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President's Message

It is hard to believe June and July are already behind us, with only August left until the unofficial end of summer. As we continue to navigate through the COVID-19 pandemic, I hope everyone continues to remain safe and healthy. As summer winds down and we enter Back to School time, challenges will remain while adjusting to this "new normal." There are links on our website for both crossing guard training and child pedestrian & bicycle safety (under the training tab). Traditionally, Labor Day coincides with the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over mobilization. This enforcement effort has been postponed due to the pandemic; however, impaired driving enforcement and awareness will be essential to keep motorists safe over the holiday.

As it stands now, I would anticipate our monthly meetings to continue to take place via Zoom. Please make sure you are signed up for the email distribution list to get the meeting notification. If anything changes, I will let everyone know as soon as possible.

We are also scheduling an Executive Board meeting for September 2nd at 0900 hours, before our regular business meeting. A separate meeting invitation will be sent for that meeting.

Thanks, Nick

Association News

In Memoriam

August 1st marks a year since the association lost its founding father, Chief Anthony J. Parenti (Ret.), 87, of Fanwood, N.J., passed away at Overlook Medical Center on Thursday, Aug. 1, 2019. Tony, you are missed, rest in peace.

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WWW.NJPTOA.ORG & COVID-19

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

Monthly Business Meeting ONLINE ???

The association will not be meeting in August.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, September 2, 2020, at 10:00 AM. At this point, it looks like this will be online via the Zoom platform. More information will be forthcoming.

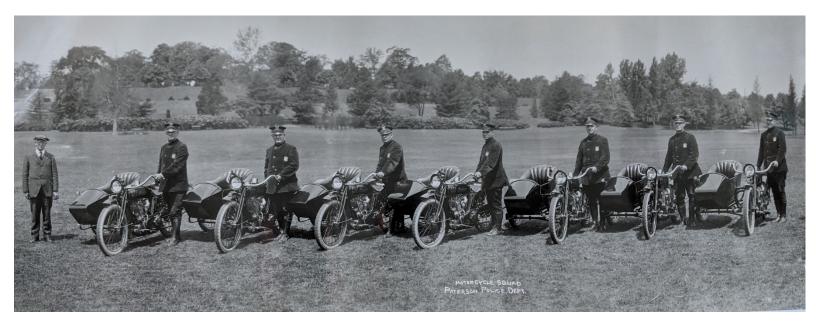
The AAA facility in Hamilton will not be available to us until January 2021 at the earliest.

Dues Notice for 2020

The annual association membership dues for 2020 were due before June 30th. A copy of the dues invoice is in the Appendix of this newsletter. The New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety has authorized the use of Drunk Driving Enforcement Funds to pay for NJPTOA dues.

Agencies that have not paid 2020 dues as of the publication of this newsletter will receive a postcard in the mail.

A Blast from the Past



The Paterson Police Department's Motorcycle Squad in 1921, this photo was at a local auction. RM

National Stop on Red Week is August 2-8

The National Coalition for Safer Roads is partnering with organizations and communities across the country to raise awareness about the dangers of red-light running during National Stop on Red Week.

TEN REASONS TO STOP ON RED

- 1. Red-Light Running Can Be Fatal.
- 2. One in three Americans knows someone who has been injured or killed in a red-light running crash.
- 3. Between 2004-2018, an estimated 11,877 people were killed in red-light running related crashes.
- 4. On average, two people died each day in red-light running crashes in the United States in 2018.
- 5. Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for U.S. teens.
- 6. In 2018, 846 people were killed, and an estimated 139,000 were injured in crashes that involved red-light running.
- 7. Over half of the deaths in red-light running crashes are pedestrians, bicyclists, and occupants in vehicles other than the car running the red light.
- 8. Nearly 85% of drivers say it is unacceptable to go through red-lights, yet almost 31% admitted to doing so in the past 30 days.
- 9. The most common type of urban crashes involves drivers who run red lights, stop signs, and other traffic controls.

Click here for the stop on red toolkit

- 10. Red-light running is often a result of aggressive or distracted driving and is completely preventable.
 - Click here for more information



NATIONAL STOP ON RED WEEK August 2-8

Stay on the Safe Side. #StopOnRed2020



National Law Enforcement Officers <u>MEMORIAL FUND</u> RESPECT. HONOR. REMEMBER. 2020 Mid-Year Law Enforcement Officers Fatalities Report National Law Enforcement Memorial and Museum

According to preliminary data compiled by the National Law Enforcement Memorial and Museum (NLEMM), as of June 30, 2020, 65 federal, state, tribal, and local law enforcement officers died in the line of duty, a decrease of 14% from the 76 officers killed during the same period last year.

Of the 65 officers who have died in the line of duty this year, there are five confirmed COVID-19 cases, but confirmation is pending on an additional 53 instances already identified by NLEMM. Once verified, the total number of law enforcement deaths for the first six months of this year could skyrocket to 118 or a 55% increase over last year's mid-year report. This would make COVID-19-related fatalities the single highest cause of law enforcement deaths occurring in the first six months of 2020.

Twenty-six officers have been killed in traffic-related fatalities this year, an eight percent increase, compared to 24 deaths during the same period last year. Struck-by incidents, when an officer was hit by a vehicle while outside of their patrol vehicle, and auto crashes were the leading circumstances of the traffic-related fatalities with nine such fatalities each during the first half of the year. The increase in traffic-related fatalities is particularly disturbing considering the significant period during the first half of the year when overall vehicle traffic was reduced due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Click here to download the full nleomf 2020-Mid-Year-Fatality-Report

Updated Quarantine Advisory Issued for Individuals Traveling to New Jersey Now at 36 States and Territories

As of Tuesday, July 28th, there are currently 36 states and territories that meet the criteria stated above: Alaska; Alabama; Arkansas; Arizona; California; Delaware; District of Columbia, Florida; Georgia; Illinois, Iowa; Idaho; Indiana; Kansas; Kentucky, Louisiana; Maryland; Minnesota, Missouri; Mississippi; Montana; North Carolina; North Dakota; Nebraska; New Mexico; Nevada; Ohio; Oklahoma; Puerto Rico, South Carolina; Tennessee; Texas; Utah; Virginia; Washington; and Wisconsin.



Travelers from states with significant spread of COVID-19 should voluntarily quarantine for 14 days. Take the travel survey to learn whether you need to self-quarantine:

> SCAN THE QR CODE ----> VISIT covidI9.nj.gov/njtravel TEXT NJTRAVEL to 898211



The list of states will be updated on a rolling basis and is accessible here.



Active Bystandership for Law Enforcement (ABLE) Project

The Georgetown Law Center has developed a training program to teach officers how to be Active Bystanders, and how to take action when events warrant.

Now more than ever, communities across the country, and the law enforcement agencies that serve those communities are recognizing first responders must do a better job intervening when necessary to prevent their colleagues from causing harm or making costly mistakes.

Project ABLE is a national hub for training, technical assistance, and research, all to create a police culture in which officers routinely intervene as necessary to:

- Prevent misconduct
- Avoid police mistakes, and
- Promote officer health and wellness.

Building upon training developed by Dr. Ervin Staub, the Founding Director of a program on the psychology of peace and violence, to help police officers stop unnecessary harmful behavior by fellow officers, in 2014, Dr. Staub, other consultants, and the New Orleans Police Department developed the EPIC Peer Intervention Program. Project ABLE builds upon EPIC and Dr. Staub's prior work to create and deliver practical, scenario-based training for police agencies in the strategies and tactics of police peer intervention. Project ABLE will guide agencies and communities on the concrete measures that must be in place to create and sustain a culture of peer intervention. Project ABLE also will provide a wide array of resources to communities and law enforcement agencies across the country interested in developing peer intervention programs of their own.

ABLE training will be provided at no cost to local law enforcement agencies. Still, those agencies must commit to creating a culture of active bystandership and peer intervention through policy, training, support, and accountability.

Click here to go to the ABLE home page

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Did You Know?

Distracted driving claimed 2,841 lives in 2018. Put your phone away behind the wheel and keep you, your passengers, and others on the roads safe. #JustDrive <u>https://bit.ly/39mv9ad</u> - @NHTSAgov

Updates from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety

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Crash Investigation Classes Postponed for the rest of 2020

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, all Crash Investigation Classes (Basic, Advanced, and Specialty Classes) for the remainder of 2020 are all **postponed until further notice**.

Check <u>www.njsaferoads.com</u> for updates once they become available.



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



Fatal Accident Investigation Unit Click here for more details from the NJSP Fatal Accident Unit

Below is the statewide fatal crash data as of 10:00 am, July 31, 2020

Fatal C	rashes	Fatalit	ties
2020	277	2020	297
2019	276	2019	298
2018	297	2018	322

Difference in Fatalities from 2019 to 2020 = decrease of 1Percentage of change between 2019 and 2020 = -0.3%

Difference in Fatalities from 2018 to 2019 = decrease of 24Percentage of change between 2018 and 2019 = -7.5%

If you ever have a question about a fatal crash or want to update information about one, feel free to contact the NJSP Fatal Accident Unit at (609) 882-2000 Ext. 2038

2020 Fourth of July Holiday Period – Fatal Crashes

The 2020 Fourth of July holiday period began on Thursday, July 2, 2020, at 1800 hours and ended on Monday, July 6, 2020 at 0559 hours.

Below is the preliminary 2020 Fourth of July holiday period fatal crash statistical report as reported to the NJ State Police.

If you experienced a fatal crash during the 2020 Fourth of July holiday period, please check the list to ensure your crash is accounted for correctly. If there are any discrepancies or any agency aware of a fatal motor vehicle crash not listed, please contact the NJSP Fatal Accident Investigation Unit at 609-882-2000 Ext. 2038 or notify via email to <u>fatalaccidentinvestigationunit@njsp.org</u>

	Year:	ear: 2020 Holiday Period: Fourth of July - Preliminary			
	Begins:	Thursday, July 2, 2020	at:	1800 Hours	
	Ends:	Monday, July 6, 2020	at:	0559 Hours	
DATE	TIME	LOCATION	IMPAIRMEN	T VICTIM CLASSIFICATION	
07/02/2020	2218	Palisades Interstate Parkway Alpine Boro Bergen County	Pending	Pedestrian	
07/04/2020	0356	Hopkins Avenue Jersey City Hudson County	Pending	Pedestrian	
07/04/2020	2056	U. S. Route 9 Somers Point City Atlantic County	Pending	Pedestrian	
07/05/2020	0023	State Highway 56 Pittsgrove Township Salem County	Pending	Passenger Car Driver Passenger Car Passenger	
07/05/2020	0202	State Highway 30 Atlantic City Atlantic County	Pending	Passenger Car Driver	
07/05/2020	2304	County Route 615 Sayreville Boro Middlesex County	Pending	Pedalcyclist	
07/06/2020	0224	New Jersey Turnpike Kearny Town Hudson County	Pending	Motorcycle Driver	

Updates from the Federal Bureau of Investigation



Ten Most Wanted Fugitives

The official FBI Ten Most Wanted Fugitives list is maintained on the FBI website. This information may be copied and distributed. However, any unauthorized alteration of any portion of the FBI's Ten Most Wanted Fugitives posters is a violation of federal law

Click here to go to the FBI's Ten Most Wanted website

FBI Releases 2019 Participation Data for the National Use-of-Force Data Collection

The FBI has released the 2019 data submitted by 5,043 federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies to the National Use-of-Force Data Collection. Click here to read the full press release

On this episode of Inside the FBI, learn about the National Use-of-Force Data Collection, which works to promote transparency between law enforcement and the communities they serve. <u>Click here to listen to the podcast</u>

FBI Newark News

Bergen County Man Arrested in \$1.5 Million Investment Fraud Scheme

Matthew Benjamin of Englewood has been arrested for his role in an investment scheme that fraudulently obtained \$1.525 million from at least three families.

