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President's Message

We had a record turnout for our March zoom meeting; 112 members were online for the meeting. This is double the numbers we have had online since starting virtual meetings a year ago. There was a slight glitch as people were signing in, the zoom account was limited to 100, so some members could not get in. We quickly rectified the situation by upgrading the account to a limit of 500 online at a time.

Hopefully, the snow is finished for this season, even though the groundhog predicted a late spring. Besides melting the snow, the rising temperatures and pleasant weather bring more traffic on the state's roadways as people want to "get out of the house" and go places. Let's keep them safe!

Don't forget to check out NJ DHTS's section in this newsletter for March's and future safety campaigns. Especially the Distracted Driver Campaign in April, the deadline to get your grant application in is March 12th. So why are you waiting?

The new email roster has been uploaded to our GoDaddy account; we now have over 850 addresses in the roster. I want to thank Mark Wilson and Rich Maxwell for their time and hard work completing this project.

Lastly, but certainly not the least, our grant project with NJ DHTS is in full swing. The grant will enable the association to increase our membership and be involved in various projects throughout the year, with the goal to make New Jersey's roadways among the safest in the nation. We all will play a part in achieving the goal. If it were not for Director Heitmann, this would never have happened. Thank you, Sir!

Stay safe & healthy, Nick

Association News

Monthly Business & E-Board Meetings Zoom Online

The next regular meeting is on Wednesday, April 7, 2021, at 10:00 am.

An invitation to the Zoom meetings will be emailed out the Monday before the meeting. If you do not receive an invitation email for the meeting, reach out to President Schock or Executive Director Maxwell for the link.

There is no board meeting scheduled for April.

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Visit our association's website, which is regularly updated with information and Law Enforcement resources dealing with the COVID-19 outbreak. Also, you will find training notices, association information, and other points of interest related to traffic safety. www.njptoa.com

[March Meeting Notes \(just a few\)](#)

This is a new section for the newsletter, each month the Newsletter will be published after the regular monthly meeting. This will allow us to share information that came up during the meeting with all of the association members. Information brought to the floor from our member agencies and associations will be in their respective newsletter sections.

[NJMVC Driver Examination and/or Medical Evaluation Request](#)

A member inquired about the possibility of receiving feedback from MVC on a driver's status once a request form has been submitted to them. They have not received anything back from MVC after sending in Evaluation Requests.

DHTS Director Heitmann reached out to MVC the day after our meeting. MVC advised him that their normal practice is to provide the reporting officer with follow-up results. However, due to vacancies on their Medical Review Board, the average turnaround time is lengthy. In some complex cases, it may take a year or longer to reach an outcome.

A copy of the request form, MVC MR-5 (R10/11), can be found in the appendix of this newsletter and on our website in the forms section [by clicking here](#).

[Low-Speed Motorcycles](#)

Officer O'Halloran from Nutley PD raised an issue about Low-Speed Motorcycles and the restrictions of operating them on roadways with speed limits of 35 mph, but no supporting Title 39 statutes to enforce it.

He passed along that the NJ Driver's Manual states they are less than 50 cubic centimeters (cc) or have a 1.5 brake horsepower motor or less with a maximum speed no more than 35 miles per hour on a flat surface. Low-speed motorcycles may not be driven on any state toll road, limited-access highway, or any public road with a posted speed limit greater than 35 miles per hour. Low-speed motorcycles must be titled, registered, and insured. Basic auto license holders can operate a low-speed motorcycle without any endorsement or separate motorcycle license.

A discussion commenced after he presented the question of what Title 39 Statute should be used to enforce the restrictions? He has searched the Title and could not find anything, nor is it described in the definitions chapter. The board will be researching this question. If anyone can provide input on this matter, please contact us directly or use traffic@njptoa.org to send information.

[RADAR Unit & Tuning Fork Certification](#)

A question was asked if a company offered remote service to calibrate and certify RADAR units on-site at a police station.

Two companies can provide RADAR unit calibration and certifications here in New Jersey. They are R & R Radar & Video in Atco NJ and TMDE Calibration Labs out of Richmond ME. TMDE has mobile service vans that will come to your agency to provide their services on-site; they are regularly in NJ. R&R provides the services at their facility in Atco, but they do not offer remote service. Both companies also offer tuning fork testing and certification. Below are the websites for each company:

R&R Radar & Video - <http://rnrradar.com/index.html>

TMDE Calibration Labs - <http://www.tmde.com/index.php>

EZ Ride's Bike and Pedestrian Safety

Zachery Calle and Lisa Lee from EZ Ride's Bike and Pedestrian Safety team offered to help any communities in their service area with pilot pop-up bike lanes program or curb extensions as tactical urbanism. Also, they offered to observe community reactions once the plans are in place. The EZ Ride Bike and Pedestrian Program/NJ Safe Routes to School serves Bergen, Essex, Passaic, Monmouth, Union Counties. Contact them if your agency is interested in working with them on projects in your jurisdiction.

Their web site is <https://ezride.org/transportation/bikepedestrian-program/>

EZ Ride Brain Safety Campaign to Promote Helmets runs this month until March 26th for Bergen, Essex, Monmouth, Passaic, and Union Counties schools and communities.

Go to <https://ezride.org/transportation/bikepedestrian-program/march-brain-safety-month/> for more info.

Be Street Smart NJ

Will Yarzab from BeStreetSmartNJ.org offered help to any agency that has a pedestrian crash issue. Feel free to check their website or reach out to Will for help as you participate in your DHTS ped grant. Their website is: www.BeStreetSmartNJ.org and Will's email address is wyarzab@njtpa.org

Traffic Safety Specialist Program

Claudia Knezek and Mike Tullio from Kean University expanded on their presentation from February's meeting, announcing the updated list of TSS Level 1 and 2 certification recipients for the first quarter of 2021. There was also a presentation by Rutherford PD Officer Anthony Bachmann on his Level 2 project on Traffic Calming.

Level 1 Awards

Robert Babitz	NJSP Headquarters
Sihoon Chung	Leonia Police Department
Nicholas Cifelli	Kinnelon Police Department
Ian Conk	Linden Police Department
Timothy Drew	Lawrence Township Police Department
Michael Laboy	Hillsborough Township Police Department
John J. Longo	Leonia Police Department
Ryan Maguire	Middletown Township Police Department
Joseph Petillo	Mansfield Township Police Department
Michael Rizol	NJSP Headquarters

Level 2 Awards

Anthony Bachmann	Rutherford Police Department
Speed Calming Project: A Comparative Analysis of West Passaic Avenue	
Bryan Pilipie	Hanover Township Police Department
Traffic Calming Project: Orchard-Prospect Places	

TSS Level-2 applications are available to all TSS Level 1 awardees who have held the Level 1 certification for at least one year. Email Mike Tullio for a TSS Level 2 application or more information at mtullio@kean.edu. TSS Level 1 applications can be downloaded from the NJPTOA website in the Forms section [by clicking here](#).

The TSS Program celebrated its five-year anniversary by issuing special Traffic Safety Sponsorship Awards to the agencies that have participated in the program, with seven and eight officers receiving certification.

Agencies with 8 Recipients

Galloway Township Police Department
Linden Police Department
New Jersey State Police
Voorhees Township Police Department

Agencies with 7 Recipients

Manchester Township Police Department

Honorarium for pilot program

NJPTOA, Region 5

Continuation - Registering Honda Talons in NJ in Violation of Title 39

Mark Wilson, Operations Sectary, raised a question during the February meeting about NJ residents registering Honda Talons in Montana and driving them on the public roads and highways here in Jersey.

The discussion continued this month. Mark had sent a request to NJ MVC for clarification on this issue.

The problem

The Montana ATV crowd is hanging their hat on the NJ reciprocity statute and the Title 39 definition of an ATV (600cc or less). Their stance is that since their engines are over 600cc, the NJ ATV restrictions do not apply, thereby making them a vehicle.

NJSA 39:3-6.21. Reciprocity reads as follows:

After July 1, 1995, if no agreement, arrangement, or declaration is in effect with respect to another jurisdiction as authorized by this act, any vehicle properly registered or licensed in such other jurisdiction, and for which evidence of compliance is supplied, shall receive, when operated in this State, the same exemptions, benefits, and privileges granted by such other jurisdiction to vehicles properly registered in this State. Reciprocity extended under this section shall apply to commercial vehicles only when engaged exclusively in interstate commerce, except as to a foreign registered trailer or semi-trailer in intrastate commerce when hauled by a truck, road tractor, or truck tractor registered with the director in conformity with R.S.39:3-20. L.1995,c.157,s.31.

Before taking any enforcement actions, the association recommends addressing this issue with your local and/or county prosecutor.

If you have information that will help deal with this continuing issue or if you are experiencing the same problem, please contact Mark Wilson. Email address njptoa@hotmail.com or cell 856-220-1433.

Response from NJ MVC

Emily Armstrong from MVC's Legal and Regulatory Affairs unit responded to the association's request for clarification. Please note, however, that the MVC does not and cannot provide legal advice for enforcement purposes.

Below is her reply.

Your question concerns the proper registration and operation of Honda Talons in New Jersey. Apparently, there are individuals operating Honda Talons in New Jersey with Montana registrations; Montana has registered the Honda Talons as "automobiles." There is also an individual promoting the idea online that if brake lights and turn signals are added to the vehicle, the vehicle can be legally operated on the public roadways. Based upon the information you provided, we can offer the following guidance. Please note, however, that the MVC does not and cannot provide legal advice with respect to requests 2 and 3.

Your request is as follows:

"We are looking for a written determination from NJMVC that we can distribute to our membership that will confirm:

1. These vehicles are not registerable under state and federal laws as "automobiles."
2. Any vehicle displaying Montana registrations on these vehicles are in violation of N.J.S. 39:3-15 and N.J.S. 39:3C-3.
3. These vehicles cannot be operated except under the authority of N.J.S. 39:3C-1 to 39:3C-34"

MVC response:

NJ PTOA request no. 1: "These vehicles are not registerable under state and federal laws as 'automobiles.'"

MVC response: The Honda Talon must be registered in New Jersey as an ATV. An ATV is defined in New Jersey as:

"a motor vehicle, designed and manufactured for off-road use only, of a type possessing between three and six non-highway tires, but shall not include golf carts or an all-terrain vehicle operated by an employee or agent of the State, a county, a municipality, or a fire district, or a member of an emergency service organization or an emergency medical

technician which is used while in the performance of the employee's, agent's, member's or technician's official duties." (N.J.S.A. 39:3C-1)

While there are federal laws on the manufacture and distribution of ATVs, we could not locate any federal law mandating how these vehicles are to be registered by the individual states.

NJ PTOA request no.'s 2 and 3: "Any vehicle displaying Montana registrations on these vehicles are in violation of N.J.S. 39:3-15 and N.J.S. 39:3C-3," and "These vehicles cannot be operated except under the authority of N.J.S. 39:3C-1 to 39:3C-34."

MVC response (guidance only; the MVC cannot provide direction on the issuance of summonses or how a court will determine if a violation has occurred):

An ATV displaying a Montana registration may be operated in New Jersey by a nonresident but only as permitted by New Jersey law and only as an ATV.

When New Jersey registration is required: New Jersey residents are required to register vehicles owned by them in New Jersey: "Except as hereinafter provided, every resident of this State and every nonresident whose automobile or motorcycle shall be driven in this State shall, before using the vehicle on the public highways, register the same, and an automobile or motorcycle shall not be driven unless so registered." N.J.S.A. 39:3-4.

Operation of a vehicle registered in another state, by a nonresident: A nonresident is permitted to operate a vehicle properly registered in another state. However, no one, resident or nonresident, is authorized to operate an ATV in New Jersey contrary to New Jersey law. N.J.S.A. 39:3C-7 states:

"The registration provisions of P.L.1973, c.307 (C.39:3C-1et seq.) shall not apply to nonresident owners who have complied with the registration and licensing laws of the state or country of residence, provided that the snowmobile, all-terrain vehicle, or dirt bike is appropriately identified in accordance with the laws of the state or country of residence and conspicuously displays the number issued by the state or country of residence. Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize the operation of any snowmobile, all-terrain vehicle, or dirt bike contrary to the provisions of P.L.1973, c.307 (C.39:3C-1et seq.)."

Operation of ATVs in New Jersey is limited to the crossing of public highways or gaining access to permissible areas of operation. N.J.S.A. 39:3C-17 provides:

"a. No person shall operate a snowmobile, all-terrain vehicle, or dirt bike upon limited access highways or within the right-of-way limits thereof.

b. No person shall operate a snowmobile, all-terrain vehicle, or dirt bike upon the main traveled portion or the plowed snowbanks of any public street or highway or within the right-of-way limits thereof except as follows:

(1) Properly registered snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles, and dirt bikes may cross, as directly as possible, public streets or highways, except limited access highways, provided that such crossing can be made in safety and that it does not interfere with the free movement of vehicular traffic approaching from either direction on the public street or highway. Prior to making any such crossing, the operator shall bring the snowmobile, all-terrain vehicle, or dirt bike to a complete stop. It shall be the responsibility of the operator of a snowmobile, all-terrain vehicle, or dirt bike to yield the right-of-way to all vehicular traffic upon any public street or highway before crossing the public street or highway.

(2) Whenever it is impracticable to gain immediate access to an area adjacent to a public highway where a snowmobile, all-terrain vehicle, or dirt bike is to be operated, the snowmobile, all-terrain vehicle, or dirt bike may be operated adjacent and parallel to the public highway for the purpose of gaining access to the area of operation. This subsection shall apply to the operation of a snowmobile, all-terrain vehicle, or dirt bike from the point where the snowmobile, all-terrain vehicle, or dirt bike is unloaded from a motorized conveyance to the area where it is to be operated, or from the area where operated to a motorized conveyance, when the loading or unloading cannot be effected in the immediate vicinity of the area of operation without causing a hazard to vehicular traffic approaching from either direction on the public highway. The loading or unloading must be accomplished with due regard to safety, at the nearest possible point to the area of operation."

Child Safety Refresher

There is a Child Safety Refresher training taking place on March 11th in Region 1. Contact Sgt Alina Spies at Alina.Spies@njsp.org for more information or to register.

NJ Crossing Guard Training & Resources Program

Catherine Bull from the NJ Crossing Guard Training & Resources Program and NJ Safe Routes Resource Center at Rutgers wanted to let members know they are in the planning stages for online training, once the classes are set, we will post them on the association's website and announce them in the newsletter. You can reach Catherine by email at catherine.bull@ejb.rutgers.edu.

ARIDE/DRE Classes

A question was posed by a member inquiring if the State Police are offering any ARIDE and DRE classes. Lt Babitz provided the SP Breath Test Unit's web page where this training can be found. The web address is: <https://www.njsp.org/division/investigations/alcohol-drug-testing.shtml>

Association Membership Database Update

The old email database has been deleted from our GoDaddy account and replaced with the new email list made up of the information from the 2021 Membership forms submitted to us. There are over 850 names in the current email database.

With the initial meeting notice sent on Monday, March 1st, we had 88 emails bounce back. About 30 of them had errors in the formatting, which were corrected and resent. The problems with the remaining address will be researched and hopefully rectified over the next week.

We ask that you check with your IT people to ensure that emails from NJPTOA traffic@njptos.org be cleared to go through your agency system's firewalls and/or filters so the emails are not blocked. Some people have told us that they did not receive the March meeting notice, but their email address did not show as bounced in our system.

Any questions can be directed to:

Executive Director: Richard Maxwell email: rmaxwell@njptoa.org

Operations Secretary: Mark Wilson phone/text: (856) 220-1433 email: mwilson@njptoa.org

If you need a copy of the [2021 Membership Form](#) is in the appendix of this Newsletter and on our website.



Governor Murphy Signs the Marijuana Bill into Law

We are sure everyone is aware, but in case you missed it - Governor Murphy signed the new law decriminalizing marijuana on February 22, 2021.

The adult-use cannabis reform bills are now law, legalizing and regulating cannabis use and possession for adults 21 years and older **A21** – “The New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act” and decriminalizing marijuana and hashish possession **A1897**. The Governor also signed **S3454 / A5342**, clarifying marijuana and cannabis use and possession penalties for individuals younger than 21 years old.

Under A21, the Cannabis Regulatory Commission (CRC) will promulgate regulations to govern the medical and adult-use industries and oversee the applications for licensing of cannabis businesses. The legislation further provides for the Legislature to reinvest cannabis revenues in designated “impact zones”; directs the CRC to promote diversity and inclusion in business ownership; and contains critical employment protections for people who engage in lawful behavior with respect to cannabis.

A1897 reforms criminal and civil penalties for marijuana and hashish offenses, as well as provide remedies for people currently facing certain marijuana charges. The bill prevents unlawful low-level distribution and possession offenses from being used in pretrial release, probation, and parole decisions and provides certain protections against discrimination in employment, housing, and places of public accommodation. The bill also creates a pathway to vacate active sentences for certain offenses committed before enactment of the enabling legislation.

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

NJ Attorney General Launches Marijuana Decriminalization & Cannabis Legalization Resource Page

Just after Governor Murphy signed legislation changing the legal status of marijuana, Attorney General Gurbir Grewal announced the launch of a Marijuana Decriminalization & Cannabis Legalization Resource Page. The webpage is intended to provide resources and information for police and prosecutors to help them navigate the new laws and policy.

Shortly after enactment, Attorney General Grewal also issued two documents to law enforcement describing the new requirements and providing enforcement guidance:

AG Directive 2021-1: Directive Governing Dismissals of Certain Pending Marijuana Charges (Feb. 22, 2021). This directive instructs state, county, and municipal prosecutors to dismiss charges pending as of February 22, 2021, for any marijuana offense that is no longer illegal under state law.

Interim Guidance Regarding Marijuana Decriminalization (Feb. 22, 2021). This document provides guidance to law enforcement officers regarding new enforcement requirements pursuant to the marijuana decriminalization law.

Here is the address for the AG's Resource Page, you can click on the link to go to the site

<https://www.njoag.gov/marijuana/>

Questions?

Any officer who might still have questions concerning the new marijuana law after reviewing the AG's website can send their questions in to the NJPTOA. With the help of NJ DHTS Director Heitmann we will compile a list of question for the Attorney General to address. Send your questions to either President Schock at traffic@njptoa.org or Executive Director Maxwell at rmaxwell@njptoa.org

Updates from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety

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Some Words from the Director – Eric Heitmann March 2021 Vehicle Safety Recalls Week

You may have heard the saying “safe cars save lives” before, and it’s true! Safety defects in vehicles can cause crashes and deaths on our roadways. In fact, in 2019, there were 966 safety recalls affecting more than 53 million vehicles and other equipment in the United States. Unfortunately, about 25% of vehicle recalls are not addressed, which puts drivers, passengers, and others on the road at risk. March 8th through March 12th is “Vehicle Safety Recalls Week,” and it’s the perfect time to ensure that your car is operating safely as you get ready for spring.

A recall is issued when a manufacturer or the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) determines that a vehicle, equipment, car seat, or tire creates an unreasonable safety risk or fails to meet minimum safety standards.

It’s best to check if your car has a recall twice a year and promptly fix the problem if so. Every recall is fixed FOR FREE! To check the recall status of your car, simply visit www.NHTSA.gov/recalls and search your vehicle’s VIN number to see if it needs to be repaired as part of a recall. On this site, you can check on the recall status for specific vehicle models, car seats, tires, and other equipment and sign up to receive email alerts about new vehicle, tire and car seat recalls, so you know that you are keeping safety top of mind.

This year, it’s especially important to know that there is an urgent air bag recall currently in progress –the largest vehicle recall in U.S. history. You can learn more about this recall and find out if your vehicle is involved here: <https://www.nhtsa.gov/equipment/takata-recall-spotlight>.

Here at New Jersey’s Division of Highway Traffic Safety, we know that safe cars save lives. By checking your car’s recall status, you will have peace of mind that your vehicle is operating as it should or gain priceless knowledge that could end up saving your life or the life of a loved one.

