar](#)



## Webinar: Adventures in Crowdsourcing: Social Media for Improved Operations (EDC5 Webinar Series)

Date: May 20, 2020  
Times: 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm EDT  
Cost: Free

This webinar features Iowa DOT, Georgia DOT, and Utah DOT’s uses of social media for incident detection, traveler information, work zones, and planned special events. This webinar is the seventh in the [Adventures in Crowdsourcing webinar series](#). Crowdsourcing turns transportation system users into real-time sensors on system performance, providing low-cost, high-quality data on traffic operations, roadway conditions, travel patterns, and more. Learning Objective - Understand how social media can improve real-time operations related to incident detection, traveler information, and planned special events.

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

To learn more about this FHWA EDC-5 innovation, visit the [FHWA EDC-5 Crowdsourcing site](#).



## Webinar LEL - "Preparing for Impaired Driving Post-COVID-19"

Date: May 21, 2020  
Times: 2:00 pm EDT  
Cost: Free

Watch for more information to come as it becomes available, check the association’s website training page.



## Webinar

## Rutgers CAIT - Work Zone Safety Awareness for Police

Dates: May 27 & 28, 2020  
 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 a Work Zone Safety Awareness for Police Webinar. This webinar is two consecutive days in duration and two hours per day.

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

To register for the Work Zone Safety for Police Webinar, click on the link below:  
<https://cait.rutgers.edu/event/njdhts-work-zone-safety-awareness-for-local-police-2-2/>



## Webinar: Talking TIM Webinar Series: May 2020

Date: May 27, 2020  
 Times: 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm ET  
 Cost: Free

State and local Traffic Incident Management (TIM) programs cover a broad range of maturity from emerging programs 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 May webinar agenda includes:

- Multi-Vehicle, Connected/Automated Vehicle Crash in Mountain View California
- Virginia Analysis of TIM Crash Data
- Connected and Automated Vehicle and other Responder Related Research

[Click here to register of the Talking TIM Webinar Series: May 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: 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 programs 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 agenda will be posted on the registration site soon.

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



## Webinar Solving 5 Common Fleet Problems with a Triple Play Approach



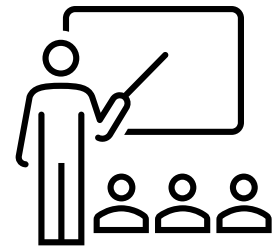
Date: July 9, 2020  
Times: 2:00 pm ET  
Cost: Free

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](#)

## 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 Stamler Police Academy
June 19, 2020	AAA Mid-Atlantic, Hamilton
June 23, 2020	Hudson County OEM, Kearny

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

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

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

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

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



## UAS Applications for Traffic Safety



<b>Dates</b>	<b>Locations</b>
June 17, 2020	Morris County Police Academy
June 30, 2020	Gloucester County Police
Times:	8:00 am–12:00 pm
Cost:	Free – Registration is required

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

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

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

Highlights include how law enforcement may respond to UAS incidents, what lawful authority exists to engage a UAS operator, and how to determine if UAS operation is legal or in violation of regulations. Finally, 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 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> by T.J. Tennant, \$250 per person - separate registration at <https://www.napars.org/events>

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

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

## 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.



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## 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](http://www.njaar.org)

## Quote of the month

*"Look, baby. I am what I am, and I do what I do. A few guys make shoelaces, some lay sod, others make a very good living neutering animals. I'm a cop!"*

*Leslie Nielsen as Frank Drebin in  
Naked Gun 33 1/2: The Final Insult*

**We have canceled the Person to Person  
MAY 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](http://www.njptoa.com); the site is updated periodically. It is also the place to go for resources and updates about the association. If you have anything for the website, please contact one of the officers.**

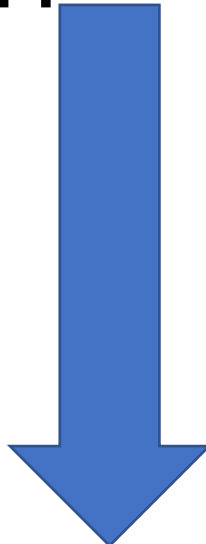
## Newsletter Information

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

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## Appendix



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**2020 MEMBERSHIP DUES INVOICE**

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

**DATE:** 1/1/2020

**SIGNED:**

*Sgt. Nicholas Schock*  
**Sgt. Nicholas Schock**  
**President.**

*Copies of purchase orders can be mailed, faxed to 856-783-0012, or scanned and e-mailed to*  
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