July 1, 2020

Full Press Release

Camden County Man Admits Trafficking High-Dosage Oxycodone Pills as Part of Camden and Gloucester City Drug Rings

Wayne Muse of Camden County, New Jersey, admitted buying and reselling 80-milligram oxycodone pills as part of his role in drug trafficking operations.

July 7, 2020

Full Article

Two Pennsylvania-based Doctors and Five Others Charged in Genetic Testing Kickback and Bribery Schemes

Seven people have been charged for their roles in conspiracies to pay and receive kickbacks in exchange for ordering genetic tests.

July 9, 2020

Full Press Release

Essex County Man Charged in Large-Scale Car Theft Scheme

Warren Guerrier of Essex County, New Jersey, has been arrested and charged with running a large, multi-state car theft and fraud ring.

July 8, 2020

Full Press Release

Former Orange Acting Business Administrator Indicted on Corruption, Fraud, and Tax Charges

Willis Edwards III, the former acting business administrator for the Township of Orange, was charged with conspiracy, bribery, tax fraud, and other related crimes.

July 8, 2020

Full Press Release

Romanian Programmer Admits That He Helped Create Bitclub Network, a Fraud Scheme Worth at Least \$722 Million

Silviu Catalin Balaci admitted to conspiring to engage in wire fraud and offering and selling unregistered securities in connection with his role in BitClub Network, a cryptocurrency mining scheme.

July 9, 2020

Full Press Release

Hudson County Man Charged with Being Felon in Possession of Weapon

Malik Holloway of Hudson County, New Jersey, made his initial appearance on a charge from his arrest for illegally possessing a handgun with a large-capacity magazine.

July 24, 2020

Full Press Release

New Jersey Man Charged with Conspiring to Distribute Controlled Substances Resulting in Death

James R. Bell conspired with others to distribute, possess with intent to distribute fentanyl, and heroin resulting in the death of a person knowingly, intentionally.

Full Article

Pharmaceutical Company Agrees to Pay \$3.5 Million to Resolve Allegations of Violating the False Claims Act

Pacira Pharmaceuticals Inc. will pay \$3.5 million to resolve allegations that it paid kickbacks to doctors. July 28, 2020

Full Press Release

Updates from the New Jersey Attorney General's Office



Federal District Court Upholds Immigrant Trust Directive

U.S. Chief District Judge Freda L. Wolfson dismissed a lawsuit challenging Attorney General Gurbir S. Grewal's Immigrant Trust Directive. In a statement, Attorney General Grewal said:

"The court recognized what we have said all along: New Jersey has the authority to draw a clear, bright line between the work of state law enforcement officers and federal civil immigration officers. This line is more important than ever, as we work hard every day to build and restore trust between New Jersey's police officers and historically marginalized communities.

In November 2018, I issued the Immigrant Trust Directive in the shadow of the Statue of Liberty, flanked by our state's law enforcement leaders. What I said then remains true today: you can be both pro-immigrant and prolaw enforcement. And, indeed, our Directive is pro-law enforcement precisely because it is pro-immigrant. Today's decision reaffirms that principle."

Click here to read more: Federal District Court Upholds Immigrant Trust Directive

Eight Arrested in Takedown of Three Camden-Based Narcotics and Weapons Trafficking Operations

Defendants Include Gun Trafficker Who Sold Military Style Weapons Using Social Media

Attorney General Grewal announced on July 6th the arrests of eight individuals as part of an investigation targeting narcotics and weapons trafficking in Camden. Those arrested include a father and daughter who allegedly supplied narcotics to drug dealers; five alleged members of a drug set that sold large quantities of heroin in South Camden; and an alleged gun trafficker who sold seven firearms, including military-style weapons.

The arrests stem from a collaborative, multi-agency investigation led by the Division of Criminal Justice Gangs & Organized Crime Bureau, in collaboration with the Camden County Sheriff's Office, Camden County Prosecutor's Office, Camden County Police Department, New Jersey State Police, U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, and U.S. Homeland Security Investigations. <u>Click here to read more</u>

NJ Board of Nursing Temporarily Suspends Certification of Homemaker-Home Health Aide Charged with Criminal Sexual Contact Against 84-Year-Old Patient in Assisted Living Facility

Action Comes as Division Focuses on How Professional Boards Address Allegations of Sexual Misconduct by Licensees

Michael A. Edwards, a.k.a. Michael A. Donaldson, 32, of Manchester, was arrested on May 21st after his employer, Sunrise Senior Living facility in Jackson, told police that another employee caught Edwards inappropriately touching an elderly woman in her room at the facility. His employment at the facility has been terminated.

Click here to read more

Attorney General, DEP Commissioner File Lawsuit Against Nation's Largest Auto Auction Company for Selling Tampered, Super-Polluting Vehicles

At Same Time, DEP and DCA Announce Actions Against 11 NJ-Based Dealers Responsible For Selling Same Unlawfully-Polluting Automobiles

According to the Complaint, DEP identified over 200 vehicles offered or sold through Manheim that were disclosed as tampered, and a surprise DEP inspection at a Manheim facility last year found that 28 percent of inspected vehicles were unlawfully tampered. Click here to read more

Leading Member of Criminal Ring That Trafficked Untraceable "Ghost Gun" Assault Rifles and Cocaine Sentenced to 14 Years in State Prison

Arrests in Operation Stone Wall were first ever in a ghost gun trafficking case under a law signed by Gov. Murphy in 2018 making it a crime to buy, manufacture, possess or sell ghost guns in New Jersey <u>Click here to read more</u>

Woman Sentenced to Six Years in State Prison for Assisting in Scheme in which Straw Buyers Fraudulently Obtained Loans for Luxury Cars

Jacqueline Reyes-Keegan, 60, formerly of Fairview, N.J., now of Sherman Oaks, Calif., was sentenced on July 16th to six years in state prison by Superior Court Judge Robert M. Vinci in Bergen County. She was found guilty on Feb. 4, 2020, following a jury trial of second-degree conspiracy related to thefts from one car dealership. She was acquitted of a theft charge. On June 11, 2020, Reyes-Keegan pleaded guilty to an additional charge of second-degree theft by deception contained in a separate indictment involving thefts from a second dealership. Click here to read more

Union County Prosecutor's Office to Assume Control of Clark Township Police Department and Investigate Credible Allegations of Misconduct

AG Grewal Pledges Support, Resources as Acting Prosecutor Ruotolo Conducts Full Inquiry and Works to Restore Trust Between Law Enforcement and Local Residents <u>Click here to read more</u>

Attorney General Grewal and Colonel Callahan Announce Takedown of Major Fentanyl and Heroin Mill in Paterson Stamps used to brand drugs at mill linked to 14 deaths

Arrests made in an investigation led by New Jersey State Police Opioid Task Force, New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice, and Law Enforcement Partners Click here to read more

Updates from the New Jersey Courts



'Waiting Is Not an Option': NJ Plans to Restart Jury Trials

NJ judiciary officials unveiled a plan on July 22nd to resume jury trials in September under a hybrid system that will combine remote jury selection with in-person proceedings, saying "waiting is not an option" for litigants as the COVID-19 pandemic continues.

Jury summonses will be sent out starting the end of July, and jury selection, conducted virtually, is expected to begin by mid-September. Actual trials will be held in person, and criminal trials expected to last no more than two weeks will be first in the lineup.

Judge Glenn A. Grant, acting administrative director of New Jersey's courts, said that while fewer than 2% of all cases go to trial, the process serves as a backbone of the justice system, and right now, there's a backlog. Of the 4,700 defendants sitting in county jails, more than 2,000 have yet to be indicted, and civil litigants are also waiting, Judge Grant said.

Click here to read the full law360 article



NJ DOT plans \$95M project to improve I-80/Route 15 congestion

njherald

The state is seeking public input on a proposed \$95 million project they say will improve traffic flow by creating a junction between a heavily congested portion of Route 15 and Interstate 80 in Morris County. <u>Click here to read the full njherald article</u>

Summit receives NJDOT pedestrian safety grant

nj.com

The Summit Police Department and City of Summit Engineering Division have been awarded a pedestrian safety grant of \$15,000 from the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

The funds are to be used to help reduce pedestrian-related motor vehicle crashes. Monies from the grant will be applied to enforcement, education and engineering activities in the Central Retail Business District (CRBD) in downtown Summit.

Click here to read the full nj.com article

Updates from the NJ State League of Municipalities



Census Bureau Expands NJ Door-to-Door Contacts

On July 30th, census takers from the Trenton Field Office began personal contacts with non-responding households in their areas. On August 6th, they will be joined by representatives from the Newark, Parsippany, and South Plainfield Offices. And soon, census takers from the Egg Harbor, Jersey City, and Toms River Offices will begin to cover the rest of our State.

A complete count is critical in every municipality, and for every citizen you serve. Please encourage your constituents to cooperate in this effort, which, like much of what governments do, has been complicated this year by the Coronavirus. But what is complicated, need not be compromised.

Please let your citizens know that if they haven't yet responded by mail or on-line, they can expect a knock on the door or a ring on the bell. They can learn how the face-to-face census process will work, and, importantly, how to recognize a legitimate census bureau employee, as well as how to avoid scammers at the <u>United States</u> <u>Census 2020 webpage</u>.

The League is continually updating their own <u>2020 Census Information page</u> Contact: Jon Moran, Senior Legislative Analyst, <u>imoran@njlm.org</u>, 609-695-3481 x121

Updates from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Follow NHTSA on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u> to keep up to date with the latest recalls and safety campaigns

DTNA Safety Recall Potentially Targets 164,000 Cascadia Models

ttnews

Daimler Trucks North America notified the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration it is voluntarily recalling potentially 164,317 of its best-selling Freightliner Cascadia 2017 to 2021 models due to an automatic braking issue.

Click here to read the full ttnews article

National Heatstroke Awareness Campaign

July thru September 2020

Eight hundred fifty-five children have died due to vehicular heatstroke since 1998 (reference: <u>https://www.noheatstroke.org</u>). All of these deaths could have been prevented.

For more information about this training, click <u>here</u>. Link: <u>https://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/get-</u> materials/child-safety/heatstroke-prevention Look before you lock It could be the most important decision of his life.

BONTSA where's baby?

2020 "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" National Enforcement Mobilization

Please join thousands of law enforcement officers, State, and local safety advocates in this year's nationwide Labor Day Weekend impaired driving prevention mobilization.

- August 19 September 7, 2020 [paid media campaign]
- August 21 September 7, 2020 [enforcement mobilization]

Research shows that high-visibility enforcement can reduce impaired driving fatalities by as much as 20%. This is why NHTSA has prepared the **Products for Enforcement Action Kit** (PEAK) so to maximize participation in this year's high-visibility enforcement mobilization campaign.

<u>Click here</u> to get your **PEAK** materials.

<u>Click here</u> to get additional enforcement marketing campaign materials.