Should you have questions about recalls – contact NHTSA. For questions, comments, or suggestions about traffic safety matters, I invite you to contact our office via phone (609) 633-9300 or email HTSWebInfo@njoag.gov. For any other matters, general inquiries can be directed to Citizen Services at (609) 984-5828.

You can also follow along with the NJ DHTS on social media to join the conversation on our traffic safety campaigns all year long:

- Facebook – [@NewJerseyDivisionofHighwayTrafficSafety](https://www.facebook.com/NewJerseyDivisionofHighwayTrafficSafety)
- Twitter – [@NJTrafficSafety](https://twitter.com/NJTrafficSafety)
- Instagram - [@NJTrafficSafety](https://www.instagram.com/NJTrafficSafety),

For information on a wide array of traffic safety topics, please visit the Division’s frequently updated web site at <https://www.njoag.gov/about/divisions-and-offices/division-of-highway-traffic-safety-home/>.

Save the Date – March 11, 2021 - A conversation with Director Heitmann

Director of New Jersey DHTS Eric Heitmann will be joining Bill Neary from Keep Middlesex Moving Inc. for a LIVE podcast streamed on the KMM Facebook page on March 11th at 11:00 am.

He will be discussing:

- The April Distracted Driving Campaign
- The State & Community Highway Safety Program
- How NJ DHTS works to prevent motor vehicle-related crashes and fatalities on NJ's roadways.

The podcast will also feature a Q&A session. To register go to: p1.pagewiz.net/NJHTS

A Conversation with

Eric Heitmann

Director

Division of Highway Traffic Safety

Thursday, March 11 2021, at 11 am

Visit KMM.org to Register

Learn about DHTS 2021 Distracted Driving Campaign as well as the State & Community Highway Safety Program and how DHTS works to prevent motor vehicle-related crashes and fatalities on New Jersey's roadways.

The podcast will also feature a Q&A session.

Hosted by:
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AG Grewal: Division of Highway Traffic Safety to Focus on Promoting Safe Driving Habits Following Uptick in Fatal Crashes Last Year

2020 Data Shows NJ Fatalities Increased Despite Reduced Traffic Amid Pandemic

As preliminary data shows fatal crashes and collisions in New Jersey increased by more than five percent in 2020 despite fewer cars on the road amid COVID-19 restrictions, Attorney General Gurbir S. Grewal is focusing on new initiatives led by the Division of Highway Traffic Safety (“HTS”) to address what are the leading causes of crashes nationwide – distracted driving and other risky behaviors.

In response to the 2020 crash statistics, HTS will launch a #SafeDriversSaveLives social media campaign to raise public awareness of the integral role each driver plays in preventing the loss of lives on New Jersey’s roadways. HTS will also use new web-based crash analysis technology to implement data-driven strategies targeting communities most in need of education, enforcement, and public outreach programs, and will also launch a statewide multimedia campaign to raise awareness of the dangers of distracted driving.

“We’re working on some very exciting initiatives and programs aimed at improving driver behaviors through education and public awareness,” said Eric Heitmann, Director of the Division of Highway Traffic Safety. “The 2020 crash data indicates that now, more than ever, we need every driver working with us to keep New Jersey’s roadways safe.”

Preliminary data from the New Jersey State Police (“NJSP”) shows that there were 552 fatal crashes on New Jersey roads in 2020, up from 524 the prior year. The uptick came at a time when traffic volumes were down in the State as a result COVID-19-related stay-at-home orders, curfews, and widespread transition to work-from-home. It’s a scenario that mirrors a nationwide trend.

Data released by NHTSA in October 2020 showed a 30% rise in fatality rates nationwide from January through June of 2020 even though there was a decrease in the number of cars on the road for at least three of those months.

While NJSP and HTS are still compiling and analyzing underlying 2020 fatal crash data to better understand the reason for the rise in traffic fatalities in this state, NHTSA has suggested that driver behavior is to blame for the increase nationwide.

Reviewing nationwide fatal crashes in the first half of 2020, NHTSA found that driving patterns and behaviors changed significantly; drivers who remained on the roads engaged in more risky behavior, including speeding, failing to wear seat belts, and driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

According to NHTSA:

- One report showed a median 22% increase in speeds in select metropolitan areas.
- Sixty-five percent of drivers in trauma centers after a serious crash tested positive for drugs or alcohol.
- In April, double the average number of people were thrown from vehicles during crashes, indicating no seat belts.

In a campaign to be launched this spring, HTS will address the issue of distracted driving, which is the number one cause of traffic fatalities in the State.

Last year, HTS focused on promoting safety among its youngest drivers through a “Stick to It” public awareness campaign to educate parents and young drivers about New Jersey’s nationally acclaimed teen driver laws. The campaign commemorated milestone anniversaries “Kyleigh’s Law”, which requires teens to affix stickers to their vehicles to identify them as novice drivers, and the 20-year anniversary of New Jersey’s Graduated Driver License (“GDL”) program, a three-tiered licensing process considered one of the most progressive and stringent teen driver measures in the United States.

The laws are widely credited with helping to reduce fatal crashes among teen drivers. According to data from NJSP, crash fatalities involving a teen driver (age 16 to 20) decreased by more than 47 percent between 2008 and 2018, dropping from 101 to 53. During that same period, the number of passengers under the age of 20 killed while riding in a car driven by a teen plummeted nearly 60 percent from 19 to 8.

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



NJ DHTS Welcomes New Region 2 LEL

Retired Egg Harbor Township Police Chief Ray Davis has been named the new NHTSA Region 2 Law Enforcement Liaison. The NJPTOA also welcomes Chief Davis to the traffic safety community, and we look forward to working with him. Chief Davis' email address is rdavis@njsacop.org



Help Needed for Strategic Highway Safety Plan

To enhance the SHSP, NJ Highway Safety is reviewing all police officer training dealing with traffic safety and enforcement. They would like to collect and check both recruit level and in-service training course lesson plans.

If you can assist NJ DHTS in obtaining these lesson plans or if you have one you use at your agency or county academy, please contact LEL Mike Morris at mmorris@njsacop.org or Sgt Derek DiStaso at derek.distaso@njsp.org.



Enforcement Grant Available for April – *U*Drive. *U*Text. *U*Pay. April 1st to 30th - Distracted Driving Awareness Month

NJ Division of Highway Traffic Safety has announced a grant opportunity for all police agencies, the April Statewide Distracted Driving Crackdown *U*Drive. *U*Text. *U*Pay. will take place during the entire month of April. Grant funding available for overtime enforcement operations during the campaign.

Invitations and grant application instructions have been sent to agencies in municipalities in the Top 150 for Distracted Driving crashes.

If your agency receives an invitation, please follow the directions, and submit your application in SAGE by the deadline **of March 12th**.

Agencies no in the Top 150 can also apply for grant funding if they feel they can make good use of the overtime hours during the campaign. These non-invited agencies should fill out the grant application in SAGE (available now through March 12th) and apply for 100 hours of overtime funding, a total grant amount of \$6,000.

All grant approvals by DHTS will be based on a review of the grant application submitted, past performance, and available funding in the grant.

The goal is to put extra patrols out on the streets the month of April to put forth a unified effort to make the highways safer for the motoring public.



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 the statewide fatal crash data for the year-to-date comparison as of 10:00 am, March 5, 2021.

Fatal Crashes			Fatalities	
2021	77		2021	81
2020	83		2020	87
2019	83		2019	92

Difference in Fatalities from 2020 to 2021 = decrease of 6

Percentage of change between 2020 and 2021 = - 6.9%

Difference in Fatalities from 2019 to 2020 = decrease of 5

Percentage of change between 2019 and 2020 = - 5.4%

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 Motor Vehicle Commission



MVC Agency Closings

The following MVC Centers will reopen after full COVID-19 cleaning and the completion of staff quarantine. They had to close because an employee tested positive for COVID-19 at each location, and are scheduled to reopen on these dates:

Newark Regional/Licensing Center	Wednesday, March 10
Cherry Hill Vehicle Center	Thursday, March 11
Rahway Licensing Center	Friday, March 12
West Deptford Regional/Licensing Center	Friday, March 12
Vineland Licensing Center	Monday, March 15
Salem Licensing Center	Monday, March 15
Lodi Licensing Center	Monday, March 15
Flemington Licensing Center	Monday, March 15
Springfield Vehicle Center	Friday, March 19

MVC Online

Many customers can skip the trip to the MVC by going online. Nearly 30 different Motor Vehicle Commission services and transactions are available for customers online at [NJMVC.gov](https://www.njmvc.gov). This includes most standard license and registration renewals and replacements.

Scheduling an Appointment for an In-Person Visit

Nearly all in-person transactions at MVC Vehicle and Licensing Centers require an appointment that is scheduled at [NJMVC.gov](https://www.njmvc.gov).

Appointments are scheduled up to 60 days in advance and are widely available for nearly all transactions. The MVC has added more appointments over the past month, and more than doubled daily appointments for license and registration renewals.

Appointment Cancellations

Any appointments canceled due to an MVC location closure must be rescheduled on the website. Customers will get an email when their appointment has been canceled.

If a customer can't make their appointment, it should be canceled using the guidance in the confirmation email sent by the MVC upon booking, in order to open the appointment for others.

Renewals

License/ID and registration renewals that can't be completed online require an appointment. Renewals are not available on a walk-in basis.

Customers can complete many transactions online, schedule appointments, and find out more about MVC operations on the website. Customers can also identify whether a license or vehicle transaction is available online, by appointment, or by walk-in using the [MVC "Cheat Sheet"](#) on the home page of the website.



Almost All In-Person Transactions Now Available by Appointment

The New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (NJ MVC) today announced it's adding more transactions by appointment to improve service at its 39 agencies across the state.

"With these additions, almost all in-person transactions will be handled using appointments now," said MVC Chief Administrator Sue Fulton.

Customers can schedule appointments starting Monday, March 1, for the following in-person transactions:

- New driver permits.
- Non-driver IDs.
- Commercial Learner Permits (CLPs) and endorsements, under a separate appointment category.

Two additional changes also take effect on Monday, March 1.

- Name changes and/or gender marker changes may be completed in conjunction with a REAL ID or License Renewal appointment. Otherwise, name changes and/or gender marker changes remain available on a walk-in basis.
- Probationary licenses will be available via an open appointment: following a successful road test, applicants have 60 days to get their license at any Licensing Center.

All MVC appointments are scheduled up to two months in advance at NJMVC.gov.

Transactions available by appointment already include out-of-state transfers; license or non-driver ID renewals ineligible for online renewal; CDL renewals; REAL ID; new titles or registrations (for individuals only); duplicate or replacement titles; and registration renewals ineligible for online renewal.

"Appointments are now widely available for nearly all in-person transactions, and the MVC has added to the total number of appointments in recent weeks," said Chief Fulton. "Since October, the MVC has steadily added these appointments."

Before scheduling, every customer should first check to see if their transaction can be completed online at NJMVC.gov, as many customers mistakenly make appointments for transactions that can be completed without a visit to an MVC agency.

Many MVC transactions can be conducted online now, including most standard license and registration renewals and replacements. In fact, more than 80% of standard licenses and nearly all vehicle registrations are currently renewed without an in-person visit.

In total, there are about [30 different online services and transactions](#) available at the MVC website.

"Due to our aggressive push online, we've reduced the number of transactions conducted in agencies from more than half to nearly a quarter over the course of the pandemic," Chief Fulton said. "That's a tremendous change, accounting for millions of reduced visits – and we're not done yet. We have more innovations and improvements to announce in the coming weeks."

Customers are encouraged to log on to NJMVC.gov before visiting an agency to catch up on the many changes to MVC operations, conduct transactions online, and schedule appointments for those few license or vehicle transactions that require an in-person visit.

Updates from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Follow NHTSA on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) to keep up to date with the latest recalls and safety campaigns



US Department of
Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**



SaferCar Phone App

Free mobile app provides real-time info to help consumers "Buy Safe, Drive Safe, and Stay Safe"

Cars. Trucks. Vans. Motorcycles. Car Seats. Whatever you're driving, or whatever equipment you're using, nothing is more important than safety – yours and everyone else's. At NHTSA, ensuring safety is our most important mission.

Making roads safer begins with the national standards we set for automotive safety. When vehicles and equipment have safety defects, we manage the recalls. Learn the facts about a recall – quickly, definitively and directly from the source – so you can get it fixed and stay safe.

Get Vital, Current Recall Info in 3 Easy Steps

- Download the SaferCar app
- Add your vehicle, then type in or scan your Vehicle Identification Number
- Add car seats, tires and equipment

When SaferCar discovers a recall for the vehicle or equipment you entered, it will send you an alert on your mobile device.

Go to Google Play or the App Store on your phone to download the app/



Vehicle Safety Recalls Week == March 8-12, 2021

NHTSA manages vehicle safety recalls, sets vehicle safety standards, and requires automakers to recall vehicles with safety defects or do not meet those standards.

During Vehicle Safety Recalls Week, NHTSA wants to increase awareness of the urgency of safety recalls and to encourage the driving public to check and see if there's an open recall on their vehicle. Vehicle Safety Recalls Week is March 8-12, 2021.

[Click here to get the 2021 campaign materials.](#)

CHECK YOUR VEHICLE FOR SAFETY RECALLS TWICE A YEAR!

Daylight Saving Time is a great time to remind yourself to check for safety recalls.

- ☑ Change clocks.
- ☑ Change smoke detector batteries.
- ☑ Check for vehicle safety recalls.

2X/YEAR

NHTSA.gov/recalls

Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)
Enter 17 Character VIN

NHTSA.gov/recalls

Safe Cars Save Lives. #CheckForRecalls



Saint Patrick's Day Buzzed Driving Prevention - March 17, 2021

St. Patrick's Day is one of the deadliest times on our nation's roads. During the 2015-2019 St. Patrick's Day period, 280 lives were lost in drunk-driving crashes.

In 2019 alone, 57 people were killed in drunk-driving crashes over the St. Patrick's Day period.

Buzzed Driving is Drunk Driving

Please use these marketing tools to fit your needs and objectives while, at the same time, partnering with other States, communities, and traffic safety organizations on this impaired driving prevention initiative.

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



Rail Grade Crossing Campaign >>> March 22–April 12, 2021 **Stop. Trains Can't.**

Although accidents at railroad crossings are an old problem, the problem is easily avoidable. This campaign focuses on reversing the uptick in railroad crossing fatalities. Its message is simple.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.transportation.gov/stop-trains-cant>

[Click here to download campaign material](#)



April is National Distracted Driving Awareness Month

Distracted driving is one of the fastest growing safety issues on the roads today. Distracted drivers aren't just a threat to themselves; they are a danger to everyone else on the road. The national distracted driving effort focuses on ways to change the behavior of drivers through legislation, enforcement, public awareness, and education.

www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/get-materials/distracted-driving





National Distracted Driving Enforcement Mobilization April 5-12, 2021

This year's *U Drive. U Text. U Pay.* high visibility enforcement (HVE) media campaign centers on aiding law enforcement officers in their efforts to keep texting and distracted drivers off the road. Distracted driving is a first offense in many States and continues to gain recognition across the nation as a deadly traffic safety epidemic.

Dates to remember:

- April 5-12 / HVE media campaign
- April 8 / Connect 2 Disconnect (C2D) Enforcement and Awareness Initiative
- April 8-12 / enforcement mobilization

NHTSA's Traffic Safety Marketing.gov website features downloadable [2021 campaign materials](#) designed for States and traffic safety advocates, with a special [2021 PEAK Enforcement Kit](#) designed for law enforcement. The message is clear, "*If you drive while distracted, you'll pay.*" We anticipate that this persuasive message will resonate with the target audience of men and women 18-34.

www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/get-materials/distracted-driving



April 7th National Walking Day

The first Wednesday in April is National Walking Day and it encourages Americans of all ages to get out and stretch their legs and get their hearts pumping. The American Heart Association sponsors this day to remind people about the health benefits of taking a walk. Wear your sneakers (or take them with you) to work, and at some point in the day, take a 30-minute walk.

Here are some great ways to make that 30-minutes more enjoyable:

- Wear comfortable clothes.
- Take a friend to pass the time.
- Make sure to stretch those muscles.
- Drink plenty of water.
- Move your arms, too.
- Make sure you have good posture.

HOW TO OBSERVE #NationalWalkingDay

Take thirty minutes out of your day to go for a walk. Find a trail near you or walk around your neighborhood. You can also visit a local park or walk on your treadmill. Take your canine pals with you, too. They need the cardiovascular workout, too! When the family has finished your walk around the block or park, complete this fun [word search puzzle](#).

<https://nationaltoday.com/national-walking-day>

<https://eatsmartproducts.com/national-walking-day/>

April 11–17 National 911 Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

Every year during the second week of April, the telecommunications personnel in the public safety community, are honored. This week-long event is a time to celebrate and thank those who dedicate their lives to serving the public. It is a week that should be set aside so everyone can be made aware of their hard work and dedication.

We encourage all of you to celebrate and honor yourselves, your co-workers, your bosses and your employees. Host a party, reach out to your local media and public officials, or launch an awards program. Use the tools and suggestions on the National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week blog.

Thank you, again, for all the sacrifices you make to create a better and safer world for the public. Your commitment to your profession is appreciated by in the public safety community and the citizens you serve.

www.npstw.org



420 Drug-Impaired Driving Prevention Campaign - April 20, 2021

If You Feel Different, You Drive Different.

Although its origins are uncertain, April 20th (more commonly known as 420) has become synonymous with marijuana use and, in some circles, the date is a marijuana “holiday.” On Tuesday, April 20, 2021, there will likely be an increase in marijuana use.

To help keep drug-impaired drivers off the roads, NHTSA is teaming up with State and local traffic safety advocates to spread the message that drug-impaired driving of any kind is dangerous and illegal.

Click [here](#) for additional information.

**IF YOU FEEL DIFFERENT
YOU DRIVE DIFFERENT**

NHTSA Recall Campaign - Tire Sidewall Separation

NHTSA Campaign Number: 21T002000

Potential Number of Units Affected 430,298

NHTSA has issued a recall for defective tires manufactured by Cooper Tire & Rubber Co. Certain brand tires may develop a bulge or separation in the sidewall. A sidewall separation may cause the tire to rapidly deflate, increasing the risk of a crash.

Cooper Tire will notify owners, and dealers will replace affected tires, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin March 25, 2021. Owners may contact Cooper Tire customer service at 1-800-854-6288. Cooper Tire's number for this recall is 178.

BRAND	MODEL
BIG O	AT/T BIG FOOT
COOPER	DISCOVERER
DISCOUNT TIRE	DISCOVERER ATP
HERCULES	TERRA TRAC A/T II
LES SCHWAB	BACK COUNTRY
MASTERCRAFT	COURSER
MICKEY THOMPSON	DEEGAN 38 ALL-TERRAIN
PEP BOYS	ADVENTURER
TBC	MULTI-MILE WILD COUNTRY XTX

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153) or go to www.safercar.gov.



National Database of 2020 Key Enacted 911 Legislation Now Available



NCSL's database of state 911 legislation, enacted in 2020, is now available

Each year, states consider or enact legislation aimed at supporting and improving the efficiency of 911 emergency communication services. The National 911 Program and the [National Conference of State Legislatures \(NCSL\)](#) are pleased to make a summary of [2020 key enacted legislation](#) available.

Since 2012, the [911 Legislation Tracking Database](#) has served as a resource for states looking to improve their emergency communications operations or gather insight into neighboring legislative efforts. It allows states to easily compare recently enacted – or modifications to existing – laws involving 911.

A few legislative highlights from 2020 include:

- Four states – California, Connecticut, **New Jersey**, and Washington – enacted legislation establishing or enhancing penalties for false 911 calls, in particular, when the purpose of the call was harassing another person because of that person's characteristics, including their race, gender, nationality, religion, disability or sexual orientation.
- Five states – Alabama, Colorado, Indiana, Tennessee and West Virginia – established or increased statewide or local 911 fees.
- Maryland, Virginia, and West Virginia enacted legislation to authorize and foster cooperation between Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs), ensure resilience and redundancy, and offer reliable service.
- South Dakota and Wyoming enacted legislation authorizing phone companies to provide real-time cell phone location information to PSAPs in emergent situations.

The database is easy to use and provides searchable filters to quickly find a bill. Users can search by state, topic, keyword, status, bill number, year and author. Topics include:

- 911 Administration, Plans, Boards & Commissions
- 911 Fee, Service Fee or Surcharge
- 911 Funding and Appropriations
- 911 Privacy and Confidentiality
- Enhanced 911
- Next Generation/Advanced 911
- Wireless 911

To access the 2020 legislation update, 911 Bill Tracking Database, or for more information, visit www.ncsl.org or contact Samantha Bloch at samantha.bloch@ncsl.org



Examination of the Traffic Safety Environment During the Second Quarter of 2020: Special Report

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reviewed national changes in roadway travel and changes in drivers' behavior that have occurred since the start of the COVID -19 public health emergency, with an emphasis on the second quarter (Q2) of 2020. Most important, we are learning about the impact on motor vehicle crashes and fatalities. This report draws from an array of sources to bring together as much information as possible to provide an understanding of our current traffic safety environment, and to better address our changing traffic safety needs. As this report documents, there are many differences in impact on speeding and other dangerous driving behaviors, such as reduced seat belt use.

The report explores changes in countermeasure use including traffic enforcement and public communications and outreach. Also examined is the question of whether some people who continued driving even when many communities had stay a -home guidelines may be inherently higher risk drivers.

[Click here to read/download the NHTSA report](#)



Update to Special Reports on Traffic Safety During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency: Third Quarter Data

During the early months of the national public health emergency, driving patterns and behaviors changed significantly. Of the drivers who remained on the roads, some engaged in riskier behavior, including speeding, failing to wear seat belts, and driving under the influence of alcohol or other drugs. Traffic data indicated average speeds increased during the second quarter, and extreme speeds became more common.

Other data suggested fewer people involved in crashes used their seat belts. The study of seriously or fatally injured road users at five participating trauma centers found that, between mid-March and mid-July, almost two-thirds of drivers tested positive for at least one active drug, including alcohol, marijuana, or opioids. The proportion of such drivers testing positive for opioids nearly doubled after mid-March, as compared to the previous six months, while marijuana prevalence increased by about 50%.

[Click here to read/download the NHTSA report](#)



National Seat Belt Enforcement Mobilization May 17 - June 6, 2021

Seat belts have been proven to be one of the best ways to save your life in a crash. Yet many still don't buckle up. Worse still, not wearing a seat belt is a habit that will pass on to impressionable youth who, in turn, will think it is safe to not buckle up.

The *Click It or Ticket* campaign focuses on safety education, strong laws, and law enforcement support to save lives.

Dates to Remember

- » May 10 - June 6, 2021 (earned media)
- » May 17 - June 6, 2021 (paid media)
- » May 24 - June 6, 2021 (enforcement)

Click on the following links for more information:

- » [PEAK materials](#)
- » [Mobilization campaign materials](#)



NHTSA Communications Calendar & Upcoming Campaigns

The 2021 NHTSA Communications Calendar and the 2021 Highway Traffic Safety Events Calendar are available in TSM.

[Click here to get a head start on your planning and to align with NHTSA's traffic safety campaigns for 2021](#)

Below is the schedule of upcoming national traffic safety campaigns sponsored by NHTSA, for May.

May (Entire Month) Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month
www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/get-materials/motorcycle-safety

May (Entire Month) National Bicycle Safety Month
www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/get-materials/bicycle-safety

May 1 National Heatstroke Prevention Day
www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/get-materials/child-safety/heatstroke-prevention



NHTSA Vehicle Recall – Campaign Number - 21V115000

Tire Failure may Cause Sudden Air Loss

Manufacturer - General Motors, LLC

Components - Tires

Potential Number of Units Affected - 33,838

Summary

General Motors LLC (GM) is recalling certain:

- | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2020 Buick Enclave | 2020 GMC Yukon |
| 2020 Cadillac XT4 | 2020 Yukon XL |
| 2020 XT5 | 2018-2021 Chevrolet Express |
| 2020 Escalade | 2020 GMC Savana |
| 2020 Escalade ESV | 2019-2020 Chevrolet Blazer |
| 2020 Chevrolet Suburban | 2020 Silverado 1500 |
| 2020 Tahoe | 2020 GMC Acadia |
| 2020 Traverse | 2020Sierra 1500 |

Along with certain Continental tires sold to the aftermarket for various model year 2018-2021 vehicles. The affected tires were cured for too long during production. Over cured tires may develop a break in the sidewall resulting in sudden air loss or a belt edge separation which could lead to a tread/belt loss. Either condition can cause a loss of vehicle control, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy

GM will notify owners, and dealers will inspect the tires, replacing them as necessary, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin April 12, 2021. Owners may contact GMC customer service at 1-888-988-7267, Buick customer service at 1-866-608-8080, Chevrolet customer service at 1-800-222-1020 or Cadillac customer service at 1-800-458-8006. GM's number for this recall is N212329050.

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

Updates from the National Law Enforcement Liaison Program



Traffic Safety Initiatives: Reducing Officer Deaths and Serious Injuries Related to Traffic Duties

On August 10, 1869, Patrolman John A. Branagan, of the New York Police Department (NYPD), was working on a traffic detail at the Hamilton Ferry in New York City.

On November 15, 2019, Deputy Sheriff Stephen Reece, of the Cheatham County Sheriff's Office in Tennessee, was involved in a crash with another vehicle while on duty.

These two officers were killed in the line of duty 150 years apart. Read the full article to understand what can we learn from these tragic deaths.

[Click here to read the article](#)



Winter 2021 issue of *The LEL Newsletter*

The Winter Issue of The LEL Newsletter is now available.

The LEL is published by the National Law Enforcement Liaison Program, a Governors Highway Safety Association project funded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Topics in This Issue:

- 50 Years of Saving Lives
- Perspective & Experience
- Best Practices
- Success in a Changing World
- Regional Spotlight: Region 10
- From the Bench
- Training & Research
- Traffic Safety Calendar

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Updates from MADD



MADD New Jersey

Rachael can be reached at (585) 426-3130, or her email address is Rachael.Browngardt@madd.org, while Victoria's email address is Victoria.Stuart@madd.org

We are grateful to have MADD New Jersey as part of our association.

National MADD

Alex Otte, MADD's New National President, Shares Her Story and Heart with Law Enforcement.

Many would say they generally understand the selfless contributions that law enforcement personnel make to our communities every day, others still would say that while they may not understand, they appreciate the sacrifices made by law enforcement personnel and their families to keep all of us safe. I can tell you that not only do I understand and appreciate it, I'm marrying it. I say all of this to tell you from the beginning that when I say thank you and that I understand the sacrifices that you and your families make every day that you put on the uniform, you know where I'm coming from.

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



[Updates from the Federal Bureau of Investigation](#)

The latest edition of the [FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin](#) is now available online. The Bulletin is now on Twitter. You can follow us [@FBILEB](#).

[National Press Releases](#)

Officer-Involved Traffic Crashes

FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin 2/11/21

Police officers should operate their vehicles carefully and prudently. They must obey all laws and policies so they can conduct their patrol operations effectively, respond to incidents expediently, and, most important, complete their duties safely. When an officer becomes involved in a traffic crash, all other police business halts for that officer and others who respond to the scene.

More important, the outcome can be tragic. Injuries can and often do occur. Although less frequently, these injuries can prove serious and even fatal. Additionally, officer-involved traffic crashes take resources (e.g., money and manpower) away from the main mission and can result in liability issues for the officer, department, and city. [Click here to read the full article](#)

FBI Newark Provides Tips for Avoiding Romance Scams

Romance scams occur when a criminal uses a fake online identity to gain a victim's affection and trust.

These scammers are present on most dating and social media sites. They look to establish a relationship as quickly as possible and endear themselves to the victim. Many may propose marriage and make plans to meet in person. Eventually, they will ask for money.

To avoid becoming a victim, FBI Newark recommends the following:

Tips for Avoiding Romance Scams:

- Be careful what you post and make public online. Scammers can use details shared on social media and dating sites to better understand and target you.
- Research the person's photo and profile using online searches to see if the image, name, or details have been used elsewhere.
- Go slowly and ask lots of questions.
- Beware if the individual seems too perfect or quickly asks you to leave a dating service or social media site to communicate directly.
- Beware if the individual attempts to isolate you from friends and family or requests inappropriate photos or financial information that could later be used to extort you.
- Beware if the individual promises to meet in person, but then always comes up with an excuse why he or she can't. If you haven't met the person after a few months, for whatever reason, you have good reason to be suspicious.
- Never send money to anyone you have only communicated with online or by phone.

Victims may be hesitant to report being taken advantage of due to embarrassment, shame, or humiliation. It's important to remember, romance scams can happen to anyone at any time.

If you suspect your online relationship is a scam, cease all contact immediately. If you are a victim who has already sent money, immediately report the incident to your financial institution, file a complaint with the Internet Crimes Complaint Center (www.ic3.gov) (<http://www.ic3.gov>), and to contact law enforcement.

Capitol Violence

The FBI is seeking to identify individuals involved in the violent activities that occurred at the U.S. Capitol and surrounding areas on January 6, 2021. View photos and related information here. If you have any information to provide, visit www.tips.fbi.gov or call 1-800-CALL-FBI.

[Click here to go to the FBI's webpage on this topic](#)

Honoring Fallen FBI Agents

On February 8th, Memorial services were held in Florida to honor the lives of FBI Special Agents Laura Schwartzenberger and Daniel Alfin, who were killed in the line of duty February 2, 2021. We will always remember their ultimate sacrifice.

[Full Story and Slideshow](#)

Concert Promoter Sentenced for Ponzi Scheme

A smooth talking concert promoter told investors he could make them rich. But instead, he and an associate swindled their victims out of more than \$20 million—and are now serving prison time.

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

FBI New Jersey News

Click on the headline to read the press release for each story.

[Monmouth County Man Sentenced to 18 Months Prison for Unlawfully Possessing a Firearm](#)

[Bronx, New York Woman Arrested for Fraudulently Obtaining More Than \\$200,000 Worth of iPhones in New Jersey](#)

[Connecticut Woman Charged with Defrauding Former Employers in New Jersey](#)

[Senior Care Company Agrees to Pay \\$714,996 to Resolve False Claims Act Allegations](#)

[Warren County Man Admits Role in Scheme to Deceive Bank and Bank Regulators](#)

[Morris County Man Charged with Producing, Possessing, and Mailing Child Pornography](#)

[Queens Man Charged with Referral-Fee Fraud on Ride Sharing Business](#)

[Former Sales Representative Indicted in Compounded Prescription Drug Scheme](#)

[New Jersey Nurse Admits Role in Multi-Million-Dollar Compounding Fraud Scheme](#)

[Morris County Pharmacy Employee Charged with \\$1.9 Million Kickback and Bribery Scheme](#)

[Updates from the New Jersey Attorney General's Office](#)

<https://www.njoag.gov/> is the new website for the New Jersey Office of the Attorney General. If you have any comments, issues, or feedback, please contact the webmaster@njoag.gov or Citizen Services at 609-984-5828. Here is the new web address for the AG's Directives <https://www.njoag.gov/resources/ag-directives/>



New Jersey Office of the Attorney General – 2020 Year in Review

New Jersey faced unprecedented challenges in 2020, and the Department of Law & Public Safety played a central role in navigating the state's response. Each of the Department's 16 divisions, offices, and commissions contributed to the effort, working around the clock to keep the people of New Jersey safe during a turbulent time.

This document highlights the Department's 7,700 employees' extraordinary and essential work over the past year. Unlike prior versions of the "Year in Review," which were organized around Attorney General Grewal's key policy initiatives, this year's document focuses instead on two issues that defined 2020: the COVID-19 response and the national reckoning on race and policing.

This document begins with an in-depth review of the Department's response to these two issues and highlights several other significant projects completed over the past year. But more than anything, this document catalogs the resilience and dedication of the Department's public servants – the incredible people who work every day to help create a State that is safer, fairer, and more secure for its residents. They were tested in 2020 like never before, and their commitment in the face of adversity reflects the values that define the Department of Law & Public Safety.

[Click here to read and/or download the 30-page report](#)

Division of Criminal Justice Top 12 Most Wanted Fugitives

[Click here to go to the dcj's 12 wanted list](#)

Division of Criminal Justice News

Click on the headline to read the press release for each story.

[AG's Office Releases Video Footage from Body Worn Cameras and Street Camera Related to Fatal Accident Following Attempted Motor Vehicle Stop in Camden](#)

[Woman Sentenced to 50 Years in State Prison for Human Trafficking Conviction— Forced Girl, 17, to Work as Prostitute](#)

[AG Grewal Announces Indictment of Paterson Councilmen Michael Jackson and Alex Mendez on Charges of Election Fraud and Related Offenses](#)

[AG Grewal Announces Indictment of School Bus Company, Its Owner, and Manager Charged with Using Unsafe Buses and Unqualified Drivers with Criminal Records](#)

[AG Grewal Announces New "Community-Based Services Consortium" to Provide Prosocial Programs to Confined Youth](#)

[Man Arrested on Charges He Tried to Lure Boy For Sex and Sent Child Sexual Abuse Materials to Users on Social Media He Believed Were Underage](#)

[Four Defendants Arrested on Charges They Conspired to Illegally Obtain and Distribute Oxycodone Out of a Pharmacy in Warren County](#)

[Attorney General Grewal Provides Direction and Guidance to Law Enforcement on Marijuana](#)

[Former Morris County Freeholder Candidate Pleads Guilty to Falsifying Election Report In Connection With Illegal \\$10,000 Campaign Contribution She Received](#)

[AG Grewal Announces Four Regulatory Actions Addressing New Jersey's Opioid Addiction Epidemic](#)

[Attorney General Grewal Announces Indictments Against Four Former Public Officials and Political Candidates Charged With Taking Bribes](#)

[Former Mayor of Middlesex Borough Sentenced to Seven Years in Prison for Stealing More Than \\$75,000 From Local Campaigns](#)

[Cumberland County Man Indicted on Charge That He Stole \\$96,437 by Fraudulently Collecting Unemployment Benefits](#)

[AG Grewal: New Jersey Opposes Effort by Texas to Dictate Immigration Priorities for the Entire Country](#)

[Monmouth County Father and Son Sentenced for Orchestrating Scheme that Defrauded Life Insurance Companies of Over \\$4 Million](#)

[AG Grewal Overhauls Statewide Police Use of Force Policies](#)

[Five Charged With Conspiring to Defraud Investors and Mortgage Lenders of More Than \\$500,000 Through Fraudulent Real Estate Investments](#)

[AG Grewal Announces, "Excellence in Policing" Initiative to Promote Professionalism, Accountability, and Transparency in Law Enforcement](#)

[AG's Office Releases Video Footage of Motor Vehicle Accident That Fatally Injured Driver Who Flew Attempted Traffic Stop in Bordentown Township](#)

Updates from the US Drug Enforcement Administration

New Jersey Division has offices in Atlantic City, Camden, Newark, and Paterson; led by Susan A. Gibson, Special Agent in Charge.



[Essex County Man Admits Role in \\$23 Million Identity Fraud and Money Laundering Scheme](#)

[DEA Task Force Instrumental in Capturing NYPD Homicide Fugitive In Atlantic City](#)

[Essex County Man Indicted for Operating Heroin Mill](#)

[Passaic County Man Sentenced to 63 Months in Prison for Role in Fentanyl Conspiracy](#)

[Philadelphia Man Admits Role in Fentanyl Distribution Conspiracy](#)

DEA Announces 20th Take Back Day – April 24th

On the heels of largest collection to-date, federal, state and local partners prepare for April event

With opioid overdose deaths increasing during the pandemic, the Drug Enforcement Administration announced its 20th Take Back Day scheduled for April 24th. At its last Take Back Day in October, DEA collected a record-high amount of expired, unused prescription medications, with the public turning in close to 500 tons of unwanted drugs. Over the 10-year span of Take Back Day, DEA has brought in more than 6,800 tons of prescription drugs. With studies indicating a majority of abused prescription drugs come from family and friends, including from home medicine cabinets, clearing out unused medicine is essential.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the U.S. has seen an increase in overdose deaths during the COVID-19 pandemic, with 83,544 Americans overdosing during the 12-month period ending July 1, 2020, the most ever recorded in a 12-month period. The increase in drug overdose deaths appeared to begin prior to the COVID-19 health emergency, but accelerated significantly during the first months of the pandemic.

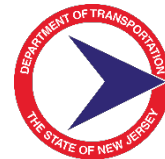
The public can drop off potentially dangerous prescription medications at collection sites which will adhere to local COVID-19 guidelines and regulations in order to maintain the safety of all participants and local law enforcement.

DEA and its partners will collect tablets, capsules, patches, and other solid forms of prescription drugs. Liquids (including intravenous solutions), syringes and other sharps, and illegal drugs will not be accepted. DEA will continue to accept vaping devices and cartridges at its drop off locations provided lithium batteries are removed.

Helping people dispose of potentially harmful prescription drugs is just one way DEA is working to reduce addiction and stem overdose deaths.

Learn more about the event at www.deatakeback.com, or by calling 800-882-9539

Updates from the New Jersey Dept of Transportation



Murphy Administration announces \$29 million in FY2021 Rail Freight Assistance Program grants

The Murphy Administration announced on February 10th that 10 grants totaling more than \$29 million have been released through the New Jersey Department of Transportation's FY2021 Rail Freight Assistance Program. The grants help support economic activity by preserving and improving the existing freight transportation system and by making freight rail service more widely available for businesses throughout the state. Rail freight improvements support the state's clean energy, congestion mitigation, and sustainable development goals.

There are 10 projects receiving funding which are located in 11 counties and include upgrading and repairing existing railroad tracks with environmentally-friendly steel ties, installing new or upgraded switches, constructing a new drawbridge, and repairing or upgrading existing bridges and crossings. The \$29 million in state grants will leverage an additional \$23 million from railroad owners and operators, bringing the total investment of these 10 projects to more than \$52 million.

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

[Click here to see what and where the ten projects are](#)



Murphy Administration announces \$1.8 million in FY 2021 Safe Streets to Transit Program grants

Seven municipalities to receive state funding for improvement projects

The Murphy Administration announced on February 8th that \$1.8 million in Fiscal Year 2021 Safe Streets to Transit Program (SSTT) grants will go to seven municipal projects in Atlantic, Essex, Mercer, Monmouth, and Passaic counties. "Pedestrian safety to and from transit facilities is the main focus of the Safe Streets to Transit Program," NJDOT Commissioner Diane Gutierrez- Scaccetti said.

The seven municipalities receiving the Safe Street to Transit monies are:

- Atlantic City, Atlantic County: \$160,000
- Ventnor, Atlantic County: \$300,000
- Newark, Essex County: \$300,000
- Hamilton, Mercer County: \$140,000
- Freehold, Monmouth County: \$400,000
- Long Branch, Monmouth County: \$300,000
- Passaic, Passaic County: \$200,000

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

Updates from New Jersey Transit



NJ Transit Tries to Get Riders Back with Flexpass

wbgo

New Jersey Transit is offering Flexpass in a bid to get customers who may now have more irregular work schedules back on board.

There's a new way to travel on New Jersey Transit, which is trying to get customers lost to the pandemic back on board.

It's called Flexpass -- 20 one-way tickets between two stations or stops, with a 20% discount off the one-way fare. It's good for 30 days.

[Click here to read and listen to the article](#)



Governor Murphy Announces \$250 Million Overhaul of the Walter Rand Transportation Center in Camden

Governor Murphy announced a \$250 million investment in Camden's Walter Rand Transportation Center (WRTC) that will be multimodal, improve accessibility, and connect NJ Transit buses, private buses, PATCO, River Line light rail and the eventual expansion of light rail, to Glassboro.

The WRTC Improvement Project, seeks to upgrade and enlarge the existing facility to accommodate the development renaissance currently underway in the City of Camden. NJ TRANSIT plans to issue an RFP to obtain proposals from qualified professional firms to conduct Conceptual Design, Preliminary Engineering, Final Design Engineering, and Construction Assistance for the WRTC Improvement Project.