Safety Advocates Highlight Support for Alcohol Detection Tech

The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and Driver Alcohol Detection System for Safety (DADSS) are calling for some type of drunk driving prevention system on all new cars. DADSS is testing an in-car sensor that detects the driver's blood-alcohol content by measuring the ambient air in the vehicle.

Read more >>



NHTSA EMS National EMS Advisory Council Meeting Webcast

The National EMS Advisory Council will be holding a virtual meeting on Tuesday and Wednesday, August 18-19. Members of the public can register for the webcast and view the full agenda after registering.

The schedule for each day includes meetings of NEMSAC committees during the morning sessions, with the webcast beginning when the full council convenes at 1 pm EDT on Tuesday, August 18, 2020, and 12 pm EDT on Wednesday, August 19, 2020. Items on the council's agenda include:

- COVID-19 response and PPE tracking
- The Emergency Triage, Treat and Transport Model (ET3)
- Telemedicine
- Civil unrest
- Workforce mental health
- EMS for Children
- The National EMS Assessment
- EMS and social determinants of health
- The FICEMS strategic plan

Click here to register

Individuals registered for the meeting interested in addressing the council during the public comment periods must submit their comments in writing to Eric Chaney at <u>eric.chaney@dot.gov</u> by August 13, 2020

For more information about the National EMS Advisory Council, including previous meeting materials, advisories and a list of council members, visit <u>ems.gov/nemsac.html</u>





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

Use this toolkit to download campaign materials and get information on how to generate awareness about child car safety in your community. Click <u>here</u> and get your campaign materials now.

Link:https://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/get-materials/child-safety

National Teen Driver Safety Week

October 18-24, 2020 This week - and every week, parents should have conversations with their teens about the important rules they need to follow to stay safe behind the wheel of a motor vehicle.

These rules address the greatest dangers for teen drivers:

- distracted driving (texting while driving)
- impaired driving (alcohol and drugs)
- inconsistent or no seat belt use
- number of passengers
- speeding

Even if you think they aren't listening, they are. So, remember, set the rules before they hit the road. »Click *here* and get your campaign materials now.

Stop. Trains Can't. - Railroad Crossing Safety Campaign Materials Now Available October 5 - November 8, 2020

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in coordination with the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), is launching the 2020 national rail grade crossing safety campaign to increase public awareness about the dangers around railroad tracks in hopes to reduce fatalities at rail grade crossings.

Motor vehicle crashes at rail grade crossings are avoidable. This campaign is a focused effort to reverse the uptick in rail grade crossing fatalities. <u>Click here</u> for up-to-date campaign materials.



Pedestrian Safety Month - October 2020

NHTSA has designated October as <u>*Pedestrian Safety Month.</u>* Please consider engaging in concentrated safety messaging activity throughout October.</u>



Updates from the Federal Highway Administration



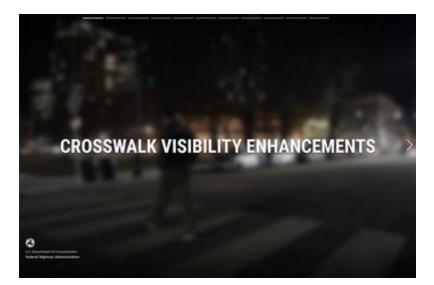
EDC Storyboard- Making It Safe for Pedestrians at Night

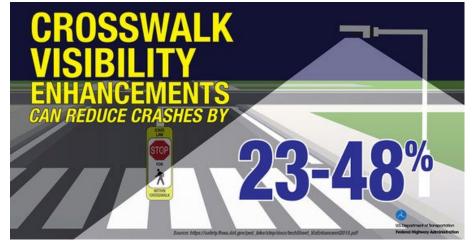
EDC storyboards are a new way to communicate innovation deployment stories in an interactive digital slideshow—incorporating photographs, video, and graphics to create a highly visual experience.

This week's storyboard promotes the use of crosswalk visibility enhancements. In 2018, 76 percent of pedestrian fatalities nationwide occurred in dark conditions. This storyboard proposes four approaches to improve pedestrian visibility and safety at crossings in the dark.

<u>Click here to check out the storyboard</u> of click on the photos below and let us know what you think about the storyboard!

For more information on improving crosswalk visibility, contact Becky Crowe at *Rebecca.Crowe@dot.gov* or Peter_Eun at *Peter.Eun@dot.gov* both are with the <u>Safe Transportation for Every Transportation (STEP) team</u>





Updates from the Volpe Center





U.S. Transportation Secretary Elaine L. Chao Celebrates the Volpe Center's 50 Years of Advancing Transportation Innovation for the Public Good

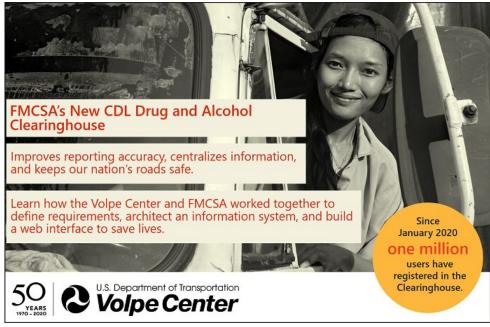
In honor of the U.S. DOT Volpe Center's <u>50th anniversary</u>, U.S. Transportation Secretary Elaine L. Chao released a <u>special video message</u> today to celebrate the Center's sustained contributions to advancing transportation innovation for the public good.

Over the past five decades, the U.S. DOT Volpe Center's extensive cross-modal partnerships have led to innovative solutions that have advanced the safety and efficiency of the national and global transportation systems.

Volpe Center experts have worked on automobile crash sensors, advanced urban transit technologies, grade crossing protection, and crash energy management systems for passenger trains. The Center's work has also evolved from helping respond to and analyze crashes to helping anticipate them so they can be prevented in the first place.

"...Volpe is also helping enable a better future during this historical period of transportation innovation. These innovations include drones and autonomous vehicles. These have the potential to increase safety, create new goods and services, and increase access to transportation for senior citizens and people with disabilities," Secretary Chao said.

Read more about the <u>Volpe Center's 50 years</u> of progress and innovation and <u>watch U.S. Transportation</u> <u>Secretary Elaine L. Chao's video message.</u>



Making Roadways Safer Through Improved Commercial Vehicle Driver Drug and Alcohol Reporting

The new Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse improves reporting accuracy, centralizes information, and keeps dangerous drivers off the roads.

<u>Click here to read how</u> the U.S. DOT Volpe Center and Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) worked together to define requirements, architect an information system, and build a web interface to save lives.

The U.S. DOT Volpe Center performed this work on behalf of U.S. DOT FMCSA's Enforcement and Information Technology Divisions.

Updates from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration



FMCSA Trucking Safety Summit – August 5, 2020

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) announces a public meeting, "The FMCSA 2020 Trucking Safety Summit", which will be held virtually, to solicit information on improving safe operation of property-carrying commercial motor vehicles on our Nation's roadways. The virtual meeting will provide invited stakeholders -- including motor carriers, drivers, safety technology developers, and users, Federal and State partners, and safety advocacy groups – as well as members of the public an opportunity to share their ideas on improving trucking safety. The event will be held online using the platform GoToWebinar.

Wednesday, August 5, 2020, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., EDT

Access to sessions will require separate registrations. Please use the links below to register.

•	Session 1 - 9:00 - 10:00	Introduction + Association Perspective Session	Registration Link
•	Session 2 - 10:10 - 10:55	What's Working I	Registration Link
•	Session 3 - 11:05 - 11:55	What's Working II	Registration Link
•	Session 4 - 12:30 - 12:50	Special Guest Speakers FHWA + NHTSA	Registration Link
•	Session 5 - 1:00 - 1:50	State Partner Discussion	Registration Link
•	Session 6 - 2:00 - 2:50	Technology	Registration Link
•	Session 7 - 3:00 - 3:50	Florida Safety Story	Registration Link
•	Session 8 - 4:00 - 4:30	Open Forum for Public Comment	Registration Link

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

For further information, contact <u>FMCSA-PIO@dot.gov</u> at the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation.

The summit's website is https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/safety/fmcsa-trucking-safety-summit-august-5-2020

2019 Pocket Guide to Large Truck and Bus Statistics

FMCSA's 2019 Pocket Guide to Large Truck and Bus Statistics highlights the Agency's role in collecting and analyzing data on large trucks and buses. Intended as a compact reference, it is a compilation of statistics from the overall state of the industry to enforcement activity, details on traffic violations, and other incidents, the costs of crashes, and more. These data are used in support of our mission to prevent commercial motor vehicle-related fatalities and injuries. The Pocket Guide can serve as a valuable, compact resource for industry representatives, Federal agencies, and other individuals interested in motor carrier safety regulations and performance data. It will be updated periodically in the future as new data are collected and analyzed. Click here to download the fmcsa 2019 Pocket Guide

National Truck Driver Appreciation Week

National Truck Driver Appreciation Week, September 13-19, 2020

Nearly every aspect of daily life is made possible because a truck driver delivered the goods and resources people need. National Truck Driver Appreciation Week is an essential time for America to pay respect and thank all the professional truck drivers for their hard work and commitment in undertaking one of our economy's most demanding and vital jobs. These 3.5 million professional men and women not only deliver our goods safely, securely, and on time, they also keep our highways safe.

Americans in all fifty states have taken extraordinary steps to show their appreciation for the critical work that professional truck drivers have done as we navigate our way through the coronavirus pandemic. From children passing out lunches, to "I Heart Truck" signs across America's highways, the public has taken notice of the essential role truck drivers to play in their lives. President Trump and Secretary of Transportation, Elaine Chao, said, "Thank God for truckers."



FMCSA COVID-19 Notice of Enforcement Discretion Determination

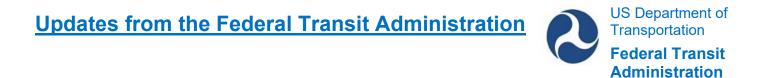
On July 6, 2020, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) published a Notice of Enforcement Discretion Determination on random controlled substance and alcohol testing.

For more details, visit the website <u>FMCSA web page https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/emergency/notice-enforcement-discretion-determination-random-controlled-substance-and-alcohol</u>

Truck Drivers Should Beware of CBD, Drug Policy Expert Says

The U.S. Department of Transportation told truck drivers the use of CBD oils would be at their own career risk. That warning was issued by a DOT drug policy official briefing a Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration advisory committee on July 13th.

Although a measure signed into law by President Donald Trump in December 2018 makes industrial hemp legal, the use of cannabidiol, or CBD, can be a trap for truck drivers. CBD products are too often mislabeled and can contain higher concentrations of tetrahydrocannabinol, or THC, the intoxicating substance in marijuana. <u>Click here to read the full ttnews article</u>



U.S. Department of Transportation Announces \$47.5 Million in Grant Awards to Select Projects Nationwide to Improve Passenger Ferry Service *The City of South Amboy awarded \$5,300,000*

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announced on July 24th approximately \$47.5 million in grant awards to <u>selected projects nationwide</u> to improve access, safety, and reliability of America's ferries and their passengers. A total of 12 projects in 12 states will receive funding from FTA's <u>Passenger Ferry Grant Program</u>.

The grants will fund projects to purchase, replace, or rehabilitate passenger ferries, terminals, and related infrastructure and equipment.