NJ TRANSIT recently completed nearly \$2.8 million dollars in repairs to the five-story parking deck attached to the WRTC. The improvements made include new electrical, lighting, and concrete patching needed to help facilitate future construction at the WRTC.



Glassboro-Camden Line Achieves Important Milestone Environmental Impact Study Completed in February

The proposed Glassboro-Camden Line (GCL) will advance to preliminary engineering design with the completion of a comprehensive Environmental Impact Study. The study was a critical phase that carefully reviewed the project's environmental impacts. Nationally recognized transportation experts conducted the study with feedback from hundreds of members of the community.

The project for the 18-mile passenger light rail line started in 2003 and will restore service on an existing rail line that traverses Gloucester and Camden counties, including the communities of Glassboro, Pitman, Sewell, Mantua Township, Deptford Township, Wenonah, Woodbury Heights, Woodbury, Westville, Brooklawn, Gloucester City, and Camden.

This new light rail line is sponsored by the Delaware River Port Authority, Port Authority Transit Corp., NJ Transit, and the South Jersey Transportation Authority who has committed \$200 million towards the next phase of the project- preliminary engineering design and project management.

<http://glassborocamdenline.com/>



[Updates from New Jersey of Department of Environmental Protection](#)



NJ DEP Offers Over 700 Seasonal Jobs Throughout the State Parks, Forests, and Natural & Historical Sites

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection is now accepting applications for hundreds of jobs throughout state parks, forests, and natural and historic sites, Acting Commissioner Shawn LaTourette announced today. Beyond providing a fun and engaging summer work experience in New Jersey's parks, these seasonal jobs can introduce New Jerseyans from all backgrounds to long-term career paths in environmental protection.

Available positions include naturalists, history educators, visitor service assistants, trail stewards, office assistants, lifeguards, and maintenance personnel.

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

NJ DEP Project Aims to Help Municipalities Stop Illegal Dumping

On February 8th, the NJ Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) [announced the launch of](#) an enforcement project aimed at assisting municipalities stop illegal dumping. To assist, the DEP will procure and provide equipment, bring partners together for broad training on implementing an illegal dumping program at the local level, and impart strategies for deterring illegal dumping. The Attorney General's office will offer guidance and training on pathways for both civil and criminal enforcement.

The initial 10-month project involves 11 municipalities throughout the state. Municipalities facing illegal dumping and interested in partnership with the DEP are encouraged to visit the [DEP website](#) for more information.

The communities participating in the initial launch of the Project include Camden, Fairfield, Jersey City, Linden, Newark, Paterson, Salem, Secaucus, Trenton, Vernon, and Vineland.

<https://nj.gov/dep/illegaldumping/enforcement/>

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

EVgo Secures Grants from New Jersey DEP to Develop EV Charging Stations

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US-based electric vehicles (EVs) charging stations operator EVgo has announced that it has received a grant from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to support the development of 30 fast chargers.

The new chargers will be deployed across eight Garden State locations, including grocery stores, retail shopping centers, and a travel plaza on the New Jersey Turnpike.

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

Updates from AAA



School Safety Patrol Celebrates 100 Years of Service **Were you a AAA Safety Patroller?**

AAA is proud to celebrate its School Safety Patrol program's centennial anniversary. For 100 years, Patrollers around the world have provided school-aged children an extra sense of safety and security when going to and from school. The program and its more than 440 Lifesaving Award recipients have contributed to the steady decline of U.S. student pedestrian (ages 5–14) deaths—a 24% decrease since 2010.



“AAA’s School Safety Patrol program is the world’s largest school-based safety program. We could not be prouder of the thousands of young men and women annually who dedicate their time before and after school each day to ensure the safety of their classmates,” said AAA President and CEO, and former Patroller, Marshall Doney. “This community program teaches safety and leadership skills to ensure our youngest generations are making smart decisions. I can attest firsthand. The important pedestrian and traffic safety measures I learned as a Patroller had a profound and lasting impact on my career.”

Started when horses and buggies were the mode of transportation it was created to make schoolchildren safer while walking to school, the program has grown-up and matured with the times while remaining steadfast to its mission *to provide a safer environment and leadership opportunities for millions of schoolchildren*. The training that Patrollers receive instills safety sense beyond street crossings, including bus and car drop-offs, monitoring hallway congestion, and teaching Patrollers invaluable leadership skills. The famous Patroller belt has seen change, too, going from white to neon orange to today’s fluorescent green called ‘Lectric Lime.

“Patrollers direct children, not traffic. Their focus is on helping students be safe where traffic is concerned,” said AAA Traffic Safety Advocacy and Community Impact Manager Rhonda Shah. “Their actions save lives. Patrollers serve as role models in schools across the country.”

The belt may come off after fifth grade, but the leadership values and safety awareness have inspired many to pursue admirable careers, including the sitting president.

Other notable Patrollers include Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton, astronauts, governors, members of Congress, Supreme Court justices, Olympic medalists, and authors, like *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* Jeff Kinney. Many Patrollers now serve as educators, executives, and community leaders. Some, like Karen Guilbeault, enter law enforcement. Guilbeault rose to become the first female captain in the Cranston, R.I., police department and their first to graduate from the FBI’s National Academy in Virginia.

“Being a patroller helped me get involved in community service and gave me a sense of belonging and instilled self-confidence,” said Guilbeault. “It opened so many doors for me and formed my interest in going into law enforcement.”

The 2020–21 school year, different as it may be, boasts 679,000 Patrollers in 35,000 schools in the United States. The legacy doesn’t stop here, however. Over the last 100 years, interest in and excitement for the program have spread around the world. The AAA model has been adopted in at least 30 other countries, including England, France, Germany, the Netherlands, and New Zealand.

Since 1920, AAA provides various equipment and education materials to Patrollers, including reflective belts, patrol badges and training resources. To learn how to bring the AAA School Safety Patrol to your school, email SchoolSafetyPatrol@national.aaa.com.



Save the Date – April 20, 2021 Marijuana Laws – A Virtual Panel Discussion

AAA Northeast is in the planning stages for an online panel discussion / presentation dealing with the new marijuana laws here in the Garden State. The event will take place on Tuesday, April 20th. Ron Esposito will forward the details once they have everything in place.

The panel members will include State Legislators, DRE Practitioners, and other subject matter experts.

If you have any questions or input contact Ron at resposito@aaanortheast.com or his office phone 908-377-9686.

Distractions Behind the Wheel
New Vehicle Infotainment Systems Increase Distraction on the Road.

40 Seconds—average time it takes drivers to program navigation using in-vehicle technology.

Taking your eyes off the road for 2 seconds **doubles** your risk for a crash.

Only 1 in 4 adults believe in-vehicle infotainment technology works properly.

How Distracted Are You?

Low: listening to radio, tune radio, call/dial
Moderate: in-vehicle infotainment
High: texting, navigation

Demand Levels by Task

03 (Very High)
02 (High)
01 (Moderate)
0 (Low)

listening to radio, tune radio, call/dial, texting, navigation

Source: AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety

Newsroom.AAA.com



Why have pedestrian fatalities increased?

Examining the Increase in Pedestrian Fatalities in the United States, 2009–2018, released by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety

Over the period from 2009 to 2018, pedestrian fatalities in the United States increased 53%, from 4,109 to 6,283, after decreasing for three. The proportion of all traffic fatalities that were pedestrians increased from 12% to 17% over the same time period.

Between 2010 and 2017, the U.S. experienced the largest percentage increase in pedestrian fatalities among 30 countries in the Organization for Economic Cooperation & Development, 24 of which saw decreases in pedestrian fatalities.

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



How do posted speed limits affect safety?

Impact of Speeds on Drivers and Vehicles – Results from Crash Tests

A report released by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety.

This study examines how vehicle crashworthiness and occupant protection degrade as impact speeds increase. This report's results and implications provide valuable information for those who advocate for safety considerations when setting maximum posted speed limits.

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

Updates from the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority



The NJTPA is the federally authorized Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for 6.7 million people in the 13-county northern New Jersey region.



NJTPA Virtual Board Meeting Agenda!

Date: March 8, 2021

Time: 10:30 AM

Join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone, by clicking the link:

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/686806381>

Open Public Meetings

- A. Roll Call
- B. Approval of Minutes
- C. Chair's Remarks
- D. Executive Director's Report
- E. Committee Reports/Action Items*
 - Project Prioritization – Commissioner John W. Bartlett, Chair
 - Planning and Economic Development – Commissioner John P. Kelly, Chair
 - Approval of the FY 2022 Unified Planning Work Program
 - Support for Adjusted Pavement and Bridge Performance Measure Targets Set by the NJDOT
 - Freight Initiatives – Commissioner Charles Kenny, Chair
- F. Planning for 2050 Presentation: Federal Transportation Policy and Legislation Outlook – Erich Zimmermann, Deputy Director/Director of Transportation Programs, National Association of Regional Councils
- G. Public Participation*
- H. The next virtual meeting of the NJTPA will be held May 10, 2021, 10:30 a.m.
- I. Adjournment

*Members of the public who wish to speak on any action item or during the public comment portion of the meeting are asked to notify the NJTPA prior to the meeting at NJTPA@NJTPA.org.

The full agenda package and detailed instructions for logging in to the meeting are available [here](#).



FoRRRwD Training Trading Cards Now Available in Spanish

Are you looking to enhance your [focus on reducing rural roadway departures](#) (FoRRRwD) training materials? A set of 18 trading cards that illustrate rural roadway departure crash types, countermeasures, and tools, are now available in Spanish as well as English. Agencies are encouraged to use these cards to educate staff on various approaches to reduce rural roadway crashes and save lives. These popular cards are now available in professional or desktop print-ready versions on their own [web page](#).

To learn more about reducing rural roadway departures in your State, please contact Cate Satterfield at her email Cathy.Satterfield@dot.gov with the FHWA Office of Safety or Dick Albin at his email Dick.Albin@dot.gov with the FHWA Resource Center.



Rumble Strips: The Sweet Sound of Safety

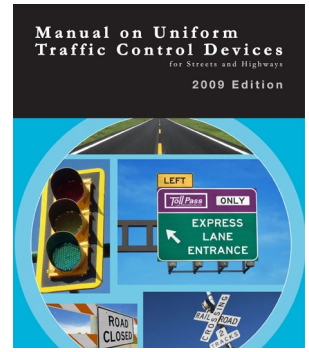
Rumble strips are proven to reduce severe roadway departure crashes. However, some communities do not like the sound they make near residential areas. To change this mindset, FHWA [created a video](#) to reframe the discussion.

Instead of thinking of the “rumble strip sound” as annoying, the video encourages people to think of it like other sounds that warn of us danger – fire alarms and snake rattles.

People do not complain about those sounds because they are associated with safety. [Rumble Strips: The Sweet Sound of Safety](#) frames the sound of rumble strips the same way. Celebrate the sound of rumble strips when you hear it, because someone’s life could have just been saved!

To learn more about rumble strips or how to reduce rural roadway departures in your State, please contact [Cate Satterfield](#) with the FHWA Office of Safety or [Dick Albin](#) with the FHWA Resource Center.





Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) officials extended the comment period for proposed revisions to the “Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices” (MUTCD) to May 14, 2021. The 60-day extension will allow additional time for public participation in the MUTCD’s first major update in more than 10 years.

[Click here for more info](#)

You can get more information about how to comment on the NPA. Starting March 11, FHWA will conduct a series of public Webinars about the NPA as published in the Dec. 14, 2020, *Federal Register* notice.

All Webinars will start at 2:00 pm and end at 4:00 pm. Space is limited, so you'll want to register early! Each Webinar will include background information on navigating the comment process.

March 11, 2021 – Introduction and Overview

An overview of the MUTCD revision process, highlights of some of the major changes proposed, and how you can participate in providing comment.

[Click here to register](#) for the March 11, 2021 Webinar.

March 18, 2021 – Pedestrians, Bicycles, and Transit

Highlights of proposed changes related to traffic control devices for pedestrian, bicycle, and transit facilities.

[Click here to register](#) for the March 18, 2021 Webinar.

March 25, 2021 – Urban Traffic Control

Highlights of proposed changes related to traffic control devices in urban centers and urbanized communities.

[Click here to register](#) for the March 25, 2021 Webinar.

On February 16th, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) officials announced 49 new designations to the America's Byways® collection, including 15 All-American Roads (AAR) and 34 National Scenic Byways (NSB) in 28 states. This increases the number of America's Byways® to 184 in 48 states.

Below are the newly designated America's Byways® collection roads in New Jersey:

New Jersey	Western Highlands Scenic Byway	NSB
New Jersey	Bayshore Heritage Byway	NSB
New Jersey	Palisades Scenic Byway	NSB
New Jersey	Pine Barrens Byway	NSB

This bring the total number of America’s Byways in New Jersey to six, the Delaware River Scenic Byway and the Millstone Valley Scenic Byway were both designated in 2009.

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

[Click here to read more details on the America's Byways® collection](#)

WORK ZONE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM



U.S. Department
of Transportation
Federal Highway
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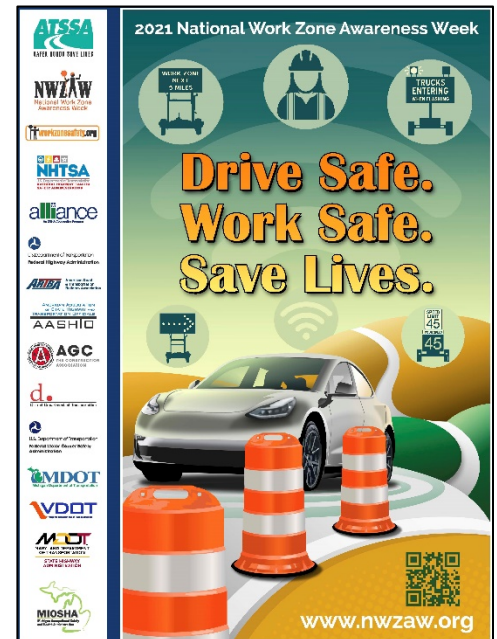
April 26-30 National Work Zone Awareness Week

Drive Safe. Work Safe. Save Lives.

Each year in the spring, National Work Zone Awareness Week (NWZAW) is held to bring national attention to motorist and worker safety and mobility issues in work zones. Since 1999, FHWA has worked with the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) and the American Traffic Safety Services Association (ATSSA) to coordinate and sponsor the event.

This year, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is hosting the 2021 National Work Zone Awareness Week kick-off event on April 27 with the theme, "Drive Safe. Work Safe. Save Lives." This year's themed poster features a vehicle driving along a winding road surrounded by work zone technologies that make work zones safer for workers and motorists.

www.ops.fhwa.dot.gov/wz/outreach/wz_awareness.htm



Next-Generation Traffic Incident Management – NextGen TIM

NextGen TIM focus is to improve traffic incident management on all roadways and poised to take TIM to the next level by using innovative approaches that will continue to improve safety and travel reliability and save lives, time, and money. Training for first responders promotes a shared understanding of the requirements for safe, quick clearance at traffic incident scenes; prompt, reliable and open communications; and motorist and responder safeguards.

NextGen TIM continues to promote innovative approaches to training such as online and virtual delivery, allowing remote participation and continued access to updated content. In addition, NextGen TIM strives to institutionalize training by recommending requiring the training for new employees and continuing education credits towards certifications.

The National Highway Institute (NHI) provides a free online version of the FHWA coordinated National TIM Responder Training course. The course includes an overview and nine lessons—taking approximately four hours to complete. Participants can begin by [registering for an account](#) and searching for course number 133126A.

The Emergency Responder Safety Institute (ERSI) has identified 10 training modules available through the Responder Safety Learning Network (RSLN) that is equivalent to and covers all the training objectives of FHWA's National Responder Training course. Once individuals complete these ten modules, they can download a certificate equivalent to completing the National TIM Responder Training course. This option is available at <https://learning.respondersafety.com>.

To learn about more NextGen TIM contact Paul Jodoin at Paul.Jodoin@dot.gov or James Austrich at James.Austrich@dot.gov the EDC-6 Team Co-Leaders or visit their website [EDC website](#).

Updates from the Federal Transit Administration



15th Annual FTA Drug and Alcohol Program National Conference May 11-14, 2021

The conference will be held virtually on the MS Teams Live platform. Attendees can choose from a variety of sessions to customize their experience for the specific needs of their transit system and their knowledge level of the DOT and FTA Drug and Alcohol Program regulations.

The conference will offer 12 virtual breakout sessions over the three-day conference. Sessions will include a range of topics from training for beginners to advanced drug and alcohol program manager training, running a compliant drug and alcohol program, and an update from the FTA Office of Drug and Alcohol Policy and Compliance. Additionally, there will be networking opportunities, access to FTA drug and alcohol compliance experts/auditors, and much more.

Register for this free conference beginning early March 2021.

Links

[FTA Drug and Alcohol Program](#)
[49 C.F.R. Part 655 and 49 C.F.R. Part 40](#)

Updates from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**Federal Motor Carrier
Safety Administration**

Over 56,000 Truck Driver Drug and Alcohol Violations Recorded in 2020

More than 56,000 drug and alcohol violations were recorded in the Federal Motor Carrier Database in 2020. The number of violations increased by roughly 10,000 over the final two months of 2020, the first full year of operation for the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse.

[Read more](#)



FMCSA Updates the SMS Website

FMCSA has updated the SMS Website with the January 29, 2021 results. Complete SMS results are available to enforcement users and motor carriers that are logged into the SMS Website.

The SMS Website is your one-stop-shop for public motor carrier safety data. SMS uses this information to identify motor carriers that pose the greatest risk to safety for interventions. <https://ai.fmcsa.dot.gov/SMS/>

Updates from the Federal Railroad Administration



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

Stop. Trains Can't.

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) have launched a national railroad crossing safety ad campaign to increase public awareness around railroad tracks and reduce crossing deaths and injuries. Although accidents at railroad crossings are an old problem, the problem is easily avoidable. This ad is the latest in a three-year, focused effort to reverse the uptick in railroad crossing fatalities. Its message is simple: Stop. Trains Can't.

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/get-materials/rail-grade-crossing/stop-trains-cant>.

Joint Rail Conference

The American Society of Mechanical Engineers is hosting the [Joint Rail Conference: Railroad Engineering Technology](#) from April 20-21, 2021 online.

TRB is pleased to co-sponsor this event. Sessions will focus on railroad topics, including:

- Railroad Infrastructure Engineering
- Rail Equipment Engineering
- Signal and Train Control

[Click here for more information](#)

Updates from the Federal Aviation Administration



Federal Aviation
Administration



FAA Announces Nearly \$2 Billion Grant Program for COVID Relief to Airports

The U.S. Department of Transportation is making nearly \$2 billion in federal grant funding available to help airports affected by COVID-19 under the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) [Airport Coronavirus Response Grant Program](#).

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



Rhode Island Man Sentenced for Conspiracy to Falsify Federal Records

On January 25, 2021, the U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island sentenced Damir Sisic to 3 years of probation, which includes 6 months of home incarceration, 50 hours of community service, a \$1,000 fine, and a \$100 special assessment. On October 14, 2020, Sisic, owner of the now defunct Sisic Transport Service LLC (STS), pleaded guilty to conspiracy to falsify Federal records.

According to the information, from approximately January 2018 through May 2019, Sisic allegedly conspired to falsify the hours of service listed in STS drivers' electronic logs. STS truck drivers were routinely exceeding the maximum number of driving hours and "on duty" hours, without spending the required hours off duty. Sisic concealed this information from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA).

DOT-OIG conducted this investigation with FMCSA's assistance.

[Read the full article](#)



New Jersey Woman Ordered to Pay Restitution for Household Goods Moving Fraud

On January 25, 2021, the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey sentenced Farah Al-Ibrahim to 3 years of probation, \$75,193 in restitution and a \$100 special assessment. The sentencing follows her February 22, 2019, guilty plea to conspiracy to commit wire fraud. Al-Ibrahim accepted responsibility for her role in a conspiracy to obtain money from customers of various moving companies through false and fraudulent pretenses.

DOT-OIG conducted this investigation with Homeland Security Investigations and the Postal Inspection Service.