The City of South Amboy will receive \$5,300.00 in funding to construct a ferry terminal facility to host passenger ferry service between New Jersey and Manhattan

"Passenger ferries are an important mode of transportation across the country, providing thousands of people with access to employment, education, and other critical needs," said FTA Acting Administrator K. Jane Williams.

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Federal Railroad Administration Announces More Than \$500,000 to Deter Trespassing

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) awarded more than half a million dollars in Railroad Trespassing Enforcement Grants to law enforcement agencies today to support life-saving trespass abatement in multiple states.

New Jersey Transit Police Department was awarded a Trespassing Enforcement Grant — Up to \$60,000

"This money will help local law enforcement agencies deter people from taking unnecessary risks around railroad tracks while continuing the focus on those specific populations that are known to subject themselves to such risks around railroad tracks," FRA Administrator Ronald L. Batory said.

FRA is announcing funds, totaling \$528,028, to 11 projects in six states: California, Florida, Massachusetts, Montana, North Carolina, and New Jersey. Click here to read the full press release

Management of the Amtrak Police Department has Recently Improved, but Foundational Decision is Needed on its Role and Priorities

The Amtrak Office of Inspector General released a report where the objective was to evaluate the extent to which the company employs critical practices to ensure the efficiency and effectiveness of its police force.

They found that, over the past two years, the company has significantly improved its oversight and management of its police department but has not reached a consensus on the full scope of Amtrak Police Department's (APD) role and priorities—a foundational decision from which all other policing decisions flow. Further, the company has not developed systematic processes to determine APD's optimum size or composition. As a result, the company does not have reasonable assurance that it is using its police department efficiently and effectively and could be exposed to unforeseen risks to its security, operations, finances, and brand.

Click here to read the press release

Click here to read the OIG-A-2020-012 report





NJ Transit Announces Major PTC Milestone Achievements

Positive Train Control (PTC) Enters Extended Revenue Service Demonstration and PTC Safety Plan Submitted on Schedule

NJ TRANSIT has advanced its Positive Train Control (PTC) program into the Extended Revenue Service Demonstration (ERSD) phase. The achievement follows the successful completion of the Federal Railroad Administration's (FRA) requirement to perform 384 error-free test runs in the demonstration area between Denville and Summit. NJ TRANSIT will now expand its Revenue Service Demonstration to the entire Morristown Line from Hackettstown to Newark Broad St. as well as the Gladstone Branch and Montclair-Boonton Line. Click here to read the NJ transit press release

NJ Transit Receives Donation of More Than 245,00 Masks for Customers Federal Transit Administration (FTA) donates Cloth Face Masks for Distribution to NJ TRANSIT Customers

NJ TRANSIT received more than 245,000 cloth masks that will be made available to customers thanks to a donation from the federal government. The masks were donated by the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

Continuing through the end of July, NJ TRANSIT Customer Service Ambassadors began distributing masks at numerous stations. Customers were provided with the FTA-donated cloth masks if they needed a face covering. Major terminals will maintain a limited supply of masks at customer service offices in the event customers forget or lose their masks.

https://www.njtransit.com/press-releases/nj-transit-receives-donation-more-245000-masks-customers

NJ Transit Deploys Handheld Mobile Fare Collection on Trains

Program Provides Handheld Mobile Devices to Train Crews for Ticket Validation and Improved Onboard Communications

NJ TRANSIT has begun its high-tech upgrade to fare collection on trains. Handheld mobile devices are being issued this week to train crews on the Raritan Valley Line (RVL). The mobile devices can scan and validate both paper tickets/passes and electronic tickets/passes displayed on the mobile app, ultimately creating a more contactless customer experience and improved ridership data.

https://www.njtransit.com/press-releases/nj-transit-deploys-new-fare-collection-technology-trains-0



NJ Transit to Purchase Eight More Dual-Powered Locomotives

Environmentally-Friendly Locomotives Will Help Improve Rail On-Time Performance and Provide Flexibility

The NJ TRANSIT Board of Directors approved the purchase of eight additional ALP-45A dual-powered locomotives manufactured by Bombardier Transit Corporation for a cost of approximately \$70.5 million. The new locomotives will allow NJ TRANSIT Rail Operations to retire some locomotives in the fleet to increase mechanical reliability, improve on-time performance, provide operational flexibility, and promote a more sustainable planet for the future. This new order for eight ALP-45A locomotives is in addition to the 17 approved at the December 2017 Board of Directors meeting, bringing the total number of new ALP-45A dual-powered locomotives approved in recent years to 25.

https://www.njtransit.com/press-releases/nj-transit-purchase-eight-additional-dual-powered-locomotives



ALP-45A locomotives

Photos courtesy of NJ Transit





Drones are still a new technology, but the research is spreading its wings

National academies TRB

For ten years, mass-market drones have been flying the friendly skies. As with any new technology, consumers include both avid and casual fans whose understanding of their new toy varies widely. With this varied knowledge, coupled with evolving laws and technology and increasing demand, the challenges surrounding Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) are likely to increase.

TRB's new Standing Committee on New Users of Shared Airspace will offer guidance on the topic, helping research stay ahead of the curve. Daniel Friedenzohn, Associate Dean of the College of Aviation and Associate Professor of Aeronautical Science at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, is the chair of the new committee. Committee members and friends of the committee will focus on three topics: urban air mobility, commercial airspace, and UAS.

Click here to read the full national academies trb article

U.S. Transportation Secretary Elaine L. Chao Announces Over \$273 Million in Grants to 184 Airports in 41 States, 6 Territories

U.S. Secretary of Transportation Elaine L. Chao announced the Administration would award more than \$273 million in airport safety and infrastructure grants through the <u>Federal Aviation Administration</u> to 41 states and the District of Columbia, American Samoa, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, Palau, and Puerto Rico.

"This \$273 million federal investment in our nation's airports will strengthen safety, improve travel, generate jobs, and benefit local communities," said U.S. Transportation Secretary Elaine L. Chao. A <u>complete listing of grants</u> and an <u>interactive map of airports</u> receiving funding is available on the FAA website.

The total includes just over \$242 million from the <u>Airport Improvement Program</u> and \$31 million in <u>Coronavirus</u> <u>Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act</u> grants to equal a 100 percent federal share.

Here is the listing of which New Jersey airports that were awarded grants:

Atlantic City International Airport - Rehabilitate Runway • \$11,235,492 Bedminster, Somerset County Airport – Acquire / Rehabilitate emergency generator & snow removal equipment \$528,000 Lincoln Park Airport – Obstructions marking/lighting/removal \$328.111 • Millville Municipal Airport – Expand apron \$1,467,376 Morristown Municipal Airport – Improve runway safety area \$7,984,413 Newark Liberty International – Rehabilitate runway & taxiway \$4,620,184 Cape May County Airport – Rehabilitate runway & rehabilitate runway lighting \$2,755,555

Updates from the Drug Enforcement Administration



DEA Warns of Scammers Impersonating DEA Employees

The Drug Enforcement Administration urges its DEA-registered practitioners and members of the public to be cautious of telephone calls by scammers posing as DEA employees attempting to defraud and extort victims. The schemers call the victims, spoofing DEA phone numbers to appear legitimate, and threaten arrest, prosecution, and imprisonment for supposed violations of federal drug laws or involvement in drug-trafficking activities unless victims pay a "fine" over the phone, via wire transfer, or through a gift card.

The reported scam tactics continually change but often share many of the same characteristics. Callers use fake names and badge numbers or names of well-known DEA officials and may:

- use an urgent and aggressive tone, refusing to speak to or leave a message with anyone other than their targeted victim
- threaten arrest, prosecution, imprisonment, and, in the case of medical practitioners, revocation of their DEA numbers
- demand thousands of dollars via wire transfer or, in some instances, in the form of untraceable gift cards taken over the phone
- falsify the number on caller ID to appear as a legitimate DEA phone number
- will often ask for personal information, such as social security number or date of birth
- reference National Provider Identifier numbers and/or state license numbers when calling a medical practitioner
- they also might claim that patients are making accusations against that practitioner

It is critical to note that DEA personnel do not contact practitioners or members of the public by telephone to demand money or any other form of payment; will not request any personal or sensitive information over the phone; and will only notify people of a legitimate investigation or legal action via official letter or in-person.

Impersonating a federal agent is a violation of federal law.

The best deterrence against these bad actors is awareness and caution. Anyone receiving this type of call from a person purporting to be with DEA should report that contact using our <u>online form</u> or by calling 877-792-2873. DEA registrants can submit the information through "<u>Extortion Scam Online Reporting</u>" posted on the DEA Diversion Control Division's website, <u>www.DEADiversion.usdoj.gov</u>.

Reporting these scam calls will help DEA stop, find, and arrest the criminals engaged in this fraud. Anyone with urgent concerns can call their local DEA field division. For contact information for DEA field divisions, visit <u>https://www.dea.gov/domestic-divisions</u>.

Did You Know?



19% of Americans live in rural areas but 68% of our nation's total lane-miles are in rural areas





DEPARTMENT of JUSTICE

The year 2020 marks the 150th anniversary of the Department of Justice. Learn more about the history of the agency at <u>www.Justice.gov/Celebrating150Years</u>.



July 7th, the Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) is pleased to announce approximately \$2.2 million in grant funding through the COPS Community Policing Development (CPD) Microgrants Program to advance innovative community policing projects across the country.

Two agencies in New Jersey received grant money. They are Howell Township's Youth Engagement Project \$93,357 and the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety's Officer Safety and Wellness Project \$34,350.

CPD Microgrants Program funds are used to develop the capacity of local, state, and tribal law enforcement agencies to implement community policing strategies. Applicants were invited to propose demonstration or pilot projects to be implemented in their agency that offer creative ideas to advance crime-fighting, community engagement, problem-solving, or organizational changes to support community policing in one of the following areas:

- Human Trafficking
- Meeting Rural Law Enforcement Challenges
- Officer Safety and Wellness
- Recruitment, Hiring, and Retention
- School Safety
- Staffing and Allocation Studies
- Victim-Centered Approaches
- Violent Crime
- Youth Engagement

US Attorney General William Barr Announces Launch of Operation Legend

Attorney General William P. Barr announced the launch of Operation Legend, a sustained, systematic, and coordinated law enforcement initiative across all federal law enforcement agencies working in conjunction with state and local law enforcement officials to fight the sudden surge of violent crime, beginning in Kansas City, MO. Operation Legend was created as a result of President Trump's promise to assist America's cities that are plagued by recent violence.

Operation Legend is named after four-year-old LeGend Taliferro, who was shot and killed. At the same time, he slept early in the morning of June 29th in Kansas City, the latest in a string of violence to plague Kansas City in recent weeks. Kansas City has already reached 100 homicides this year, a 40 percent increase from last year. <u>Click here to read the full press release</u>

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

Atlanta City Councilman Antonio Brown has been Indicted for Attempting to Defraud Several Financial Institutions 07/29/2020

Atlanta City Councilman Antonio Brown has been indicted on multiple fraud charges in connection with Brown's attempts to defraud several financial institutions by taking out loans and making credit card purchases – and then falsely claiming that he was the victim of identity theft and was not responsible for the charges or repaying the loans.