[Read the full article](#)



Updates from the Transportation Security Administration



Transportation
Security
Administration

TSA seeks to hire over 6,000 airport security screening officers

TSA is launching recruitment efforts nationwide to fill over 6,000 Transportation Security Officer (TSO) positions by summer 2021.

Based on anticipated seasonal travel trends in the months ahead and the progress of COVID-19 vaccinations for the general public, TSA has launched national efforts to recruit new employees in support of screening operations at approximately 430 airports nationwide. Targeted recruitment, virtual job fairs, and opportunities in dozens of cities have already been announced for individuals seeking part-time and full-time opportunities.

TSA seeks those who want to take the initial step into a rewarding federal career and support TSA's critical mission of protecting our nation's transportation systems. A "[Day in the Life of a TSO](#)" video is available to learn more about our mission essential security screening position. To view open positions for TSOs around the country, visit [TSA.gov/TSO](https://www.tsa.gov/tso).

Updates from the National Institute of Justice



Defining Evidence-Based Policing

NIJ's new feature, Term of the Month, promotes research-based definitions of criminal justice terminology. This month, we're defining Evidence-Based Policing — the intersection of policing and science — and sharing several recent NIJ resources to advance the field of policing.

Evidence-Based Policing (EVP) definition: Using data, analysis, and research to complement experience and professional judgment, in order to provide the best possible police service to the public. EVP refers to scientific evidence, not evidence in the legal or investigative sense.

Several recent NIJ resources to further expand understanding of this term include:

[Evidence-Based Policing in 45 Small Bites](#)

[Perspectives on Research and Evidence-Based Policing: Articles from NIJ's LEADS Scholars](#)

[Evidence-Based Policing: The Importance of Research and Evidence](#)

[Click here for more info](#)

Updates from the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement



ICE

Dept of Homeland Security

ICE announces temporary guidelines for its enforcement and removal operations

ICE's interim guidance will focus the agency's civil immigration enforcement and removal resources on threats to national security, border security and public safety. The guidance defines which cases are presumed to present such threats and do not require prior approval.

[Click here for more information](#)

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



NJ Earmarks \$100M to Build Up Electric Truck, Bus Fleets

Funding for the initiative will come from a greenhouse gas tax and settlement money from a lawsuit against Volkswagen, Gov. Phil Murphy said.

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New Jersey is spending \$100 million on reducing carbon emissions in garbage trucks, school buses and passenger buses.

The new spending will go toward a number of projects across the state, including \$15 million for New Jersey Transit to buy electric buses; \$13 million in grants for low- and moderate-income communities for electric school and shuttle buses; \$9 million for local governments to deploy electric garbage trucks and delivery trucks. The funds also include \$36 million for the state's industrial areas and ports to begin using electric equipment.

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

U.S. Access Board to Host Public Forum on Autonomous Vehicles - Inclusive Design of Autonomous Vehicles: A Public Dialogue

The U.S. Access Board, in partnership with the Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy, the Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Community Living, will host a series of virtual meetings on making autonomous vehicles (AVs) accessible to passengers with disabilities. The four-part series will provide an open forum where members of the public and stakeholders can discuss considerations, challenges, and solutions in designing accessible AVs. All are welcome to attend.

In addition, an online discussion platform (ePolicyWorks) will provide further opportunity for dialogue and information sharing following the webinar sessions, which will be active for two weeks following the series.

Visit the Board's [website](#) for further details or to register. Direct questions to Randall Duchesneau III at events@access-board.gov or (202) 272-0044.

Accessibility for Passengers with Mobility Disabilities: Part 1

Date March 10, 2021

Time 2:00 – 3:30 (ET)

This session will cover methods and technologies for entering and exiting autonomous vehicles. The [ePolicyWorks](#) discussion platform will open February 22. [Register for the March 10 session](#)

Accessibility for Passengers with Mobility Disabilities: Part 2

Date March 24, 2021

Time 2:00 – 3:30 (ET)

This session will address maneuvering and securement in vehicles and continued discussion of entering and exiting autonomous vehicles. [Register for the March 24 session](#)

Accessibility for Passengers with Sensory and Cognitive Disabilities: Part 1

Date April 7, 2021

Time 2:00 – 3:30 (ET)

This session will address ride hailing and on-board communication for passengers with hearing, visual, or cognitive disabilities. [Register for the April 7 session](#)

Accessibility for Passengers with Sensory and Cognitive Disabilities: Part 2

Date April 21, 2021

Time 2:00 – 3:30 (ET)

This session will continue discussion of communication accessibility in hailing and interacting with autonomous vehicles for passengers with hearing, visual, or cognitive disabilities.

[Register for the April 21 session](#)

Older Adults, New Mobility, and Automated Vehicles: A Framework for Harnessing Emerging Technology for Individual and Societal Benefit

AARP Public Policy Institute commentary

Automated vehicles are often viewed as one technology that can extend an older adult's ability to remain independently mobile. But that outcome is not guaranteed. Existing new mobility options cater to the *easiest-to-serve* older adult. But an older adult population that has physical mobility, cognitive and physical fitness, issues are the *harder-to-serve* older adults have been left out of the new mobility revolution. Those who have more limitations (physical, cognitive, multiple disabilities, financial, technology access/understanding) or certain specific needs (transportation that accommodates mobility aids, low-income, rural location) often do not fit into current new mobility business models.

<https://www.aarp.org/ppi/info-2021/older-adults-new-mobility-and-automated-vehicles.html>



Publication - Designing vehicles with automated driving systems

FMVSS Considerations for Vehicles With Automated Driving Systems: Volume 2, released by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

<http://www.trb.org/main/blurbs/181797.aspx>

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Volkswagen taps Microsoft's cloud to develop self-driving software

Reuters

Volkswagen AG said it will use Microsoft Corp's cloud computing services to help it streamline its software development efforts for self-driving cars.

Volkswagen, which owns brands such as Audi and Porsche, is working on both self-driving cars for the future and driver-assistance features such as adaptive cruise control in current vehicles.

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

Clearing the Skies with Research on Electric Vehicles

Transportation Research Board

The world is transforming its energy system from one dominated by fossil fuel combustion to one with net-zero emissions of carbon dioxide. Research overwhelmingly shows that this energy transition is critical to mitigating climate change, protecting human health, and revitalizing the U.S. economy.

Achieving net-zero carbon emissions in the U.S. by 2050 is feasible and would not only help address climate change but also build a more competitive economy, increase high-quality jobs, and help address social injustice in the energy system, according to a [new report](#) from the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine.

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

Carnegie Mellon University

How ready are autonomous vehicles to predict real-time traffic?

Integration of Autonomous Vehicles with Adaptive Signal Control to Enhance Mobility

This report summarizes the results of a one-year project aimed at exploiting vehicle-to infrastructure (V2I) communication to enhance the effectiveness of real-time adaptive traffic signal control systems. As originally formulated, the project's goal was to explore the potential of using the sensing capabilities of connected autonomous vehicles (CAVs) to detect other vehicles in close proximity and use this information to "virtually increase" the level of penetration of connected vehicles in the traffic network and enhance the predictive accuracy of real-time traffic signal control.

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

Virginia Tech Transportation Institute

Incorporating railroad systems into automated and connected vehicle planning

Identification of Railroad Requirements for the Future Automated and Connected Vehicle (AV/CV) Environment

The Federal Rail Administration Highway-Rail Grade Crossing Inventory database from 2019 states that there are approximately 127,000 public, at-grade highway-rail grade crossings in the U.S.

Despite this large number of intersections between the highway and rail systems, little current intelligent transport systems automated/connected vehicle (AV/CV) work is focused on how to incorporate these crossings into AV/CV system planning.

The project explored the following:

- Information/data requirements for roadway vehicles to operate effectively near rail crossings.
- Impediments to collecting and exchanging rail operations data between public roadway agencies, public commuter/transit rail systems, and the largely private freight rail operators.
- Potential AV/CV implementation approaches near rail system assets that could benefit both systems.
- Critical, necessary additional research efforts in both the short- and long-term to address future joint railroad/highway AV/CV architecture challenges.

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

Virginia Tech Transportation Institute
Using SHRP2 data to ensure safety of automated vehicles
Modeling Driver Behavior During Automated Vehicle Platooning Failure

Automated vehicles (AVs) promise to revolutionize driving safety. Driver models can aid in achieving this promise by providing a tool for designers to ensure safe interactions between human drivers and AVs.

In this project reviews:

- Important factors for AV takeover.
- Driving simulation experiments to address a research gap in silent automation failures.
- Models to predict driver decision-making, braking, and steering responses to crash/near-crash data.
- Using data from the SHRP 2 naturalistic driving study and a driving simulation experiment.

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

Virginia Tech Transportation Institute
Driver use of automated driving systems
Real-World Use of Automated Driving Systems and Their Consequences

Automated driving systems (ADS) have the potential to fundamentally change transportation, and a growing number of these systems have entered the market and are currently in use on public roadways.

Drivers may not use ADS as intended due to misunderstandings about system capabilities and limitations. This report examined existing naturalistic driving data collected from 50 participants who drove personally owned vehicles with partial ADS for 12 months.

A post-study survey showed:

- Drivers found ADS useful and usable.
- Drivers felt more comfortable engaging in secondary tasks when ADS were in use.
- Some scenarios where the ADS did not meet driver expectations.

[Click here to download the report](#)

Autonomous Vehicles: Timeline

roadtraffic-technology

The timelines for deployment of fully autonomous vehicles (AVs) to be pushed back over the next few years. Companies that have made big bets on the technology will continue to push towards commercialization, but it could be closer to 2035 before we begin to see any meaningful deployments of fully self-driving vehicles.

The article lists a timeline with key milestones that tell the story of AVs starting in 1939 going through to the future to 2040, here are some examples:

1939 – GM’s Futurama exhibit at the World’s Fair envisages cars that drive themselves.

1953 – GM and RCA develop a model automated highway to experiment with electronics to control steering and distance between vehicles.

1995 – A team of CMU roboticists drove a 1990 Pontiac from Pittsburgh to LA with a 70-mile stretch completed without human help.

2016 – Uber test autonomous taxis with human co-pilot in Pittsburgh.

2040 – More than 50% chance that level 5 vehicles will be available in the mass market.

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

Miscellaneous Traffic Safety Points of Interest & What's in the news



**BREAKING
NEWS**

Division of Pensions Extends Call Center Hours & Offers Virtual Consultations

The New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits has extended its call center hours. Revised hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday and Friday; 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday; and 8:00 a.m. to noon on Saturday. The call center can be reached at 609-292-7524.

A limited schedule of online video-based personal counseling appointments are now available for members of the PERS, TPAF, PFRS, SPRS, and DCRP. Members can make an appointment online.

New Jersey Patrol Car Decked Out to Promote Designated Drivers

The Vineland Police Department has partnered with a regional drunk driving prevention organization to unveil a new HERO Patrol Car to promote the use of safe and sober designated drivers. The car will be a “rolling billboard” for the John R. Elliott HERO Campaign for Designated Drivers. Navy Ensign John Elliott of Egg Harbor Township was killed in a collision with a drunken driver in July 2000.

[Read more >>](#)

Lawsuits Seek \$13 Million in Overdose Death of Hopewell, VA Police Informant

Richmond Times-Dispatch

The mother of a deceased Hopewell VA police informant alleges in two lawsuits that city authorities are responsible for her son fatally overdosing on opiates that he was coerced to purchase while undercover, and that officers gathered days later at the man’s funeral and disrupted the service by arresting his best friend as he prepared to give the eulogy.

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

Holtec & NJ Town Strike Deal Over Nuclear Plant Plans

On Tuesday, February 9th, a New Jersey federal judge dismissed nuclear energy supplier Holtec International's suit challenging a town's refusal to grant land use permits for nuclear fuel storage facilities after the town reversed its denial and approved the permits under specified conditions.

[Read full article](#)

CDC Confirms Masks Must Be Worn on Public, Private School Buses

School Transportation News

Following an Executive Order signed by President Joe Biden, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced that any passenger traveling via public transportation must wear a mask while onboard the vehicle and at transportation hubs.

Executive Order No. 13998, "Promoting COVID-19 Safety in Domestic and International Travel," states that immediate action must be taken to require mask-wearing on domestic modes of transportation.

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

CDC Says Double Masks, Tightly Fitted Masks Further Reduce Virus Transmission

School Transportation News

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) said universal mask-wearing is slowing the spread of COVID-19, but the rate of effectiveness equates to mask thickness and how closely fitted they are to the user's face.

The [CDC announced Wednesday, February 10th findings](#) from research on the various ways of improving the fit of medical procedure and cloth masks, to further mitigate the spread of COVID-19. CDC said that particles of the SARS-CoV-2 virus could potentially leak around mask edges, where the mask is flush against the face. It points to children and men with beards as being especially susceptible to ill-fitting masks.

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

Improved Student Behavior an Unintended Benefit of COVID-19 School Bus Protocols

In addition to keeping students that ride the school bus safer, COVID-19 protocols are also helping to improve onboard student management.

School Transportation News

For many school districts transporting students to and from school, the usual mayhem of the school bus environment doesn't look the same. Instead, the bus ride now comes with stringent seating assignments, mask mandates and reduced capacity.

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



New Publication - Guide for Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety at Alternative and Other Intersections and Interchanges

The new publication from the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine discusses alternative Intersections and Interchanges (A.I.I.s) are designs that improve operations and safety for motorized traffic by strategically adjusting the geometric features at a given location, working on the general principle of redistributing motor vehicle demand at an intersection in an attempt to limit the need to add capacity with new lanes to improve traffic flow.

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Judge admits she presided in court while ineligible to practice law

abajournal

A part-time municipal judge in Paterson and Dover has acknowledged that she presided in trials and represented clients while ineligible to practice law.

But the judge, Cecilia Sardina Guzman, maintains in [an answer](#) to the ethics complaint that her conduct did not violate ethics rules cited by the New Jersey Supreme Court's Advisory Committee on Judicial Conduct.

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

N.J. judge should be removed for abusing office, dishonesty, ethics panel says

nj.com

A state judicial panel has ruled that Theresa Mullen, a Superior Court Judge in Union County, should be removed from the bench for repeatedly violating several judicial rules in a series of legal settings that grew out of a dispute with the Catholic school her children attended.

She abused her position in proceedings of a civil suit her husband filed against the school, violated court orders, obstructed proceedings, and displayed a "pervasive and persistent lack of candor" and "demonstrable and pervasive dishonesty" in several additional legal appearances, the panel said.

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

Englewood Judge Suspended For 10 Months

newjerseyglobe

The New Jersey Supreme Court has retroactively suspended Englewood Municipal Court Judge Aishaah Rasul without pay for ten months after admitting numerous violations during a February 2019 assault case.

[Click here to read the article](#)

Man Accused of Threatening Judge Says Indictment Too Late

Law360

A New Jersey man has called on a federal court to toss criminal charges related to how he allegedly threatened to kill a judge on the grounds that his indictment was handed down too late, accusing the government of "neglect" in handling what it purportedly considered a "relatively unimportant" case.

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

Why Experts Say Raising Speed Limits Is A Bad Idea

Forbes

The phrase "speed kills" has been used in public safety campaigns since the 1950's. The National Maximum Speed Law in 1974 dropped speed limits to 55 mph. The law was modified to allow 65 mph stretches and was repealed altogether in 1995, with states again free to set their own speed limits.

Today, 41 states allow 70 mph or more legal speeds, with the highest in the nation at 85 mph over State Highway 130 in Texas. According to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS), such boosts have been responsible for nearly 37,000 additional highway fatalities over a 25-year period.

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

New Chubb Crime Coverage Protects Firms from Employee Theft, Outside Criminals

insurancejournal

Chubb has introduced a new crime insurance policy – The Chubb Primary Commercial Crime Insurance, designed to help companies of all sizes and industries protect themselves from criminal activity both inside and outside their organizations.

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

NJ Justices Set Path to Release Detainees Amid Outbreak

Law360

On February 11th, the New Jersey Supreme Court outlined a process by which certain pretrial detainees could reopen their detention hearings amid the ongoing suspension of criminal jury trials due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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



Vehicle choice, crash differences help explain greater injury risks for women

New research from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety shows that women are much more likely than men to suffer a serious injury when they are involved in a crash, but much of the heightened risk is related to the types of vehicles women drive and the circumstances of their crashes, rather than physical differences.

Though men are involved in more fatal crashes than women, on a per-crash basis women are 20-28 percent more likely than men to be killed and 37-73 percent more likely to be seriously injured after adjusting for speed and other factors. However, when IIHS researchers limited the comparison to similar crashes, they found those discrepancies mostly disappeared and that crashworthiness improvements have benefited men and women more or less equally.

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

Virginia Tech Transportation Institute Can a smartphone app improve safe driving habits?

Analysis of an Incentive-Based Smartphone Application for Young Drivers

Traffic crashes remain the leading cause of unintentional youth deaths and injuries across the United States. Development of new and innovative interventions with the aim of addressing this issue continues.

This report shares results associated with an incentive-based smartphone application (app) developed by the Texas A&M Transportation Institute as part of the peer-to-peer safe driving program, Teens in the Driver Seat®.

One of the core features of the app is a reward system, in which drivers earn points for miles driven without any phone interaction. Points earned can be redeemed for rewards and are used as a basis for competitions and achievement of safe driving levels. This project examines data collected from two smartphone app deployments, in 2017 and 2018, each over a timespan of several months. Statistically, significant reductions in distracted driving were shown to have occurred when incentives were awarded for distraction-free driving.

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

Criminal Justice Program to be Offered to High School Students

The Morris County Vocational School District, in partnership with County College of Morris (CCM), is offering a new Criminal Justice share-time program for Morris County high school students. The program is for students interested in law, public safety, corrections, and security.

Students will learn through college-level work and hands-on activities. Coursework will include "Intro to Public Safety Careers," "Criminology," "Intro to Policing," "Intro to Emergency Management," "Juvenile Delinquency," "Criminal Law and Procedure," "Forensic Science," and "Cultural Diversity."

Students in 10th Grade may apply via online application at www.mcvts.org/apply, click on "Share Time Programs." The application deadline is March 26th.

Learn more about the program and application process at an upcoming virtual information session on Feb. 24th at 6:30PM. Register today for the [SHARE TIME CCM PROGRAMS](#).

Maryland Bill Would End Qualified Immunity for Maryland Police Officers

The bill also raises the cap for damages paid to victims and allows jurisdictions to revoke an officer's pension.

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Illinois Appellate Court Approves Intersection Lane Changing

The second-highest court in Illinois says police may not stop drivers for changing lanes in the middle of an intersection. **[How Does This Compare to NJ Laws?](#)**

thepaper.com

There is nothing illegal about changing lanes in the middle of an intersection, the Illinois Appellate Court ruled last month. Marjory Higgins, an officer with the Bolingbrook Police Department, shared the widely held opinion that the opposite was true -- that such maneuvers were prohibited. The court said this was a clear error.

On March 13, 2018, Officer Higgins was patrolling Route 53 when she saw three cars ahead of her stopped at the intersection. A maroon Ford Focus hesitated momentarily as the light turned green, so she decided to follow. The Focus turned on its signal in the middle of the intersection so that the driver could move toward the lane that turned onto the Interstate 55 on-ramp. Officer Higgins decided to pull him over.

As a result of being pulled over, the driver was charged with driving under the influence, but the appellate court was only examining whether the initial stop was justified under state law. At trial, Officer Higgins noted that the lane change maneuver was safely executed and did not interfere with anyone else on the road, but she still wrote him up for "improper lane change." The statute in question contains no prohibition on changing lanes in an intersection.

"A vehicle shall be driven as nearly as practicable entirely within a single lane and shall not be moved from such lane until the driver has first ascertained that such movement can be made with safety," Illinois Vehicle Code section 11-709 states. "A vehicle shall not be driven in the center lane except when overtaking and passing another vehicle traveling in the same direction when such center lane is clear of traffic within a safe distance, or in preparation for making a left turn..."

"There is also no language that would cause confusion regarding the prohibition of lane changes within an intersection," Judge Daniel L. Schmidt wrote for the court. "The state concedes that after scouring the compiled statutes of this state, none criminalize such a maneuver. In light of the plain language of the statute, we cannot say the officer's belief that the statute prohibited lane changes within an intersection was objectively reasonable." The court noted that the officer in question was up front about what happened in her testimony.

"As an aside, Officer Higgins is to be commended for her honesty on the stand during the hearing on the motion to suppress," Judge Schmidt wrote. "She was upfront regarding her mistake of law and did not waiver or attempt to provide an alternative ground for the stop when one did not exist. Her testimony makes clear that the mistake was subjectively honest and made in good faith."

As a result, the court suppressed the evidence gathered from the illegal traffic stop and vacated Rice's DWI conviction. Source: [Illinois v. Rice](#) (Illinois Appellate Court, 2/8/2021)

NJ Court rejects protective sweep where defendant handcuffed

State v Radel 465 N.J.Super. 65 (App. Div. 2020)

njlaws - Police did not have proof they had a reasonable and articulable suspicion that there were other persons inside the home or that they posed a risk to the police or others *State v Radel*

Defendant moved in the trial court for the suppression of evidence – guns, ammunition, drugs, and drug paraphernalia – seized pursuant to a search warrant based on information police obtained during a warrantless entry into defendant's home. The trial judge denied the suppression motion, finding the police conducted a permissible protective sweep of the home.

The court concluded that the police lacked both a reasonable and articulable suspicion of danger and a legitimate purpose for remaining on the premises, since defendant was arrested outside the home and handcuffed before police conducted the sweep. A-2503-18T3

Even if the second DWI test was administered within two minutes of the first test, court finds this test reliable

State v. Meyer Appellate Division, unpublished

njlaws - An appeal of the Law Division conviction after a trial de novo of driving while intoxicated, per N.J.S.A. 39:4-50. On June 13, 2016, defendant gave two breath samples, two minutes apart and was charged with DWI. On June 20, 2017, defendant entered a conditional plea of guilty in the municipal court to the DWI charge.

Defendant appealed to the Law Division where the judge affirmed the conviction based upon *State v. Mukherjee*, an unpublished appellate decision. On appeal, the court affirmed the lower court's decision. The lower court erred in basing its decision on an unpublished appellate decision, per Rule 1:36-3. But the court affirmed the decision because the Alcotest evidence was admissible under *State v. Chun*, 194 N.J. 54 (2008). The record showed the machine's lockout feature was functioning properly, so even if the second test was administered within two minutes of the first test, the test results were reliable pursuant to *Chun*.

Lange v. California

California First District Court of Appeal

Issues – this case deals with Fourth Amendment rights and has had oral arguments with not decision from the court yet.

May police officers always enter a home without a warrant when they are pursuing a suspect whom they believe committed a misdemeanor?

This case asks the Supreme Court to weigh the privacy interests of individuals under the Fourth Amendment against the government's interest in enforcing the law. Petitioner Arthur Lange ("Lange") was arrested in his garage by a police officer who pursued him for violating traffic laws. Though a police officer with probable cause may generally only enter a home after obtaining a warrant, certain exigent circumstances may justify warrantless home entry, including the pursuit of a felony suspect. The United States, in support of affirmance, argues that this warrantless exception should extend to the pursuit of misdemeanor suspects as a category. Lange and Respondent California, both in support of vacatur, counter that a case-by-case exception is more appropriate given the wide variety of misdemeanor offenses. This case has broad implications for individual privacy interests, public safety, and policing.

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

New Jersey Senate Law & Public Safety Committee

On Thursday, March 11th at 1:15 pm, the Senate Law & Public Safety Committee will convene to consider the following two bills:

[S2921](#) - legislation that permits a municipality to allow people to consume alcoholic beverages outdoors in designated open container areas.

[S2693](#) - Legislation that would require each law enforcement agency to maintain records of all employment application and report the information to the State Police for inclusion in the Employment Application Registry database maintained by the State Police.

Resolutions Issued by Assembly & Senate

[AR 35](#) - Urges all law enforcement agencies to implement training programs on how to approach individuals who are hearing impaired.

3/1/2021 Passed by the Assembly (70-0-0)

SR114 - Urges Congress and US President to enact the "Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act."

Bills Recently Signed into Law by the Governor – Law Enforcement Related

Click on the bill number in blue to read the bill/law

[A21](#) - "New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act"; legalizes personal use cannabis for certain adults, subject to State regulation; decriminalizes small amount marijuana and hashish possession; removes marijuana as Schedule I drug

11/5/2020 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Oversight, Reform and Federal Relations Committee

11/9/2020 Reported and Referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee

11/19/2020 Reported out of Assembly Comm. with Amendments, 2nd Reading

12/14/2020 Recommitted to Assembly Appropriations Committee

12/14/2020 Reported out of Assembly Comm. with Amendments, 2nd Reading

12/17/2020 Passed by the Assembly (49-24-6)

12/17/2020 Received in the Senate without Reference, 2nd Reading

12/17/2020 Substituted for S21 (2R)

12/17/2020 Passed Senate (Passed Both Houses) (23-17)

2/22/2021 Approved P.L.2021, c.16

[A1897/4269](#) - Provides for certain criminal and civil justice reforms, particularly addressing legal consequences associated with certain marijuana and hashish offenses as well as raising awareness of available expungement relief.

1/14/2020 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Judiciary Committee

6/15/2020 Transferred to Assembly Community Development and Affairs Committee

6/15/2020 Reported from Assembly Comm. as a Substitute, 2nd Reading

6/18/2020 Passed by the Assembly (63-10-5)

6/25/2020 Received in the Senate, Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee

11/9/2020 Reported from Senate Committee with Amendments, 2nd Reading

11/9/2020 Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee

11/12/2020 Reported from Senate Committee with Amendments, 2nd Reading

11/16/2020 Substituted for S2535 (2R)

11/16/2020 Motion To Sa (Gill)

11/16/2020 Motion To Table (16-13) (Weinberg)

11/16/2020 Passed by the Senate (29-4)

11/16/2020 Received in the Assembly, 2nd Reading on Concurrence

12/17/2020 Concur by Assembly Amendments (63-12-4) (Wimberly)

12/17/2020 Received in the Senate, 2nd Reading on Concurrence

12/17/2020 Passed Senate (Passed Both Houses) (32-2)

2/22/2021 Approved P.L.2021, c.19.

[A5342](#) - Concerns certain regulated substances, with particular emphasis on underage possession or consumption of various forms of cannabis, including legal consequences for such activities set forth in legislation passed by both Houses of Legislature.

1/29/2021 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Community Development and Affairs Committee
1/29/2021 Reported out of Assembly Committee, 2nd Reading
2/22/2021 Passed by the Assembly (47-26-3)
2/22/2021 Received in the Senate without Reference, 2nd Reading
2/22/2021 Senate Amendment (22-9) (Scutari)
2/22/2021 Substituted for S3454 (1R)
2/22/2021 Motion To Sa (Rice)
2/22/2021 Motion To Table Sa (26-8) (Weinberg)
2/22/2021 Passed by the Senate (23-12)
2/22/2021 Received in the Assembly, 2nd Reading on Concurrence
2/22/2021 Passed Assembly (Passed Both Houses) (49-28-1)
2/22/2021 Approved P.L.2021, c.25.

[A-2280/S-1763](#) – Criminalizes certain payments for referral of patients to substance use disorder treatment facilities.

[S3340](#) - Expands opportunities for restaurants, bars, distilleries, and breweries to provide outdoor dining and permits certain sales at seasonal farm markets in response to COVID-19 public health emergency.

Bills That Have Passed Both Houses, Now on Governor's Desk

Click on the bill number in blue to read the bill/law

[S1017](#) - Provides retirement allowance after 20 years of service regardless of age for current members of PFRS who retire within two years.

3/1/2021 Substituted for A2562 (1R)
3/1/2021 Passed Assembly (Passed Both Houses) (66-0-3)

[S3004](#) - Establishes retroactive date for provisions of P.L.2018, c.165, which clarifies provisions of "Predatory Towing Prevention Act."

3/1/2021 Substituted for A4947
3/1/2021 Passed Assembly (Passed Both Houses) (68-1-0)

[S3071](#) - Requires law enforcement provide victim of sexual assault with initial incident report; provides victim with option to review initial incident report and submit corrective form.

3/1/2021 Substituted for A4885 (1R)
3/1/2021 Passed Assembly (Passed Both Houses) (70-0-0)

[S3072](#) - Requires resources be made available to victims of sexual assault.

3/1/2021 Substituted for A4886
3/1/2021 Passed Assembly (Passed Both Houses) (70-0-0)

[S3073](#) - Establishes right of victims to be notified of county prosecutor's charging decision in sexual assault cases.

3/1/2021 Substituted for A4887 (1R)
3/1/2021 Passed Assembly (Passed Both Houses) (70-0-0)

[S3075](#) - Establishes sexual violence liaison officer in Division of State Police and local police departments.

3/1/2021 Substituted for A4889 (1R)
3/1/2021 Passed Assembly (Passed Both Houses) (69-0-0)

[S3076](#) - Requires sexual assault training for prosecutors.

3/1/2021 Substituted for A4890 (1R)
3/1/2021 Passed Assembly (Passed Both Houses) (70-0-0)

[S3456](#) - Eliminates mandatory minimum terms of imprisonment determined by Legislature to be of non-violent nature.

3/1/2021 Passed Assembly (Passed Both Houses) (46-20-4)

Legislative Bills Introduced or with Recent Action Related to Police and Traffic

Click on the bill number in blue to read the bill/law

[S3185](#) - Allows current and former judicial officers, prosecutors, and law enforcement officers and certain family or household members to register to vote without disclosing residential address; prohibits public disclosure of that information.

11/16/2020 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee
3/4/2021 Reported from Senate Committee, 2nd Reading

[A4833](#) - Expands crime of bias intimidation; establishes additional penalties for crimes of bias intimidation and harassment; establishes bias intimidation motivation damages.

10/19/2020 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee
1/25/2021 Transferred to Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee
1/25/2021 Reported out of Assembly Comm. with Amendments, 2nd Reading
3/1/2021 Assembly Floor Amendment Passed (Johnson)

[S3424](#) – [A5415](#) - Requires MVC to allow person to indicate special needs with motor vehicle registration.

2/9/2021 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Transportation Committee
3/1/2021 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Transportation and Independent Authorities Committee

[S3444](#) - Requires NJT rail stations and bus and rail terminals to display historical information about area in or around stations and terminals.

2/11/2021 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Transportation Committee

[S1871](#) - Upgrades certain crimes of misrepresenting oneself as member or veteran of US Armed Forces or organized militia.

2/24/2020 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee
2/11/2021 Reported from Senate Committee, 2nd Reading
2/11/2021 Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee

[S2923](#) - [A4655](#) - Limits law enforcement presence at polling places and ballot drop boxes; prohibits electioneering within 100 feet of ballot drop box.

9/17/2020 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee
10/19/2020 Reported from Senate Committee with Amendments, 2nd Reading
2/19/2021 Senate Amendment (21-0) (Turner)
3/1/2021 (A4655) Assembly Floor Amendment Passed

[A4742](#) - Limits certain appointment times at MVC locations to obtain REAL ID to senior citizens and persons with certain medical conditions during COVID-19 pandemic.

9/24/2020 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Transportation and Independent Authorities Committee
2/22/2021 Reported out of Assembly Committee, 2nd Reading

[S2938](#) - Limits certain appointment times at MVC locations to obtain REAL ID to senior citizens and persons with certain medical conditions during COVID-19 pandemic.

9/21/2020 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Transportation Committee
10/8/2020 Reported from Senate Committee, 2nd Reading
10/29/2020 Passed by the Senate (35-0)
11/5/2020 Received in the Assembly, Referred to Assembly Transportation and Independent Authorities Committee
2/22/2021 Reported out of Assembly Committee, 2nd Reading

[A4899](#) - Extends existing plug-in electric vehicle incentives to plug-in electric motorcycles.

10/29/2020 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee
2/22/2021 Reported out of Assembly Comm. with Amendments, 2nd Reading

[A5350](#) - Requires transportation network companies, taxicab services, and limousine services to report crime statistics to the Attorney General; requires Attorney General to report on data.

2/22/2021 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee

[S324](#) - Authorizes operators of motor vehicles to display electronic proof of registration.

1/14/2020 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Transportation Committee
1/27/2020 Reported from Senate Committee, 2nd Reading
2/10/2020 Senate Amendment (38-0) (Diegnan)
3/5/2020 Passed by the Senate (40-0)
3/5/2020 Received in the Assembly, Referred to Assembly Transportation and Independent Authorities Committee
2/22/2021 Reported out of Assembly Committee, 2nd Reading

[S914](#) - Establishes program allowing certain applicants to perform community service in lieu of paying motor vehicle surcharges.

1/27/2020 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Law and Public Safety Committee
1/30/2020 Reported from Senate Committee as a Substitute, 2nd Reading
1/30/2020 Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee
2/11/2021 Reported from Senate Committee, 2nd Reading
2/19/2021 Passed by the Senate (31-3)
2/22/2021 Received in the Assembly, Referred to Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee

[A5376](#) - Requires MVC to conduct study and issue report comparing online transactions and in-person transactions.

2/23/2021 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Transportation and Independent Authorities Committee

[A5388](#) - Requires MVC to provide readers for written knowledge examination for certain individuals by appointment.

2/23/2021 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Transportation and Independent Authorities Committee

[A5400](#) - Establishes Office of School Bus Safety Coordinator in DOE to oversee school busing industry and ensure safe transportation of school students.

2/23/2021 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Education Committee

[A4517](#) - [S2766](#) - Requires Civil Service Commission establish mentoring program for minority civil service law enforcement applicants.

8/13/2020 Introduced, Referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee
2/24/2021 Transferred to Assembly Community Development and Affairs Committee
2/24/2021 Reported out of Asm. Comm. with Amendments, and Referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee

[A4542](#) - [S2765](#) - Requires Civil Services Commission to undertake various initiatives to increase diversity and inclusivity within law enforcement agencies.

8/13/2020 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Community Development and Affairs Committee
2/24/2021 Reported and Referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee

[S2767](#) - Establishes oversight database to aid in civil service hiring process for law enforcement officers; requires Statewide diversity analysis of law enforcement.

8/3/2020 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Law and Public Safety Committee
8/25/2020 Reported from Senate Committee, 2nd Reading
8/27/2020 Senate Amendment (35-0) (Cryan)
8/27/2020 Emergency Resolution (36-0) (Cryan)
8/27/2020 Passed by the Senate (37-0)
9/14/2020 Received in the Assembly, Referred to Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee
2/24/2021 Transferred to Assembly Community Development and Affairs Committee
2/24/2021 Reported and Referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee

[S2968](#) - Changes the definition of veteran for civil service hiring preference.

9/24/2020 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee
10/19/2020 Reported from Senate Committee, 2nd Reading
1/28/2021 Passed by the Senate (33-0)
1/29/2021 Received in the Assembly, Referred to Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee
2/24/2021 Reported and Referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee

A5433 - Requires MVC to create mobile driver's licenses and identification cards.

[S3407](#) - A5435 - Legalizes possession of six or fewer marijuana plants, subject to enactment of legislation legalizing marijuana or cannabis for personal use.

2/4/2021 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee

A5436 - Establishes crime of knowingly filing false report against law enforcement officers.

A5440 - Requires New Jersey Supreme Court to issue order dismissing certain charges, complaints, and arrest warrants filed with or issued by municipal courts and unresolved for five years or more; requires AOC to conduct certain studies.

S3508 - Increases certain penalties for leaving scene of motor vehicle accident resulting in death or injury.
3/4/2020 Introduced in the Senate

S3512 - Authorizes purchaser of automobile by private sale to operate automobile for three-day period following purchase without permanent registration or transfer of title.
3/4/2020 Introduced in the Senate

S3528 - Provides that if minor under age 18 unlawfully buys or possesses alcoholic beverages or cannabis and receives written warning from law enforcement, the minor's parent or guardian would be notified in writing.
3/4/2020 Introduced in the Senate



Training Events

*****Note – The list of training classes is in six categories:**

- **Police Traffic RADAR & LIDAR**
- **Crash Investigation Classes**
- **Online / On-Demand training videos/roll call videos**
- **Webinar Training Events**
- **Online Training Conferences**
- **Person to Person - Live Training Events**



Police Traffic RADAR

Police Traffic RADAR Instructor Classes (in-person)

This three (3) day New Jersey Police Training Commission certified course is designed for police officers wishing to become a Police Traffic RADAR Instructor. The course will include basic principles of radar speed measurement, speed offenses and enforcement, operation of specific radar devices, managing instruction, and record keeping.

Prerequisite:

Radar Operator Certification
Two (2) years of Radar Operator experience
Methods of Instruction

Location: **Camden County Police Academy**
Dates: March 22 to March 24, 2021
Times: 8:30 am to 3:30 pm
Cost: In County No Fee Out of County \$75

Course#: CE.POL-040-01-(62529)
[Camden County Police Academy In-service Registration](#)

Location: **Passaic County Police Academy**
Dates: April 28 to April 30, 2021
Times: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Cost: In County No Fee Out of County \$175

It is requested that officers attending this course supply equipment and vehicle from their department.
[Passaic County Police Academy in-service training application](#)

Location: **Morris County Police Academy**
Dates: June 9 to June 10, 2021
Times: 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Cost: \$100

Class size is limited to 20

[Morris County Police Academy Standard Registration Form](#) – for departments
[Morris County Police Academy Police Course Standard Registration Form](#) – for Individuals



Police Traffic RADAR Instructor Refresher Training (in-person) Offered by the NJ Division of Criminal Justice

Times: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Cost: No Fee

This refresher course is required for RADAR instructors once every three years. A RADAR Instructor/Operator certificate is issued for three years. In the third year, prior to expiration, each instructor must attend the refresher course. The course is conducted from 9 am to 1 pm. Instructors no longer receive notification that they are due for recertification. It is the instructor's responsibility to renew your certification prior to expiration.

Please note that there is a **NEW REGISTRATION PROCESS** Click or copy and paste the link after each date to register for that particular class.

Dates	Locations	Registration Link
March 16, 2021	Essex County Police Academy	https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Radar0316
March 19, 2021	Atlantic County Police Academy	https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Radar0319
April 9, 2021	Ocean County Police Academy	https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Radar0409
April 22, 2021	Passaic County Police Academy	https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Radar0422
May 17, 2021	John H. Stamler Police Academy	https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Radar0517
September 10, 2021	Morris County Police Academy	https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Radar0910
October 8, 2021	Ocean County Police Academy	https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Radar1008
November 8, 2021	Passaic County Police Academy	https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Radar1108

Police Traffic LIDAR Operator's Classes LASER Speed Enforcement Operators Course

This is a LASER Speed Enforcement Operator's Course (also known as LIDAR). It is a one-day course involving both classroom and hands-on practical exercises outside. The course is geared for the Laser Technology Inc (LTI) 20-20 products such as the UltraLyte, TruSpeed®, and TruSpeed® S and TruSpeed® SX series of laser units and follows the New Jersey case law regulating Laser Speed Enforcement. Each student will receive a workbook at the class. Upon completing the 80 hours of unsupervised operation with your lidar device and documentation submission, the operator's card from LTI will be issued.

A prerequisite for this course is that you be a certified RADAR operator. Please bring your LASER/LIDAR device with you to the class for use in the practical exercises.