New Jersey Man Sentenced for Holly Hill Arson 07/31/2020

Union County Man Charged with Fourth Count of Coercing and Enticing Victims for the Purpose of Prostitution

07/31/2020

Owner and Employees of Monmouth County Marine Equipment and Servicing Company Charged with Defrauding U.S. Department of Defense 07/29/2020

<u>New Jersey Public University Employee Admits Role in \$5.3 Million Compounded Prescription</u> <u>Drug Scheme</u> 07/29/2020

Hudson County Felon Admits Possession of Firearm and Ammunition 07/29/2020

Securities Trader Admits Market Manipulation Scheme that Netted More Than \$17 Million in Illicit Profits

07/28/2020

Joseph Taub, 41, of Clifton, New Jersey, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge John Michael Vazquez in Newark federal court to counts four and five of a superseding indictment charging him with securities fraud and conspiracy to defraud the United States.

Former Co-Owner of New Jersey Marketing Company Admits Role in \$8.8 Million Compounded <u>Prescription Drug Scheme</u> 07/27/2020

Former Employee at Middlesex County Warehouse Leased by Federal Government Admits Theft of Hundreds of iPhones 07/27/2020

Newark Man Charged with Attempted Carjacking in Jersey City During Which Victim was Shot 07/24/2020

Two Owners of Tony Luke's Philadelphia Cheesesteak Restaurant Indicted for Tax Evasion

Owners of Philadelphia Cheesesteak Restaurant Indicted for Tax Evasion

A federal grand jury in Philadelphia returned an indictment that was unsealed today, charging two New Jersey residents, the owners of Tony Luke, a popular cheesesteak restaurant, with conspiracy to defraud the IRS, tax evasion, and aiding and assisting in filing false tax returns. From 2006 through 2016, the Lucidonios allegedly hid from the IRS more than \$8 million in receipts.

25 charged in a six-state drug conspiracy involving heroin, fentanyl, cocaine 07/23/2020

Residents of multiple states were arrested today in connection with four indictments for drug conspiracies that traveled across New Jersey, New York, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia, U.S. Attorney Bill Powell announced.

Convicted Felon Admits Selling Semi-Automatic Rifle in Trenton 07/23/2020

Passaic County Man Admits Participating in Heroin Conspiracy 07/22/2020

Former Newark High School Faculty Member Charged With Multiple Counts Of Child Pornography; Investigators Seeking Help From The Public 07/20/2020

New Jersey Man Charged With Conspiring To Distribute Controlled Substances Resulting In Death 07/16/2020

Somerset County Man Indicted on Child Pornography Charges 07/15/2020

Members of Jersey City Gangs Charged in Connection with Shooting of Child 07/15/2020

Four Men Indicted for Their Roles in \$35 Million Pharmacy Compounded Medication Scheme 07/09/2020

DeCavalcante Associate Sentenced to 76 Months in Prison for Cocaine Distribution and Gun Possession 07/09/2020

Middlesex County Man Charged with Stealing and Altering U.S. Treasury Check 07/07/2020

Camden County Man Admits Trafficking High-Dosage Oxycodone Pills as Part of Camden and Gloucester City Drug Rings 07/07/2020

Seven Individuals Arrested in Connection with \$3.5 Million Multi-State Bank Fraud Conspiracy

Monmouth County Man Charged with Filing False Tax Return
07/06/2020

Maryland Federal Prosecutors Charge Two New Jersey Men with Federal Crimes Related to Multi-State Bank Fraud Scheme

07/06/2020

Federal prosecutors in Maryland have filed a federal criminal complaint charging Dogar Singh, age 67, of Carteret, New Jersey, and Rehan Afridi, age 36, of West Deptford, New Jersey, on the federal bank fraud charges related to an alleged \$10 million multi-state bank fraud scheme involving 76 businesses, including BBQ Tonite and Al Madina Kabob, which are associated with the defendants. The complaints were signed on July 2, 2020, and were unsealed at their initial appearances today

New Jersey Residents Sentenced for Smuggling Portuguese Citizen 07/01/2020

Novartis Pays Over \$642 Million to Settle Allegations of Improper Payments to Patients and Physicians

07/01/2020

Pharmaceutical company Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation (Novartis), based in East Hanover, New Jersey, has agreed to pay over \$642 million in separate settlements resolving claims that it violated the False Claims Act (FCA). The first settlement pertains to the company's alleged illegal use of three foundations as conduits to pay the copayments of Medicare patients taking Novartis's drugs Gilenya and Afinitor. The second settlement resolves claims arising from the company's alleged payments of kickbacks to doctors.

Bergen County Man Arrested in \$1.5 Million Investment Fraud Scheme 07/01/2020

Judge Sentences New Jersey Drug Dealer to 15 Years in Federal Prison 07/01/2020

Updates from the National Safety Council



Motor Vehicle Fatality Rates Rose 23.5% in May, Despite Quarantines

Even with less traffic, preliminary data show three straight months of riskier roads. National Safety Council

Preliminary estimates from the National Safety Council based on May data from all 50 states indicate that for the <u>third month in a row</u>, road users in the U.S. were at a higher risk of dying from a motor vehicle crash. At a moment when the country should be reaping a safety benefit from less traffic, the roads were riskier, threatening to reverse traffic safety gains made over the last few years. Click here to read the full NSC Article

Transportation Roundtable: Roadway Safety During COVID-19 and Beyond

You can view the recording of the Transportation Roundtable hosted by the National Safety Council recorded on July 21, 2020 Click here to view a recording of the zoom meeting

Updates from Mothers Against Drunk Driving



MADD's July Law Enforcement Newsletter Click here for the July newsletter

Updates from the National Center for Rural Road Safety



Rural Road Safety Awareness Week – September 28th to October 2nd

The National Center for Rural Road Safety is proud to announce a new initiative that we have been developing over the past year, the **inaugural Rural Road Safety Awareness Week** (RRSAW), which will take place the week of September 28th - October 2nd, 2020.

In the U.S., 70% of roads are rural, while only 19% of the population is (NHTSA 2020). This means there are more than 9x as many lane miles per 100, 000 residents in rural areas (NHTSA 2020). Shockingly, the risk of fatality or serious injury is twice as high on rural roads compared to urban roads. Rural roads are essential and so are the lives of everyone who uses them.

The Rural Safety Center has created daily themes for the week and will release targeted materials for each one:

- Monday: Defining Rural
- Tuesday: Rural Safety Champions
- Wednesday: Rural Road Modes
- Thursday: Proven Rural Safety Countermeasures
- Friday: Rural Safety Culture

The Rural Safety Center will be releasing an RRSAW Toolkit complete with social media messages and graphics about a month before RRSAW on our webpage. Please feel free to share this with your colleagues and contact the Rural Safety Center with any questions you might have about the campaign.

We are looking forward to your participation and to proclaiming the final week in September Rural Road Safety Awareness Week in all 50 states. To learn more about RRSAW, <u>click here</u>.



Updates from 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. Each year, the NJTPA oversees more than \$2 billion in transportation improvement projects and provides a forum for interagency cooperation and public input. It also sponsors and conducts studies, assists county planning agencies, and monitors compliance with national air quality goals.



Street Smart Campaign Has Presence on LBI

Police departments along the Jersey Shore and throughout New Jersey are working to raise awareness about pedestrian safety this summer by partnering with Street Smart NJ, coordinated by the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority.

NJTPA notes there is always an increase in the number of people out walking and biking during the warmer months. Still, the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has encouraged even more people to go for a walk or ride — whether for exercise or transportation.

https://www.thesandpaper.net/articles/street-smart-campaign-has-presence-on-lbi/

Updates from the World of Work Zone Safety & Traffic Incident Management



Transportation Construction Project Workers are Pedestrians and Need Protection Too, ARTBA Reminds Federal Safety Summit artba

Washington – Transportation construction workers face on-the-job risks that federal officials should address as they focus on the rising tide of pedestrian fatalities on the nation's roadways, the American Road & Transportation Builders Association (ARTBA) July 15 told participants at the U.S. Department of Transportation Summit on Pedestrian Safety.

Click here to read the artba press release

Concerns Grow Over Highway Work Zone Safety

aashto journal

As traffic volumes begin rebounding as COVID-19 lockdown orders are relaxed, renewed emphasis is being placed on highway work zone safety, especially as higher incidences of speeding recorded during the pandemic are abating only slowly.

"Though overall [motor vehicle] fatalities have decreased in the long run, the top three crash contributors – impaired driving, lack of restraint use and speeding – have persistently each accounted for nearly a third of all crash fatalities," noted John Saunders, director of highway safety for the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles, in testimony during a June 30th hearing before the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation's Subcommittee on Transportation and Safety. Click here to read the full aashto journal article

Slow down. Move over. Be safe.

National Traffic Incident Response Awareness Week

November 9th-15th, 2020

Make a Difference

National Traffic Incident Response Awareness Week 2020 is a chance for all responder communities to individually and jointly make a difference by teaching each other, and the motoring public, about our common goals and responsibility to one another.

In the past three years, state DOTs, Turnpike Authorities, and responder agencies and organizations marked Incident Response Week with:

- Targeted DMS messaging
- Ride-along opportunities
- Video Sharing
- Social media campaigns
- Open houses
- Special exercise activities
- ·Events marking the lives wasted in preventable crashes

Also, please consider an online training program from National Highway Institute (NHI) or Responder Safety Learning Network at no cost to responders!

What Are You Putting Together?

What is your police department doing? Are you working with your local fire department and emergency medical services folks? Maybe your 911 center is planning an event. We know there are towing companies and associations hooked up with partners to call attention to their shared interests! Is your AAA office or

TIM Network Has The Resources You Need Visit timnetwork.org to for resources and ideas on: •Opportunities for media to ride with responders or safety patrols •Tours of your fire house, police station, EMS garage, or

- •Set a training goal and conduct multiple TIM Reponder Training courses
- Distribute outreach materials in every venue you can think of

stories after the events by emailing Chuck Yorks at cyorks@gfnet.com

trucking association involved? How about the folks at your TMC?

A toolkit focused on community outreach is on the TIM Network website at: http://timnetwork.org.

Millions of responders are working on the roadway at traffic incident scenes, 24/7/365. Millions more motorists are passing near or through that TIM work zone. Slow down. Move Over. Be Safe.



Join the monthly planning calls! Visit: transportationops.org/tim for more details.

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



NJ Signs on to Join Forces to Accelerate Bus and Truck Electrification

NJ Governor Signs Memorandum of Understanding – Pledge to Develop Action Plan to eradicate toxic diesel emissions by 2050

Fifteen states and the District of Columbia announced a joint memorandum of understanding (MOU), committing to work collaboratively to advance and accelerate the market for electric medium- and heavy-duty vehicles, including large pickup trucks and vans, delivery trucks, box trucks, school and transit buses, and long-haul delivery trucks (big-rigs). The goal is to ensure that 100 percent of all new medium- and heavy-duty vehicle sales be zero-emission vehicles by 2050 with an interim target of 30 percent zero-emission vehicle sales by 2030.

States signing the MOU are California, Connecticut, Colorado, Hawaii, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Washington. <u>Click here to read Governor Murphy's press release</u>

Connected Vehicle Pilot (CVP) Open Data

The US Dept of Transportation's Intelligent Transportation Systems Joint Program Office's (ITS JPO) <u>Connected</u> <u>Vehicle Pilot Deployment Program</u> integrates connected vehicle research concepts into practical and effective elements to enhance existing operational capabilities. Data were collected throughout each pilot to facilitate independent evaluations of the use of connected vehicle technology on real roadways.