These classes are sponsored by LTI (Laser Technology Inc) and is **free of charge**. Questions?? contact Rich Maxwell at rmax@att.net

Date: Monday March 15, 2021
Location: Passaic County Police Academy
Start time: 9:00 AM

[Click here to contact the Academy directly to register for this class:](#)

Date: Thursday, April 1, 2021
Location: Burlington County Emergency Services Training Center
Start time: 9:00 AM

Contact the Academy directly to register for this class:
<https://www.co.burlington.nj.us/205/Emergency-Services-Training-Center>

Crash Investigation Classes



2021 Crash Investigation Training Program



Through a continuing grant from the NJ Division of Highway Traffic Safety, Kean University and the NJ State Police have scheduled several Basic and Advanced Crash Investigation Training Classes across the state for 2021. Below is the list of classes being offered, along with the dates, locations, and contact information to register for a class. This list can also be found on DHTS's website at the following links:

Basic Crash Investigation - <https://www.njoag.gov/about/divisions-and-offices/division-of-highway-traffic-safety-home/police-resources/basic-crash-investigation/>

Advanced Crash Investigation - <https://www.njoag.gov/about/divisions-and-offices/division-of-highway-traffic-safety-home/police-resources/advanced-crash-investigation/>

Basic Crash Investigation

04/05/21 to 04/16/21

Morris County Police Academy

<https://academy.morriscountynj.gov/forms/>

04/12/21 to 04/23/21

Atlantic County Police Academy

Jeff Nettles – 609-407-6722

04/26/21 to 05/07/21 **Class is Full**

Ocean County Police Academy

Traci Dore – 732-363-8715

05/10/21 to 05/21/21

Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office Training Center

Nicole Ducca – 732-225-0750

5/10/21 to 05/21/21

Bergen County Law & Public Safety Institute

<https://policeregistration.bergen.org/index.php/register-for-class>

05/10/21 to 05/21/21

Burlington County Emergency Services Training Center

Howard Black – 609-265-7173

06/07/21 to 06/18/21

Passaic County Police Academy

Erica DeLuccia – 973-595-6411 x-3214

Advanced Crash Investigation

05/17/21 to 05/28/21

Morris County Police Academy

<https://academy.morriscountynj.gov/forms/>

05/10/21 to 05/21/21

Atlantic County Community College,

Mays Landing Campus

Jeff Nettles – 609-407-6722

06/07/21 to 06/18/21

Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office Training Center

Nicole Ducca – 732-225-0750

06/14/21 to 06/25/21

Burlington County Emergency Services Training Center

Howard Black – 609-265-7173

07/12/21 to 07/23/21

Passaic County Police Academy

Erica DeLuccia – 973-595-6411 x-3214

09/13/21 to 09/24/21

Ocean County Police Academy

Traci Dore – 732-363-8715

Covid-19 Restrictions: at a minimum, the following precautions apply to all classes, social distancing, wearing of masks at all times, and daily temperature monitoring. Please contact the individual facilities for further details.

Online / On-Demand Training Videos – Roll Call Videos



Today's Tip for February 9, 2021 Shooting at Moving Vehicles

Gordon Graham here with Today's Tip from Lexipol.

Today's Tip is for law enforcement officers and today I am talking about shooting into a moving vehicle. Some say flat out that cops should never shoot at or into a moving vehicle. It's not that simple. It may be the right thing to do in some circumstances. But there's a lot to think about and the time to start thinking about it is now.

[Click here to access this Tip of the day](#)



Today's Tip for February 16, 2021 Autism and Police Interactions

Gordon Graham here with Today's Tip from Lexipol.

Today's Tip is for law enforcement personnel and today I want to share some tips to help you successfully interact with people who fall on the autism spectrum.

[Click here to access this Tip of the day](#)



Today's Tip for February 23, 2021 Avoiding Accidents from Backing Up Police Vehicles

Gordon Graham here with Today's Tip from Lexipol.

Today's Tip is for my law enforcement friends. Over the years I've seen so many cops crash their patrol vehicles. Thankfully, most of the crashes don't involve injuries. Usually there's only minor property damage.

[Click here to access this Tip of the day](#)



Today's Tip for March 2, 2021 Safely Field Testing Drug Evidence

Gordon Graham here with Today's Tip from Lexipol.

Today's Tip is for law enforcement officers and relates to the potential dangers associated with field testing drugs.

[Click here to access this Tip of the day](#)



COURTROOM TESTIMONY 101 **How to Be a Great Witness –** **Advice from career prosecutor Lynn Strom**

An officer's performance on the witness stand can make or break a case. Do you know key steps to take to prepare?

Lynn Strom, a career prosecutor and Lexipol training content developer, has prepared this quick-reference guide to courtroom testimony. She lists materials to gather before meeting with the prosecutor, etiquette for your court appearance and ways to stay on message during your testimony.

Don't wait until it's too late—download this checklist today!

[Click here to download the tip sheet](#)



Roll Call Training Videos

The J. Harris Academy of Police Training kindly offers free roll call training videos to New Jersey Law Enforcement officers. Below is a list of topic titles, along with the links to the online videos.
www.JHARRISTRAINING.com 732-684-1644

Roll Call Training: "NJ Marijuana Law Update"

Recently, the governor of New Jersey has signed new legislation into law that will dramatically impact the manner in which law enforcement handles situations involving recreational use of marijuana. For a quick overview of the current situation, please scroll down for this week's Roll Call Training Segment.

[Click Here to View This Informational Video](#)

Roll Call Training: "Duty to Warn"

An officer's response to force being utilized against him/her is a dynamic event. Recently, policy and procedure state that officers should warn citizen's about force prior to applying it.

This Roll Call Training segment examines this procedure.

[Click Here to View This Informational Video](#)

Webinar Training Events



Webinar Series - Data Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety - (DDACTS) 2.0



Dates: See Below – Second Class March 18th – Last Class September 15th
 Times: 11:00 am to 2:00 pm
 Cost: No Fee

IADLEST, in conjunction with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, is offering, at NO COST, an 8-part webinar training series to prepare agencies to use this nationally recognized police model.

These training segments are designed to teach agency participants how to effectively use data collection and analysis efforts to manage and deploy strategic resources to decrease crashes and crime throughout the country.

Attendees will learn about the model and its seven guiding principles from experienced DDACTS model subject matter experts and active law enforcement professionals in the field of crime analysis and community engagement.

Recordings of the completed webinar will be available by using the same Registration link.

Date 2021	Topic	Registration / Archive
February 18th	DDACTS 2.0 – Overview	Registration ID# 488-127-534
March 18th	Outcomes	Registration ID# 729-235-147
April 15th	Data Collection	Registration ID# 540-264-971
May 27th	Data Analysis	Registration ID# 637-852-819
June 17th	Partners/Stakeholders	Registration ID# 680-980-547
July 22nd	Strategic Operations	Registration ID# 193-585-475
August 19th	Information Sharing	Registration ID# 520-630-131
September 15th	Monitor, Evaluate, Adjust	Registration ID# 197-194-483

[Click here for more information and to register.](#)

Exclusive Webinar Series: POLICE REFORM **Policy & Training Impacts**

Following the unprecedented events of 2020, many communities are calling for police reform—a concept that covers a host of topics, from de-escalation to qualified immunity. But are these calls for reform based on form over substance? Will the desired reforms make the desired changes if they are not founded on law, evidence-based practices, and science?

Law enforcement agencies must be an engaged partner in these discussions and how they impact agency policies and training. Changes that are rushed or create unrealistic expectations will ultimately do nothing to foster trust between police and community members. But it's equally essential that law enforcement agencies take the initiative to make needed changes.

This webinar series will cover three critical topics in police reform. All events are free and open to law enforcement and interested community members. We will take attendee questions on a time-available basis at the end of each event. It is suggested that registrants view the on-demand webinar "[Duty to Intercede: Conceptual, Cultural and Legal Issues](#)" before attending the webinars in this series.

Lexipol Webinar Series: POLICE REFORM **Response to People in Crisis: Mitigating Harm & Enhancing the Safety of All Involved**

Date: Thursday, March 30, 2021
Time: 1:00 pm Eastern
Cost: Free

The harsh reality of mental health services in the United States is that police are often the de facto first responders to people in crisis. Many law enforcement agencies have taken the laudable steps of staffing specialized response teams and training officers in crisis intervention. But tragic encounters between officers and people with mental health issues continue to occur. [Click here to register](#)

Lexipol Webinar Series: POLICE REFORM **Training “Artifacts”: The Role Training — or Lack of Training — Plays in Poor Decisions**

Date: Thursday, April 20, 2021
Time: 1:00 pm Eastern
Cost: Free

Police officers make numerous decisions every day. Some are simple, while some can have lasting impact on the officer and the people involved. When these decisions go wrong, tragic outcomes can ensue—and the root cause is sometimes poor training. [Click here to register](#)

Date: March 9, 2021
 Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:40 p.m.
 Cost: Free

Join this webinar to learn more about how states are deploying NG911 and a discussion of independent efforts to promote NG911 Interoperability nationwide.

NIOC Interoperability and Security Initiatives

The [NG9-1-1 Interoperability Oversight Commission \(NIOC\)](#) is an independent oversight governance body established to support NG911 interoperability and security across North America and beyond. After this Q&A session, you'll come away with an understanding of the role of NIOC, its current initiatives, and benefits for the 911 community.

Pennsylvania NG911 Development Approach

This year, Pennsylvania will begin to implement a statewide NG911 solution. Hear from representatives from the state as they share their plan for a unique NG911 service deployment approach for each of the seven regions, as well as their strategy to leverage existing regional ESInets.

[Click here to register](#)



Cannabis in the Workplace Webinar

Date: March 9, 2021
 Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:40 p.m.
 Cost: See Registration Form

Registration Information for [March 9 Cannabis in the Workplace](#)



NJDHTS – NJTR-1 Crash Form Refresher (Webinar)

Date: March 10, 2021
 Times: 8:00 am - 1:00 pm
 Cost: Free

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 crash analysis will be discussed. This course serves as refresher training for law enforcement officials already familiar with the NJTR-1 crash form.

<https://cait.rutgers.edu/event/njtr1-march-3/>

Safety Service Patrol Idea Sharing Network Show and Tell Part II

Date: March 10, 2021
Times: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Cost: Free

SafeHighways.org will host its twentieth Safety Service Patrol Idea Sharing Network webinar with support from NOCoE. This session will be a continuation of the SSP Show and Tell session held on February 10th.

During this interactive 2-hour session, SSP professionals will see the different types of equipment and vehicles from several SSP operators across the country. Presenters will go live in their DOT or Turnpike Authority garages, highlighting best practices and discussing what makes their equipment/trucks different from other states. The audience will view the interiors and exteriors of SSP trucks, along with technologies or equipment that make their job more efficient.

[Click here to register](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. If you are interested in participating as a presenter in this webinar, please contact ssp@safehighways.org.

[Click here to view the February 10th Show & Tell webinar.](#)

WEBINAR on the Safe System Approach

Date: March 10, 2021
Times: 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
Cost: Free

The Federal Highway Administration Office of Safety invites you to a webinar presentation on the Safe System Approach (SSA). This webinar will provide an overview of SSA with background, principles, key elements, and examples; using a [presentation](#) that FHWA intends for our partners to use in spreading awareness of SSA. FHWA recognizes that reaching zero is a shared responsibility and will require a significant effort by everyone.

Please use the link below to register for the webinar:

https://connectdot.connectsolutions.com/expfp43hp86q/event/event_info.html

Registration Process:

- First time users of the FHWA Adobe Connect Registration system:
- Enter email address, first name, last name, and password.

Returning users:

- If you have registered with the FHWA Adobe Connect System before, click on the link provided on the form.
- If you need to reset password, click on the link provided on the form. If a user with the given email address exists for this account, we will send a password reset link at that address. User should check their email for instructions on how to reset their password. If it doesn't arrive in a few minutes, please check your spam folder.

If you have issues with registration, please contact Kayce Georgi at Kayce.S.Georgi@leidos.com.

For other questions, please contact Chimai Ngo at chimai.ngo@dot.gov.



Budget, Ethics, and Procurement Updates

Date: March 12, 2021
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
Cost: See Registration Form

Registration Information for [Budget, Ethics, and Procurement Updates Webinar](#)



Talking TIM Webinar Series: March 2021

Date: March 24, 2021
Times: 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm ET
Cost: Free

The [Talking TIM webinar series](#), brought to you by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), provides a forum where TIM champions with any level of experience can exchange information about current practices, programs, and technologies. Each month, the FHWA TIM Program Team will feature content that highlights successful programs, identifies best practices, and showcases technology that advances the profession.

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



NJDHTS – NJTR-1 Crash Form Refresher (Webinar)

Date: March 26, 2021
Times: 8:00 am - 1:00 pm
Cost: Free

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 crash analysis will be discussed. This course serves as refresher training for law enforcement officials already familiar with the NJTR-1 crash form.

<https://cait.rutgers.edu/event/njtr1-march-2/>

Date: April 6, 2021
Times: 8:00 am - 1:00 pm
Cost: Free

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<https://cait.rutgers.edu/event/njtr1-april/>

The New Jersey Work Zone Safety Conference – Online

Date: April 21, 2021
Time: 8:30 am to 1:00 pm
Cost: Free



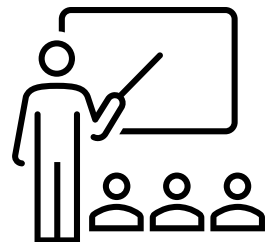
The New Jersey Work Zone Safety Conference promotes work zone safety awareness on local and state roadways for a multi-disciplinary audience of construction, engineering, public safety, maintenance, and operations personnel.

This year's online event will commence with a presentation focused on shadow vehicles and truck mounted attenuators in work zones. The keynote presentation will be delivered by Bradley Sant, a Professional Engineer with the American Road & Transportation Builders Association, who will be speaking about the dangers of internal work zones which account for approximately 50% of all fatalities. The conference will conclude with a panel discussion on the best practices and importance of preconstruction meetings followed by a presentation on the role of police in work zones. As part of the program, the New Jersey Work Zone Safety Excellence Awards will be presented to recognize inspiring efforts of individuals, companies and roadway agencies that have demonstrated effective temporary traffic control in planned work zones on New Jersey roadways. [Click here to register](#)

Person to Person – Live Training Events

*****Please check with the training provider to ensure that the scheduled classes are still taking place.***

Nothing Scheduled



Quote of the month

"People in the trenches are usually in touch with impending changes early"

Andrew S. Grove, Only the Paranoid Survive

Next scheduled meeting is on April 7, 2021

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 & Healthy



Don't forget to visit the association's website regularly, www.njptoa.com; the site is updated periodically. It is also the place to go for resources and updates about the association. If you have anything for the website, please contact one of the association's officers.

Appendix

Newsletter Information

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

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AAA 100th Anniversary for Safety Patrol (3 pages)

NJMVC Form MR-5 (2 pages)

NHTSA Calendar (2 pages)

Rutgers CAIT – TIM Courses (one page)

NJPTOA 2021 Membership letter and Form (four pages)

NJ W&M RADAR Tuning Forks Instruction Memo, Invoice, and NJ SAP 4 Sheet (four pages)



Celebrating 100 Years of Student Safety

The AAA School Safety Patrol program is celebrating its centennial in 2021! The program was created 100 years ago to make school children safer while walking to and from school. The belt color may have changed quite dramatically over the years—from white to neon orange to today’s fluorescent green called ‘Lectric Lime—but the mission remains the same: To provide a safer environment and leadership opportunities for millions of schoolchildren.

Today, the AAA School Safety Patrol program continues to build on its legacy of safety and leadership with 679,000 Patrollers in 35,000 schools in the United States. The legacy doesn’t stop here, however. Over the last 100 years, interest and excitement for the program have spread to at least 30 other countries, including England, France, Germany, the Netherlands, and New Zealand.

During its long and distinguished history, the AAA School Safety Patrol program has provided a safer pedestrian environment and a broad spectrum of educational opportunities for millions of children. AAA has successfully helped Patrols to thrive and expand, ensuring safer streets for all school children.

To learn more, visit schoolsafetypatrol.aaa.com.

History

- The idea of school boy patrols began in 1920 with Charles M. Hayes, then president of the Chicago Motor Club, who is credited for building the infrastructure and providing the resources so other AAA clubs across the U.S. could protect school-aged children walking to and from school.
- Hayes witnessed several children at a school crossing get killed by a speeding car. After the horrific incident, Hayes pledged to help prevent such a tragedy from happening again.
- In the 1930s, three national organizations—the American Automobile Association (AAA), the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, and the National Safety Council—collaborated on Standard Rules for the Operation of School Boy Patrols. These guidelines have been revised to become the operating standards for AAA School Safety Patrols. The program has evolved over the years to instill safety sense beyond street crossing, to include bus and car drop-offs, monitoring hallway congestion, and teaching Patrollers invaluable leadership skills.



Patrollers Remain Steadfast to Safety

- Patrollers direct children, not traffic. The role of the AAA School Safety Patrol is to teach students to direct their peers in safely interacting with school traffic. This includes street crossing, bus and car drop-offs, and safety monitoring.
- Patrollers are issued a belt or vest and badge to wear while on duty. The badge indicates the level of office: Patroller, captain, lieutenant or sergeant.
- The highest recognition bestowed on Patrollers is the Lifesaving Award Medal, which was established in 1949. More than 440 Patrollers have received this award for saving the life of a person who was in imminent danger while on duty.



A Century of Service

- The School Safety Patrol Program has contributed to the steady decline of student pedestrian (ages 5-14) U.S. deaths—a 24% decrease since 2010.
- The 2020-21 school year boasts 679,000 Patrollers in 35,000 schools in the United States.

AAA School Safety Patrol members have grown up to be U.S. presidents, including President Joe Biden, astronauts, governors, members of Congress, Supreme Court justices (William Brennan, Stephen Breyer, Warren Burger, Anthony Kennedy and Clarence Thomas) and Olympic medalists (Eric Heiden, Caitlyn Jenner and Edwin Moses).



DRIVER EXAMINATION AND/OR MEDICAL EVALUATION REQUEST

The undersigned recommends that the New Jersey licensed driver (named below) submit to a driver reexamination and/or evaluation.

D.L. NUMBER: _____ -- _____

CLASS: _____ ENDR: _____ RESTR: _____

DOB: _____ -- _____ EXPIRES: _____ -- _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

SEX: _____ EYES: _____ HT: _____ -- _____ ISSUED: _____ -- _____

Reexamination may be required of drivers in the categories below. Please check any that apply to this driver:

1. Persons having mental or physical disorders which may affect their ability to safely operate a motor vehicle;
2. Persons involved in a traffic accident resulting in a fatality where a violation of any of the provisions of N.J.S.A. **39:4-1** et seq. is established;
3. Persons who have accumulated **12** or more points as provided in N.J.A.C. **13:19-10.1**;
4. Persons convicted of violating any of the provisions of N.J.S.A. **39:4-1** et seq, where the judge determines that the offense was of such a careless, reckless or indifferent nature as to require reexamination.

I have reason to believe that this driver should submit to a reexamination and/or medical evaluation because of the information on the reverse side of this form.

Signature _____ Badge Number/Court Code _____

Title _____

(please print or type)

Full Name _____

Police Department/Court _____

Address _____

City _____ Phone Number _____

Officer's Name: _____

Driver's Name: _____

Date(s) of Incident(s) _____

Was driver charged with any Motor Vehicle violations?

No Yes If yes, provide statute(s) code(s) and summons number(s).

Did an accident occur?

No Yes If yes, attach copy of your accident report, including narrative or diagram.

Upon Questioning, did the driver admit to any physical problems or medical conditions?

No Yes If yes, indicate statements

Have you had any contacts with the driver?

No Yes If yes, describe circumstances of contact.

In the space below, provide a narrative that describes why you believe that this driver should undergo a reexamination or medical evaluation. If the source of the information provided below is someone other than yourself, provide that observer's name, full address and the telephone number where the observer can be contacted during normal working hours. If the driver contests the need for reexamination or medical review, you and/or any observers/witnesses may be subpoenaed to testify at an administrative hearing related to this matter.

NHTSA 2021 Communications Calendar

Campaign Material Available at www.TrafficSafetyMarketing.gov

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Happy New Year!

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February 7

Super Bowl LV

IMPAIRED DRIVING

Primary Message: *Fans Don't Let Fans Drive Drunk*

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March 8 - 12

Vehicle Safety Recalls Week

March 17

St. Patrick's Day

IMPAIRED DRIVING

Primary Message: *Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving*

March 22 - April 12

Rail Grade Crossing Campaign

Primary Message: *Stop. Trains Can't.*



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National Distracted Driving Awareness Month

April 5 - 12

U Drive. U Text. U Pay.

DISTRACTED DRIVING

Primary Message: *U Drive. U Text. U Pay.*

Paid Media

April 20

Drug-Impaired Driving Campaign

Primary Message: *If You Feel Different, You Drive Different*



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National Youth Traffic Safety Month
Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month

May 1

National Heatstroke Prevention Day

HEATSTROKE AWARENESS

Paid Media

May 17 - June 6

Click It or Ticket

OCCUPANT PROTECTION

Primary Message: *Click It or Ticket*

Paid Media

National Enforcement Mobilization



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June 21

National Ride to Work Day

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY

Primary Message: *Share the Road With Motorcyclists*



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Vehicle Theft Prevention Month

July 4

IMPAIRED DRIVING

DRUG-IMPAIRED DRIVING

Primary Messages:

Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving;

Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over;

Ride Sober or Get Pulled Over;

If You Feel Different, You Drive Different



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August 18 - September 6

Impaired Driving National Enforcement

Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over

IMPAIRED DRIVING

DRUG-IMPAIRED DRIVING

Primary Messages:

Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over;

Ride Sober or Get Pulled Over;

If You Feel Different, You Drive Different

Drive High - Get a DUI

Paid Media

National Enforcement Mobilization



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September 6 - 27

Rail Grade Crossing Campaign

Primary Message: *Stop. Trains Can't.*

September 19 - 25

Child Passenger Safety Week

OCCUPANT PROTECTION

September 25

National Seat Check Saturday



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Pedestrian Safety Month

October 17 - 23

National Teen Driver Safety Week

TEEN DRIVING ISSUES

October 31

Halloween

IMPAIRED DRIVING

Primary Messages:

Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving;

If You Feel Different, You Drive Different



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November 24 - 28

Thanksgiving Holiday Travel

IMPAIRED DRIVING

DRUG-IMPAIRED DRIVING

November 24

Blackout Wednesday

Primary Message: *Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving*

November 25

Thanksgiving Holiday Travel

OCCUPANT PROTECTION

Primary Message: *Buckle Up. Every Trip. Every Time.*

November 30 - December 14

Pre-Holiday Season

IMPAIRED DRIVING

DRUG-IMPAIRED DRIVING

Primary Messages:

Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving;

If You Feel Different, You Drive Different



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December 15 - January 1, 2022

Holiday Season

IMPAIRED DRIVING

DRUG-IMPAIRED DRIVING

Primary Messages:

Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over;

If You Feel Different, You Drive Different

Drive High - Get a DUI

Paid Media

National Enforcement Mobilization

December 26 - 31

TV Bureau of Advertising Roadblock

Primary Message:

Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving



2021 HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY EVENTS CALENDAR



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



DATE	EVENT	SPONSOR	WEB LINK
January 24–28	Transportation Research Board Conference (Washington, DC)	Transportation Research Board	www.trb.org
February 2–4	SAE Government/Industry Meeting (Washington, DC)	TBD	www.sae.org/attend/government-industry
February 6–9	Winter Legislative & Technology Conference (Washington, DC)	National Sheriffs' Association (NSA)	www.sheriffs.org
March 8–12	Vehicle Safety Recalls Week	NHTSA	www.nhtsa.gov/recalls
March 22–April 12	Rail Grade Crossing Campaign	NHTSA	www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/get-materials/rail-grade-crossing
April 1	National Walking Day	NHTSA	www.nhtsa.gov
April 5–12	National Distracted Driving Awareness Month	NHTSA	www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/get-materials/distracted-driving
April 11–17	National 911 Public Safety Telecommunicators Week		www.npstw.org
April 25–27	Lifesavers 2021 Conference (Long Beach, CA)	Multiple public and private organizations	www.lifesaversconference.org
April 26–30	National Work Zone Awareness Week	Federal Highway Administration	www.ops.fhwa.dot.gov/wz/outreach/wz_awareness.htm
April (Entire Month)	National Distracted Driving Awareness Month	NHTSA	www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/get-materials/distracted-driving
April (Entire Month)	Alcohol Awareness Month	National Institutes of Health	www.nih.gov
May (Entire Month)	National Youth Traffic Safety Month	National Organizations for Youth Safety	www.noys.org
May (Entire Month)	Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month	NHTSA	www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/get-materials/motorcycle-safety
May (Entire Month)	National Bicycle Safety Month	NHTSA	www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/get-materials/bicycle-safety
May 1	National Heatstroke Prevention Day	NHTSA	www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/get-materials/child-safety/heatstroke-prevention
May 5	Bike to School Day	National Center for Safe Routes to School	www.walkbiketoschool.org
May 9–15	National Police Week	The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund	www.nleomf.com
May 16–22	National EMS Week	American College of Emergency Physicians	www.acep.org/emsweek
TBD	Tire Safety Week	U.S. Tire Manufacturers Association	www.ustires.org
June 6	Secure Your Load Day	Robin Abel	www.secureyourload.com
June 21	Ride to Work Day	NHTSA	www.ridetoworkday.org
June 22–25	Annual Education & Technology Expo (Phoenix, AZ)	National Sheriffs' Association (NSA)	www.sheriffs.org
TBD	Annual Training Conference & Exhibit (TBD)	National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE)	www.noblenational.org
July (Entire Month)	Vehicle Theft Prevention Month	NHTSA	www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/get-materials/vehicle-safety/vehicle-theft-prevention
TBD	Annual Training Conference on Drugs, Alcohol, and Impaired Driving (TBD)	IACP, NHTSA	www.theIACP.org/DAIDConference
TBD	Int'l Forum on Traffic Records and Highway Safety Info. Sys. (TBD)	Association of Transportation Safety Information Professionals	www.atsip.org
August 20–September 6	National Impaired Driving HVE Campaign	NHTSA	www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/get-materials/drunk-driving/drive-sober-or-get-pulled-over
August 28–September 1	Governors Highway Safety Association Annual Meeting (Denver, CO)	Governors Highway Safety Association	www.ghsa.org/html/meetings/index.html
August 31–September 2	AAMVA Annual International Conference (Denver, CO)	American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA)	www.aamva.org
September 19–25	Child Passenger Safety Week	NHTSA	www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/get-materials/child-safety
September 25	National Seat Check Saturday	NHTSA	www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/get-materials/child-safety
October (Entire Month)	Pedestrian Safety Month	NHTSA	www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/get-materials/pedestrian-safety
October 6	Walk to School Day	National Center for Safe Routes to Schools	www.walkbiketoschool.org
October 17–23	National Teen Driver Safety Week	Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and NHTSA	www.teendriversource.org www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov
October 18–22	National School Bus Safety Week	National Association of Pupil Transportation	www.napt.org
November 6–9	Int'l Association of Chiefs of Police Annual Conference & Expo (Atlanta, GA)	Multiple public and private organizations	www.theiacp.org
December (Entire Month)	National Drunk & Drug-Impaired Driving Prevention Month (3D)	Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP)	www.whitehouse.gov/ondcp
December 17–January 1	National Impaired Driving HVE Campaign	NHTSA	www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/get-materials/drunk-driving/drive-sober-or-get-pulled-over



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and Transportation



Traffic Incident Management Training for Emergency Responders

Dates:

February 24, 2021

May 07, 2021

Hosted by the New Jersey Local Technical Assistance Program (NJ LTAP) at Rutgers Center for Advanced Infrastructure and Transportation (CAIT), this half-day course covers New Jersey's Highway Incident Traffic Safety Guidelines for Emergency Responders. The course is supported and approved by the FHWA.

Time:

8am – 12pm

Three vehicle crashes involving injuries occur every minute in the United States putting nearly 39,000 incident responders in harm's way daily. Disruption and congestion from these incidents can increase the likelihood of secondary crashes causing delays and increasing driver frustration. The longer responders remain on the scene, the greater the risk they, and the traveling public, face. Correct traffic incident management (TIM) focuses on responding in a way that protects motorists and emergency personnel while minimizing negative effects on traffic. TIM practices include detecting, verifying, and responding to incidents; clearing the incident scene; and restoring traffic flow.

Using a multi-discipline approach, first responders in New Jersey will learn how to operate more efficiently and act collectively. The training covers topics including TIM guidelines; fundamentals and terminology; notifications and scene size up; scene safety and risk management; traffic management; special circumstances; clearance; and termination.

This course is open to all traffic-incident first responders including personnel in law enforcement, firefighting, emergency medical services (EMS), public safety, public works, towing and recovery, and hazardous materials (HAZMAT).

Registration The course is free, but registration is required at BOTH of the following

websites: <https://cait.rutgers.edu/events/> >> NJTIM.org >>



This course is free thanks to funding and support from the Federal Highway Administration and the New Jersey Department of Transportation. For more information, contact David Maruca at dem200@soe.rutgers.edu



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Infrastructure and
Transportation

UAS Applications for Traffic Safety

Dates and Times for this Webinar are:

**March 02, 2021
8am-12pm**

**May 20, 2021
8am-12pm**

**June 30, 2021
8am-12pm**

To successfully complete this
training you must:

- ✓ Have an electronic device with internet access capable of receiving both an audio & visual feed from the Rutgers Webex platform
- ✓ Connect electronically from 8 am to 12 pm.
- ✓ Complete an online survey at the conclusion of training

This is a free webinar that provides introductory and awareness for law enforcement officers related to the applications of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) commonly known as Drones.

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

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

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

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



This course is offered free of charge thanks to funding and support from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety. For more information, contact David Maruca, CAIT Project Manager, at dem200@soe.rutgers.edu.

NJTR-1 Crash Form Course Refresher

Webinar Dates:

March 10, 2021 April 28, 2021

March 26, 2021 May 12, 2021

April 6, 2021 May 18, 2021

April 16, 2021 May 28, 2021

Time:

8:00 am – 1:00 pm

This is a virtual training class utilizing the Webex platform. Participants must have access to a laptop/desktop/lpad or cell phone with internet access

Registration:

This is a free class but you must register at the link below: <https://cait.rutgers.edu/events/>

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

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

The course reviews common NJTR-1 errors for both passenger and commercial motor vehicle crashes and offers methods to improve the quality of data that safety colleagues rely on.

Crash Analysis Tool software functions and the process of moving data from crash report to computer also will be discussed. All changes to the updated NJTR-1 will be addressed.



This course is offered free of charge thanks to funding and support from the New Jersey Division of Traffic Safety. For more information, contact David Maruca, CAIT Project Manager, at dem200@soe.rutgers.edu.



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2021 Annual New Jersey Virtual Work Zone Safety Conference

Webinar

April 21, 2021

8:30 am – 1:00 pm

Registration

Registration is free but required at:

<https://cait.rutgers.edu/event/2021wzsc/>

For more information, contact Barbara Morgan at barbara.morgan@soe.rutgers.edu or Dave Maruca at dem200@soe.rutgers.edu

This event is developed with support from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety, New Jersey Department of Transportation, and the Federal Highway Administration.



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

This year's online event will commence with a presentation focused on shadow vehicles and truck mounted attenuators in work zones. The keynote presentation will be delivered by Bradley Sant, a Professional Engineer with the American Road & Transportation Builders Association, who will be speaking about the dangers of internal work zones which account for approximately 50% of all fatalities. The conference will conclude with a panel discussion on the best practices and importance of preconstruction meetings followed by a presentation on the role of police in work zones.

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

PROFESSIONAL CREDITS

The 2021 Annual New Jersey Work Zone Safety Conference offers PDH and DCA CPWM credits (pending).

New Jersey Police Traffic Officers' Association



Post Office Box 664 Voorhees, NJ 08043

856-220-1433

www.njptoa.org

January 6, 2021

Dear Members,

Along with January 1st ringing in the beginning of a new year, it also brings exciting news to our member agencies, both current and past.

Through Director Eric Heitmann's work, the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety (NJDHTS) has approved a grant to the New Jersey Police Traffic Officers' Association, covering most, if not all, of our yearly operating costs.

NJDHTS Director Heitmann felt the dues' cost prevented some agencies from joining or continuing their Association membership. I worked with Director Heitmann on this grant to cover the cost of membership for all police agencies and traffic safety organizations in the state.

The NJPTOA is the **only** statewide traffic safety organization of its type in the United States. NJDHTS feels that the Association's uniqueness is too crucial to the motoring public and police officers' safety to be underutilized. New Jersey police agencies could have a significant impact on highway safety by working together within the Association.

Therefore, your yearly Association dues will be waived during the NJHTS grant period, which is expected to be long term. If the grant is ever terminated, the NJPTOA Executive Board will determine the yearly dues from that point forward.

To facilitate an accurate membership database, we are revamping the membership and email communication procedures for 2021. The existing membership roster and email address book are going to be purged. This will require all agencies and associate members, current and new, to complete the attached membership form and submit it to the Association as soon as possible. The agency is the member of the Association with a name serving as the primary contact person. Agencies can add additional names and email addresses, which will also have access to the Association's material, by listing the names and email addresses in the appropriate spaces on the second page of the form.

The email addresses are required to receive the monthly newsletters, meeting notices, updates, grant information, education opportunities, and other communications. The Association no longer mails these items via the USPS; all communications are done electronically. Please check with your information technology people to ensure your agency's internal systems do not block the Association's emails.

Re: 2021 NJPTOA Membership

January 6, 2021

Any questions can be directed to:

President: Sgt. Nicholas Schock,

Email: traffic@njptoa.org

Executive Director: Richard Maxwell

Email: rmaxwell@njptoa.org

Operations Secretary: Mark Wilson

Phone/Text: (856) 220-1433

Email: mwilson@njptoa.org

Thank you for your continued dedication towards our Association and traffic safety within the State of New Jersey.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Schock

Sgt. Nicholas Schock
President NJPTOA

New Jersey Police Traffic Officers' Association



2021 MEMBERSHIP FORM

(Please print or type information)

Active Membership

Associate Membership

Honorary Membership

(Select the appropriate membership)

Date: _____

Agency: _____ **County:** _____

Address _____

Contact Name & Title: _____

Contact Phone: _____

Contact's Email Address: _____

This is the primary email address for all Association communications; additional addresses can be added on page two.

The Association's regular monthly business meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month, beginning at 10:00 am unless otherwise noted in the newsletter or special notice. There are no meetings during July and August.

Email the completed form to:

Operations Secretary Mark Wilson
mwilson@njptoa.org

or

NJ Police Traffic Officers' Association
PO Box 664
Voorhees, NJ 08043

New Jersey Police Traffic Officers' Association

2021 Membership Form - Additional Agency Contact Names

Date: _____

Agency: _____

Name & Title: _____

Email Address: _____

Name & Title: _____

Email Address: _____

Name & Title: _____

Email Address: _____

Name & Title: _____

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New Jersey Office of the Attorney General

Department of Community Affairs

Division of Weights and Measures



MEMORANDUM

TO: State, City, Borough, and Township Police Department

FROM: Raymond Szpond, Acting Supervisor
Licensing/Metrology Laboratory

SUBJECT: Tuning Forks Invoice

Enclosed is our **Inspection and Test of Radar Tuning Forks Invoice**. Please complete, and bring with you to your next scheduled tuning fork inspection.

To expedite the testing of the tuning forks in a timely manner and make your waiting period brief, please do the following:

- a) have your purchase order form, along with our tuning fork invoice **ENTIRELY** filled out, **including mailing address section**, and have a signed **copy** with the **OFFICER'S SIGNATURE**,
- b) when filling out our tuning forks invoice, please list each tuning fork by miles per hour and serial numbers,
- c) have all tuning forks sorted by miles per hour in their bundles,
- d) all checks should have an attached copy of our tuning forks invoice, so payments can be applied adequately,
- e) make check payable to **WEIGHTS and MEASURES FUND**.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation, if you have any questions, I can be reached at (732) 815-4849, or you may contact one of my staff members in the Metrology Laboratory at (732) 815-4859.

RS/ns

Enclosed: Blank - Inspection and Test of Radar Tuning Forks Invoice



New Jersey Office of the Attorney General

Division of Consumer Affairs
Office of Weights and Measures
1261 Routes 1 & 9 South, Avenel, New Jersey 07001
Telephone: (732) 815-4859 • Fax: (732) 382-5298



Application for the Inspection and Test of Radar Tuning Forks

Page No.: _____

Date: _____

Purchase Order No.: _____

We hereby make application for the inspection and testing of the below listed radar tuning forks

Police Department: _____ County _____

Mailing Address: _____

Business Telephone Number: (_____) _____

MPH	Fork Serial Number	MPH	Fork Serial Number
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Number of **Tuning Forks** on this page = _____ @ \$10.00 Each = \$ _____

Total fees of other pages = \$ _____

I hereby certify the above Information is true and correct. **Grand Total =** \$ _____

Police Department Officials Signature

Title

**NJ SAP 4, Handling Calibration and Test Items, Covid-19 modifications,
Police Radar Tuning Forks and Laser Units**

State of New Jersey, Office of Weights and Measures

1261 Routes 1 & 9 South, Avenel, New Jersey 07001

Kyle Pierson cell (973)220-1743

Michael Cecere cell (201)919-5163

For individual police departments submitting police radar tuning forks and laser units, the representative of the police department will;

- Report to the State of New Jersey, Office of Weights and Measures (OWM) at a designated date and time with the tuning forks and/or laser unit, and contact us by phone 10 minutes before arrival.
- Upon arrival, report to the truck bay and locate the box placed by a Metrologist in the designated drop-off area.
- Obeying all Covid-19 protocols regarding PPE and social distancing, will place all tuning forks and lasers to be calibrated in the box and wipe each artifact down thoroughly with alcohol or antibacterial wipes. For individual tuning forks, this can be done in advance if they are placed in sealed packaging.
- Upon completion of the above steps, will immediately leave the truck bay and the State OWM. A receipt of submission of the artifacts will be provided by email only to the police department representative.

For multiple police departments submitting police radar tuning forks and laser units, a request can be made to have the equipment picked up in one location by a representative of the NJ OWM. If the request is approved, an appointment will be set for a date, time, and location for the pick-up of equipment. A single representative of the participating police departments will;

- Share with all participating police departments this protocol and inform all participants that the tuning forks and lasers must be wiped down with alcohol or antibacterial wipes.
- Gather all equipment to be calibrated, including paperwork, and contact the State OWM when it is ready to be picked up. **NOTE: If there is not an approval to have a representative of the NJ OWM pick up the equipment at a designated location, please follow the steps for individual police departments listed above.**
- Upon arrival at the agreed location of pick-up, the representative of the State OWM will pick up all equipment to be calibrated, obeying all Covid-19 protocols regarding PPE and social distancing.
- During the pick-up of the equipment, the representative of the OWM will sign documentation if asked, but the reconciliation of all equipment and paperwork will be conducted at the State OWM, and a receipt of submission of the artifacts will be provided by email only to the single representative of the participating police departments. Any discrepancies between the documented submissions and the actual artifacts submitted will be addressed with the police department representative at this stage.

After a minimum holding period of 72 hours, the Metrologists will calibrate the police radar tuning forks and lasers, obeying all Covid-19 protocols regarding PPE and social distancing. Upon completion of the calibrations, the Metrologists will contact the representative of the police department(s) to arrange for either the pick-up or drop-off of equipment.

For individual or multiple police departments picking up equipment, the representative of the police department will;

- Report to the State OWM at a designated date and time and contact us 10 minutes before arrival. This will allow the Metrologist adequate time to place the police radar tuning forks and/or lasers in the designated pick-up area.
- Upon arrival, report to the truck bay and locate the box placed by a Metrologist in the designated pick-up area.
- Obeying all Covid-19 protocols regarding PPE and social distancing, the police department representative will pick up all equipment and accompanying paperwork, such as invoices, purchase orders, or Calibration Certificates.
- Upon completion of the above steps, will immediately leave the truck bay and the State OWM.

For multiple police departments receiving equipment, a single representative of the participating police departments will;

- Be contacted by the Metrologists of the State OWM to arrange for a location, date, and time of the drop-off of all equipment.
- On that arranged date and time, will receive all equipment and accompanying paperwork, such as invoices, purchase orders, or Calibration Certificates. Acknowledgement of this drop-off will be emailed to the representative of all police departments.