To encourage the additional study and reuse of these data, ITS DataHub has partnered with each pilot site to make sanitized and anonymized tabular and non-tabular data from these projects available to the public. Understanding people's needs and technical level may vary, we have also provided various tools for interacting with these data. This article gives you a brief overview of what each pilot focused on and what types of CV Pilot data and tools are available on ITS DataHub.

Click here for more information on this project

Lessons from the Awkward Life and Death of the Segway

Bloomberg

The "personal transporter" promised to change cities back in 2001. It didn't. But its demise should be a warning for today's urban mobility disrupters.

Click here to read the Bloomberg article



5 Ways to Save With Electric Vehicles

A FirstEnergy Company

Thanks to the lower costs of fuel and maintenance, electric vehicles (EVs) can be a lot cheaper to own than gasoline-powered cars. But EVs can cost more upfront to purchase than other comparable cars. If you're thinking about buying an electric vehicle, but you're still suffering from sticker shock, check out these ways that you'll make up that money when you go electric.

Click here to read the jcp&l article and view a video

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Justice Department Issues Business Review Letter to Avanci For Proposed Licensing Platform to Advance 5G Technology For Interconnected Automobiles

The Department of Justice's Antitrust Division announced today that it had completed its review of Avanci's new Platform for licensing "Fifth Generation" (5G) telecommunications technology in the automotive industry. As part of its review, the Division interviewed a broad range of stakeholders, including automakers, automotive suppliers, potential licensors, and others, and considered letters issued to other patent pools in similar emergent technologies. The Department has concluded that, on balance, and based on the representations in Avanci's letter request, Avanci's proposed 5G Platform is unlikely to harm competition. Click here to read the full press release



Posted on July 28, 2020

David Harkey, president of the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety and the Highway Loss Data Institute, joins the ITE Talks Transportation podcast to discuss connected and automated vehicles (CAVs) and two new studies conducted by the traffic safety research organizations. The <u>first study</u> cites data that illustrates the growing benefits of advanced driver assistance systems; the <u>second</u> reveals possible limits of automated systems in reducing crashes. He also addresses criticisms of the second study and discusses the future of safety and CAVs. <u>Click here to listen to the podcast</u>



Miscellaneous Traffic Safety Points of Interest



Watch Out Bambi! New Lighting System Reduces Deer-Vehicle Collisions

bovinevetonline

Deer-vehicle collisions account for about 1 million accidents each year that kill 200 Americans, cause more than 10,000 personal injuries and result in \$1 billion in vehicle damage, reports the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

USDA Wildlife Services researchers recently applied for a patent for a new vehicle-based lighting system to prevent deer-vehicle collisions during the low-light condition, USDA said in a release on Wednesday. <u>Click here to read the full bovinevetonline article</u>

Ford Police Interceptor Gets Hot Under the Collar

autoserviceprofessional

Some 2013-2019 Ford Police Interceptor Utility/Sedan vehicles may exhibit an inoperative or intermittent HVAC blower motor function at various fan speed settings. This may be due to a poor electrical connection at the blower motor speed control.

https://www.autoserviceprofessional.com/79997/ford-police-interceptor-gets-hot-under-the-collar

Do Bicycles Slow Down Cars on Low Speed, Low Traffic Roads? Nope

Portland State University

The new article Evidence from Urban Roads without Bicycle Lanes on the Impact of Bicycle Traffic on Passenger Car Travel Speeds published in Transportation Research Record, the *Journal of the Transportation Research Board*, demonstrates that bicycles do not significantly reduce passenger car travel speeds on low speed, low volume urban roads without bicycle lanes. Authored by Jaclyn Schaefer, Miguel Figliozzi, and Avinash Unnikrishnan of Portland State University, the research shows that differences in vehicle speeds with and without cyclists were generally on the order of 1 mph or less - negligible from a practical perspective. Click here to read the full article

Texting Bans Save Teen Lives, New Study Finds

When laws that ban teenage drivers in the United States from texting, using hand-held phones, and engaging in other distracting behavior are implemented, they work. It's important, as motor vehicle crashes continue to be the leading cause of death among teens in this country, and distracted driving is known to increase the crash risk for all drivers.

Those are the highlights of a new study that set out to determine the link between state distracted driving laws and fatal crash rates involving 16- to 19-year-old drivers. Click here to read the full Forbes article

Hoboken Mayor Vetoes Bike Parking Ordinance, Saying the Details are Lacking nj.com

Hoboken Mayor Ravi Bhalla vetoed an ordinance to create bicycle parking permits for city garages that the City Council passed 7-2, saying it was well-intentioned but unspecific. The ordinance attempted to add a single sentence to a garage rates section of the municipal code: "Residents may park their bicycles in designated areas within any city garage, for an annual fee of \$52."

Click here to read the full nj.com article



TRB Analysis Illustrates Benefits of Roundabout Intersections aashtojournal

The Transportation Research Board noted that a recent National Cooperative Highway Program analysis of roundabout intersections finds that while improved safety is their main benefit, roundabouts may also be a less expensive option as well as a way to make better use of space at roadway intersections.

That new NCHRP report – entitled Design Guidance for High-Speed to Low-Speed Transitions Zones for Rural Highways – also found that roundabout intersections, particularly those with only one lane in each direction, reduce the complex decisions drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists must make in navigating traffic, leading to fewer crashes and less severity of injuries when crashes do happen. Click here to read the full aashtojournal article



The Governors Highway Safety Association's Annual Report highlights the Association's accomplishments for the 2020 Fiscal Year, with updates on activities and achievements focusing on three key areas: Collaborating with Congress and Federal Agencies, Advancing Traffic Safety Issues and Expanding and Delivering Member Services.

Click here to read the full report



The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation activated its annual online Highway Safety Survey on July 27th. The survey aims to gather motorist input on traffic safety. www.PennDOT.gov/Safety

Legal Update Traffic & Police Related



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State v. Kearstan N.J. Super. App. Div. unreported *Drunk driver statements and arrest proper where wife let police into the house*

Defendant appealed his DWI conviction. Defendant arrived at the marital home with damage to his car and a missing mirror. His wife called 911, reported he was in the basement, had an alcohol issue, and was intoxicated. Officer went to the house to conduct a welfare check; the wife invited the officer into the home, and the officer saw the defendant staggering, having difficulty pulling up his pants, and smelling of alcohol. Officer noted the defendant needed assistance to simply stand up. Officer and defendant went outside to talk away from the children, and the officer noticed the defendant's bloodshot eyes and slurred speech. The defendant admitted to having several drinks. Officer administered field sobriety tests, arrested the defendant, and a blood draw showed a BAC of 0.29 percent.

Defendant moved to suppress the blood alcohol test and his incriminating statements. The trial court denied the suppression motion, finding wife invited officer into the home, the warrantless entry was justified under the community-caretaker, and emergency-aid doctrines and the questioning was similar to a preliminary roadside drunk driving investigation.

Defendant argued removing him from his home was improper, and his inculpatory statements were obtained in violation of the Fourth Amendment. The Appellate Court agreed with the trial court that officer lawfully entered the house at wife's invitation, and the defendant's incriminating responses were the result of a proper investigatory interrogation.

Source https://www.law.com/njlawjournal/almID/1569032182NJA586717T/

NJ Judge Agrees to Discipline for Working While Ineligible Law360

A New Jersey municipal judge has agreed to be reprimanded by judicial ethics authorities for handling cases for five months while administratively ineligible to practice law and for failing to obtain professional liability insurance, according to a filing released Wednesday.

Read full article »

State v. Alessi (A-41/42-17)

Supreme Court of New Jersey September Term 2017 079255 Argued October 7, 2019 -- Decided January 27, 2020 *Roadside statements inadmissible where there is an improper roadside stop*

The Court considered whether the police may pull over a driver for questioning in furtherance of an investigation without reasonable suspicion that they committed a crime or traffic violation.

HELD: The circumstances of this case do not legitimize the stop. Law enforcement must have reasonable and articulable suspicion of a traffic violation, the commission of a crime, or unlawful activity before executing a traffic stop. Accordingly, the roadside statement given by the defendant during the unlawful stop should have been excluded at trial, and the Court affirms the Appellate Division's reversal of her convictions for hindering apprehension and false reporting. Because the defendant's roadside statement permeated the trial, severely affecting her credibility and ability to mount a defense to the separate burglary charge, that conviction is reversed as well.

The Supreme Court agreed with the trial judge's determination that the investigatory stop was unconstitutional. We, therefore, affirm the Appellate Division's reversal of defendant's convictions for hindering apprehension and false reporting. We further reverse the defendant's conviction for burglary and remand for proceedings consistent with this opinion.

Click here to read the full order form the court

NJ Bill Looks to Repay Restaurants For 'False' Reopenings Law360

Proposed bipartisan legislation in New Jersey would reimburse restaurateurs who made cash outlays when preparing for a "false" return to indoor dining during the COVID-19 pandemic before Gov. Phil Murphy reversed his July 2 reopening order, three state senators said Monday. Read full article »

Ex-Judge Accused of Being Drunk on Job Must Beef Up Suit

Law360

A former Newark municipal judge must file a revised suit if she wants to pursue allegations that she was wrongfully fired and discriminated against amid false accusations of being drunk on the job, a New Jersey federal court ruled.

Read full article »

Feds Must Return Penalty Fees to Bridgegate Mastermind

Law360

A New Jersey federal judge on July 6th ordered the government to return nearly \$25,000 in penalties to the admitted mastermind behind the notorious Bridgegate scheme after the jurist threw out his conviction in the wake of a U.S. Supreme Court ruling nixing the convictions of his alleged co-conspirators. <u>Read full article »</u>

Governor Murphy signed the following bills into law in July:

A744 - Requires law enforcement agencies to provide internal affairs and personnel files of law enforcement officers to other agencies under certain circumstances.

S2511 - Accelerates rescinding of certain juvenile delinquency fines and making discretionary post-incarceration supervision due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

S2331 - Assists inmates released from incarceration in obtaining necessary re-entry benefits.

A-3919/S-2346 w/GR - Extends certain permits, approvals, and deadlines during COVID-19 emergency

A-4227/S-2558 - Ensures insurance coverage for certain persons attending school graduation exercises in July and August of 2020

A-4037/S-2433 - Requires electronic signature and submission process for all candidate, recall, initiative, and referendum petitions for remaining 2020 elections and thereafter during COVID-19 emergency

S-2355/A-3963 - Delays mandatory retirement in SPRS when it would occur during the period of the state of emergency; extends eligibility for appointment as member of State Police and enrollment in SPRS for 160th Class of NJ State Police

A-3945/S-2430 - Extends eligibility for accidental disability and accidental death benefits to certain PFRS, SPRS and PERS members who contract COVID-19 and test positive for SARS-CoV-2

S-2467/A-4215 - Extends the duration of certain laws pertaining to the use of telemedicine and telehealth in relation to COVID-19 pandemic

S-2498/A-4298 - Authorizes NJ Infrastructure Bank to expend certain sums to make loans for environmental infrastructure projects for FY2021

S-2499/A-4299 - Appropriates funds to DEP for environmental infrastructure projects for FY2021

S-2527/A-2636 - Concerns online marketing of affordable housing units

Governor Murphy signed legislation on July 1^{st,} providing substantial health care cost savings for New Jersey's educators while reducing costs for taxpayers, removing longstanding and onerous provisions resulting from a 2011 law known as Chapter 78.

The legislation (A20/S2273) is the result of collaborative negotiations between the Murphy Administration, legislative leadership, and the New Jersey Education Association (NJEA).

Under A-20, educators will have the option to select new health care plans with lowered health care premiums and reduced overall costs. Additionally, by implementing these cost-saving measures, school districts and taxpayers can also expect reduced costs.

Governor Murphy conditionally vetoed the following bill:

A-3971/S-2475 Authorizes the issuance of "coronavirus relief bonds" by municipalities and counties. <u>Copy of Statement</u>

Police Related Bills Recently Introduced in the 2020-2021 Legislative Session

SJR84	Urges Congress and US President to withdraw qualified immunity for Law Enforcement officers in certain instances.			
SJR91	Establishes task force to study ways to increase diversity within Law Enforcement agencies.			
<u>S2617</u>	Establishes crime of Law Enforcement officer choking another person; designated as George Floyd's Law.			
<u>S2624</u>	Establishes database containing information on traffic stops by certain Law Enforcement officers.			
	Identical Bill Number: A4273			
<u>A4273</u>	Establishes database containing information on traffic stops by certain Law Enforcement officers.			
	Identical Bill Number: <u>S2624</u>			
<u>S2636</u>	Concerns accomplice liability of Law Enforcement officers who fail to de-escalate and intervene when another officer commits offense.			
	Identical Bill Number: A4468			
<u>S2656</u>	Requires access to Law Enforcement disciplinary records as government records; requires such records to be retained for certain period of time.			
<u>S2689</u>	Requires DLPS to incorporate implicit bias in cultural diversity training materials for Law Enforcement officers; makes mandatory cultural diversity and implicit bias training for Law Enforcement officers.			
	Identical Bill Number: A3641			
<u>A3641</u>	Requires DLPS to incorporate implicit bias in cultural diversity training training materials for Law Enforcement officers; makes mandatory cultural diversity and implicit bias training for law officers.			
	Identical Bill Number: <u>S2689</u>			
<u>S2710</u>	Creates Law Enforcement Review Task Force for civil service examinations.			
<u>S2562</u>	Clarifies that Law Enforcement officer who knowingly chokes another person engages in use of deadly force.			
	Identical Bill Number: A4263			
<u>A4263</u>	Clarifies that Law Enforcement officer who knowingly chokes another person engages in use of deadly force.			
	Identical Bill Number: <u>S2562</u>			
ACR151	Calls for federal investigation of Law Enforcement misconduct under certain circumstances.			
<u>ACR187</u>	Urges NJ Attorney General to negotiate with Law Enforcement unions and modify Law Enforcement directive that allows public disclosure of identities of all officers who committed serious disciplinary violations in the past.			
<u>A4283</u>	Makes Law Enforcement disciplinary records accessible as government record.			
A4285	Establishes that Law Enforcement officer who chokes another utilizes deadly force.			
<u>A4392</u>	Requires Law Enforcement officers and recruits to undergo self-defense training; appropriates \$250,000 to Police Training Commission.			
<u>A4450</u>	Requires online portal to report Law Enforcement officer misconduct; establishes duty to report by Law Enforcement officers.			
<u>A4468</u>	Concerns accomplice liability of Law Enforcement officers who fail to de-escalate and intervene when another officer commits offense.			
	Identical Bill Number: <u>S2636</u>			

Clarifies that Law Enforcement officers employed by educational institutions may possess firearms on campus.		
Identical Bill Number: S1628		
Imposes moratorium on use of biometric surveillance systems technology by Law Enforcement agencies; establishes commission to recommend appropriate Law Enforcement uses for biometric surveillance systems technology.		
Includes crime of false reports to Law Enforcement authorities as form of bias intimidation.		
Identical Bill Number: <u>S2578</u>		
Establishes civilian review boards to review complaints against Police officers.		
Requires Police Training Commission to contract with crisis intervention training center to provide mental health training to Police officers and establish curriculum specific to persons experiencing economic crisis or substance use disorder. *		
Requires law enforcement officers and recruits to undergo self-defense training; appropriates \$250,000 to Police Training Commission.		
Concerns psychological testing of Police officers.		
Requires civil service examination for Police and correctional Police officers to include questions to identify implicit racial bias.		
Establishes comprehensive core competency Police training program.		
Requires six hours Police officer in-service cultural diversity training every five years.		

Police Reform Bills with Recent Action in the 2020-2021 Legislative Session

A3641 Requires DLPS to incorporate implicit bias in cultural diversity training materials for law enforcement officers; makes mandatory cultural diversity and implicit bias training for law officers. 2nd Reading in the Senate

Identical Bill Number: \$2680			
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3/16/2020 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee		
6/15/2020 Transferred to Assembly Community Development and Affairs Committee		
6/15/2020 Reported out of Assembly Committee, 2nd Reading		
6/18/2020 Passed by the Assembly (76-0-2)		
6/25/2020 Received in the Senate, Referred to Senate Law and Public Safety Committee		
7/28/2020 Reported from Senate Committee, 2nd Reading		
Statement - ACD 6/15/20 - 1 pages PDF Format HTML Format		
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Statement - SLP 7/28/20 - 1 pages PDF Format HTML Format		
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A4263 Clarifies that law enforcement officer who knowingly chokes another person engages in use of deadly force. Law and Public Safety

Identical Bill Number: <u>S2562</u>

6/15/2020 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Community Development and Affairs Committee 6/15/2020 Reported out of Assembly Committee, 2nd Reading 6/18/2020 Passed by the Assembly (72-0-6) 6/25/2020 Received in the Senate, Referred to Senate Law and Public Safety Committee Statement - Assembly ACD 6/15/20 - 1 pages PDF Format HTML Format Introduced - - 3 pages PDF Format HTML Format

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 A4272 Establishes civilian review boards to review complaints against police officers.

 Appropriations

 6/15/2020 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Community Development and Affairs Committee

 6/15/2020 Reported out of Assembly Community Development and Affairs Committee

 7/23/2020 Recommitted to Assembly Appropriations Committee

 Statement - ACD 6/15/20 - 2 pages PDF Format

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A4366 Aca (1R) Requires Police Training Commission to contract with crisis intervention training center to provide mental health training to police officers and establish curriculum specific to persons experiencing economic crisis or substance use disorder. * 2nd Reading in the Assembly

6/29/2020 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee 7/20/2020 Reported and Referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee 7/27/2020 Reported out of Assembly Comm. with Amendments, 2nd Reading Introduced - - 4 pages <u>PDF Format</u> <u>HTML Format</u> Statement - ALP 7/20/20 - 2 pages <u>PDF Format</u> <u>HTML Format</u> Reprint - - 3 pages <u>PDF Format</u> <u>HTML Format</u> Statement - AAP 7/27/20 - 2 pages <u>PDF Format</u> <u>HTML Format</u> Fiscal Estimate - 7/29/20; as introduced - 3 pages <u>PDF Format</u> <u>HTML Format</u>

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NJ Gym Owners Arrested Over COVID-19 Defiance

Law60

The operators of the New Jersey gym hit with a contempt order Friday, July 24th, for defying COVID-19 mandates to limit business operations were arrested Monday morning, July 27th, marking the latest chapter in the business' high-profile fight with Gov. Phil Murphy over the constitutionality of pandemic closure measures.

Read full article »

National Flood Insurance Program

Kept alive with temporary extensions for over a year, while Congress struggles to find acceptable reforms, the National Flood Insurance Program is again facing sunset on September 30. Vital to so many residents in so many municipalities, please let your Representative know how important the NFIP is to you.

As Shore Opens Up, Risk Increases for Crashes

jerseyshoreonline

Even though a lot of shore destinations aren't fully re-opened, police are urging pedestrian safety. Drivers should keep an eye out for people walking and pedestrians should keep an eye out for cars. <u>Click here to read the full article</u>

Little Silver to Participate in Summer Pedestrian Safety Campaign

Other county departments participating include Union Beach, Neptune, Long Branch and Sea Girt Themonmouthjournal

Police Departments along the Jersey Shore — including in Little Silver — and throughout New Jersey are working to raise awareness about pedestrian safety this summer by partnering with Street Smart NJ.

There is always an increase in the number of people out walking and biking during the warmer months. Still, the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has encouraged even more people to go for a walk or ride — whether for exercise or transportation. With so many more people out, it's more important than ever to keep safety in mind when traveling.

Click here to read the full article



National Policing Reform in the News

On June 8th, led by Senator Cory Booker, US House and US Senate Democrats proposed a sweeping reform measure. On Wednesday, June 17, the House Judiciary Committee released the bill, <u>H.R. 7120</u> (the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act). That bill was approved by the full House of Representatives on June 24.

On June 17th, President Donald Trump signed an <u>Executive Order on Safe Policing</u>. The Order looks to condition federal funding for police on local adoption of federal standards, including a ban on chokeholds, except when an officer's life is in danger. The Order also improves the Federal government's ability to track officers with a history of excessive force complaints.

On June 19th, US Senate Republicans, led by Senator Tim Scott, unveiled police reform legislation (S.3985). US Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said he would not negotiate with Democrats before he brought the JUSTICE Act to the floor, saying their choice will be whether to support it or try to block it. A Senate vote was scheduled on June 24 on the Just and Unifying Solutions to Invigorate Communities Everywhere Act (<u>JUSTICE</u> <u>Act</u>). The lack of bipartisan support, however, prevented action on the bill. Absent some willingness to compromise, progress on this vital matter seems unlikely.

Alleged Drunk Driver Kills Three Members of a Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club

NY daily news

The crash happened when the accused driver crossed over the centerline, striking the group head-on. The crash occurred in Texas Hill County outside San Antonio, according to the Kerr County Sheriff's Office, which said a driver going the opposite direction crossed the highway's center stripe, which set off the tragedy. <u>Read more >></u>

Teleworking Can Reduce Car Travel - But Not as Much as You May Think

The work-from-home trend that has swept industries amid the COVID-19 pandemic can help lower greenhouse gas emissions and traffic congestion in San Diego County. However, its impacts are limited, according to the county's transportation planning agency, SANDAG.

Click here to read and see the wkpbs article

NJ Says Reopening Cinemas Poses Risk Of COVID-19 Spread

Law360

New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy and the state health commissioner said reopening movie theaters in the state poses grave risks of spreading COVID-19 as the officials called on a federal court to keep cinema doors shuttered in the face of a lawsuit from movie theater owners and their trade associations.

The executives on Friday urged the court to reject a bid from the AMC movie theater chain and other plaintiffs for a preliminary injunction lifting the state-ordered shutdown of cinemas, claiming such an order would undermine the state's efforts to contain the spread of a virus that as of the filing date has led to 177,887 confirmed cases and 13,810 deaths in New Jersey.

U.S. District Judge Brian R. Martinotti cited such measures across the nation in his July 14 ruling denying the plaintiffs' request for a temporary restraining order to immediately block the state officials from enforcing orders to keep theater doors closed due to the pandemic.

Click here to read the full law360 article

Cruises will not sail in US waters until October after CDC extends its 'no-sail' order (USA Today)

States with the Worst Public Sector Job Losses During the Coronavirus Crisis routefifty

Forty-nine states have had declines in state and local government employment since February. Some have fared worse than others. In nine states, more than one-in-10 state and local government jobs have been lost since the coronavirus pandemic began battering the nation's economy earlier this year, according to a new analysis.

New Jersey ranked thirteenth Percent change in state and local jobs: -6%, Change in number of state and local jobs: -34,800 Percent change in the number of jobs in the private sector: -15.9% Change in number of jobs in the private sector: -576,400

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Training Events



***Note – The list of training classes in four categories:

- Online / On-Demand training videos/roll call videos are listed first
- Webinar Training Events are listed second
- Online Training Conferences are listed third
- Person to Person Live Training Events are listed last

Online / On-Demand Training Videos – Roll Call Videos



FHWA-NHI-151055

Statewide and Metropolitan Transportation Programming The National Highway Institute (NHI) is pleased to announce the launch of the new transportation planning course

Cost – Free

This new course provides introductory-level information on the process and requirements for developing and implementing Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) and Statewide Transportation Improvement Programs (STIPs). This training includes administrative modifications and amendments, public involvement, financial planning, and performance-based planning and programming (PBPP).

The training highlights the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)/Federal Transit Administration (FTA) requirements for statewide, non-metropolitan, and metropolitan transportation planning and programming processes.

The three-hour, web-based training (WBT), will help you to learn the following:

- Recognize how metropolitan areas and States reach decisions on transportation policies, plans, and programs.
- Identify major funding sources and the flexibility to use funds in addressing metropolitan and statewide transportation needs.
- Identify the role of key documents in transportation decision-making.
- Define the concept of fiscal constraint in relation to financial planning and programming.
- Identify how projects are selected and programmed in the STIP/TIP.
- Identify processes related to transportation program approval and implementation.

Click here for more information and to register for this course

New ! Garden State CLE New Criminal Law Review 2020

Just released "Garden State CLE New Criminal Law Review" is free-to-watch 100% courtesy of MuniMail and Garden State CLE.

The first in our new series of CLE videos recorded via Zoom. This 1.5cr CLE features Garden State CLE Senior Instructors Joseph P. Rem Jr. (Certified Criminal Trial Attorney) and Robert Ramsey (best-selling author of NJ law books) reviewing the past year's cases involving DWI, drugs, and searches (home, vehicle, and K-9!). Click here to go to the garden state cle criminal law review website



This course features Garden State CLE Senior Instructors Tamra Katcher, Esq. and Robert Ramsey (author, Thomson-Reuters) - they'll give you a comprehensive update on all the case law & statutes impacting MV searches in NJ.

Click here to go to the garden state cle motor-vehicles-stops-searches-and-seizures-2020

IFINITY ON-DEMAND VIDEO - COVID-19 for Local Government Personnel Training Course

On-demand videos offered by Lexipol to police officers and other first responders at no cost. Click the link below to see what they have to offer. If you have not already done so, you will be asked to "sign up" for a free account with Lexipol to view and register for the courses.

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IFFUNDERALE SET UP: On-Demand Video - When Error Is Not Acceptable: How to Make Safer Decisions When Lives & Minutes Count

The necessity to prevent error under pressure unites all high-risk industries, from aviation to public safety. Organizations that keep errors low save lives, reduce resources, and protect their reputations.

But how to optimize human performance is not apparent. Sometimes, the lack of error is merely a coincidence, rather than the result of a conscious effort to build reliability into the organizational culture.

In this <u>exclusive recording</u>, nationally renowned speakers Dr. Tony Kern and Gordon Graham, discuss how leaders in high-risk industries can better understand the factors that lead to human error and develop strategies to help personnel make safer decisions under time pressure. You'll learn:

- Common threats to decision-making in high-risk environments
- The relationship between violations and errors
- The importance of individual readiness and accountability in reducing errors
- Ideas for capturing and sharing institutional knowledge

Click here to view the video



Today's Tip for June 30, 2020 State Gun Laws: LEOSA Across State Lines

Gordon Graham here with Today's Tip from Lexipol. Today, I'd like to discuss the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act or LEOSA. Let's talk about how it might affect you when you are armed and traveling throughout the United States.

> Click here to view the lexipol tip of the day for June 30 Featuring Lexipol co-founder Gordon Graham

Today's Tip for July 7, 2020 **Public Safety & Police Department Cliques**

Gordon Graham here with Today's Tip from Lexipol.

Let's talk about cliques in the workplace. A clique is a group of people who have common interests or purposes. And who's activities do not include everyone. Of course, not all of these groups are bad. But some are. And that is what I want to talk about today.

> Click here to view the lexipol tip of the day for July 7th Featuring Lexipol co-founder Gordon Graham

Today's Tip for July 14, 2020 LEXIPOL "Importance of Vehicle Impound Inventory Policy"

Gordon Graham here with Today's Tip from Lexipol. There's an old saying, what you don't know won't hurt you. This saying doesn't apply here.

> Click here to view the lexipol tip of the day for July 16th Featuring Lexipol co-founder Gordon Graham



J. HARRIS™ POLICE TRAINING Pretextual Stops & Selective Enforcement

This video will review the Wren decision in terms of racial profiling claims for pretextual stops. Learn how training in this area can assist law enforcement officers from unjust claims of discrimination.

Click Here to View This Training



The National Highway Institute (NHI) is the training and education arm of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Established by Congress in 1970, NHI has been providing quality service to the transportation community for fifty years.

The National Highway Institute is committed to supporting law enforcement's training needs. NHI has over 200 online courses to keep you current on your transportation training, professional development, and IACET-accredited continuing education units (CEUs). Self-paced courses allow you to complete them on your schedule. As long as you pass all modules and tests within three months, you will earn your completion certificate, and any CEUs indicated for the course.

Click the button below to view all the online courses that NHI has to offer. These courses are available remotely, so you can participate from your home or office as long as you have internet access. <u>Click here to search their course listings</u> <u>https://www.nhi.fhwa.dot.gov</u>





Webinar Training Events







Date: August 3, 2020 Time: 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm EDT Cost: Free

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

For more information about this training, <u>click here</u>. Link: <u>https://transportationops.org/event/ssp-idea-sharing-network-webinar-working-other-emergency-responders</u>



Also, see the flyer in the appendix of this newsletter

Preventing Impaired Teen Driving

 Date:
 August 4, 2020

 Time:
 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm EDT

 Cost:
 Free

- Tara Kelley-Baker Data & Information Group Leader, AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety
- Dr. D'Andrea Joseph Chief of Acute Care Surgery & Trauma, NYU Winthrop Hospital
- Dr. Jason Hack Professor of Emergency Medicine, Brown University

Click here to register for the webinar

Stay Alert! The Dangers of Drowsy Teen Driving

 Date:
 August 11, 2020

 Time:
 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm EDT

 Cost:
 Free

• Dr. Judith Owens - Director of Center for Pediatric Sleep Disorders, Boston Children's Hospital <u>Click here to register for the webinar</u>

ADHD and Teen Driving

 Date:
 August 18, 2020

 Time:
 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm EDT

 Cost:
 Free

• Dr. Shannon Roberts - Assistant Professor, UMASS Amherst <u>Click here to register for the webinar</u>

Truths About Driving from Teens

 Date:
 August 25, 2020

 Time:
 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm EDT

 Cost:
 Free

• Isabelle Bouillier - National Student President, Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD)

• Giovanna Lara & Mikayla Cook-Fowler - Students, Hillside (NJ) High School

Click here to register for the webinar

WEXTOR Serving Amid Chaos: Taking Care of Your Community, Your Colleagues and Yourself

Date:August 4, 2020Time:1:00 pm EDTCost:Free

The events of the past several months have shaken the core of law enforcement, leaving many officers questioning their roles and even their career choice. How do you deal with the deluge of opinion, anger, and confusion and still serve your mission?

Law enforcement officers can't change the political realities of the moment. But they can affect their behavior, positively influence that of the public and colleagues, and recommit to the ideals that drove them to this profession.

Join Lexipol for an exclusive presentation featuring resiliency and leadership strategies from the front lines of law enforcement, clinical psychology, and neuroscience. Click here for more information and to register for this webinar



NJ Crossing Guard Training and Resources Program Train-the-Trainer Class

Date:	August 5, 2020	or	August 13, 2020
Time:	8:30 am EDT		8:30 am EDT
Cost:	Free		Free

Rutgers University's Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy a Train the Trainer webinar for Police Traffic Safety Officer who supervise School Crossing Guards. This class is being offered twice. The course includes a discussion of crossing guard hiring, training, and supervising procedures, along with state and federal laws and regulations. It will provide guidance on conducting similar training for crossing guards in your community.

To register, or for more information, please contact Catherine Bull at <u>catherine.bull@ejb.rutgers.edu</u> or call (848) 932-2833 For more information on the New Jersey Crossing Guard Program, go to njcrossingguards.org

GHSA2020 Webinar Series: Drug-Impaired Driving: An Update on Trends and Tools

Date:	August 5, 2020
Time:	3:00 pm EDT
Cost:	Free

The next session of the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) webinar series will examine Responsibility.org's High-Risk Impaired Driver (HRID) toolkit and grants to states, the impacts of marijuana legalization in Canada and new technology tools available to the criminal justice community to manage impaired drivers better.

Click here to learn more and register



Date:	August 5, 2020
Time:	2:00 pm - 2:30 pm EDT
Cost:	Free

Over 90% of new vehicles sold today have at least one advanced driver assistance technology. Still, there are often dozens of names used by different manufacturers to identify a single ADAS feature. Several leading safety organizations joined forces to propose a standardized naming system to reduce confusion and help to educate consumers about the benefits, limitations, and proper usage of these technologies.

Representatives of three of these organizations — <u>AAA</u>, <u>Consumer Reports</u>, and the <u>National Safety Council</u> — will join our virtual panel to discuss their <u>nomenclature initiative</u> and how it can help to improve safety on our roadways. <u>Click here for more info and to register</u>



Third Annual EPIC Peer Intervention Executive Leadership Conference

Date:August 5 and 6, 2020Time:9:00 am to 3:00 pm EDTCost:Free

This two-day program hosted by the New Orleans Police Department and Loyola University New Orleans College of Law provides a unique opportunity for police leaders to learn the science behind the NOPD's EPIC active bystandership training program, and to identify concrete steps their agencies can take to implement active bystandership programs of their own.

Speakers: Superintendent Shaun Ferguson (NOPD), Dr. Ervin Staub (Professor Emeritus, Univ. Mass.), Dr. Joel Dvoskin (Univ. of Arizona), civil rights lawyer Mary Howell (New Orleans), and multiple members of the New Orleans Police Department.

Registration Information: <u>https://bit.ly/EPIC2020registration</u> Program Information: <u>https://bit.ly/EPIC2020program</u>



Date:August 6, 2020Time:1:00 pm EDTCost:Free

Are you prepared with the proper personal protective equipment to help you stay safe in the "new normal," as construction starts to pick up again and crews get back to work? During this webinar, MSA's Dennis Capizzi will explain why it is now so important to consider hard hat accessories, including face shields, visors, and eye protection – even if you have never been required to do so before. He will be joined by MSA's Anne Osbourn, who will discuss fall protection and the importance of proper inspection and use Click here to register



Date:August 10, 2020Time:2:00 pm to 3:30 pm EDTCost:Free

How can the quality of pavement markings be improved, cost-effectively and efficiently? TRB will conduct a webinar that will discuss how organizations can use field trials as tools for improving pavement markings. Presenters will describe transverse test decks that may be used to evaluate <u>Click here for more information and to register</u>







Dates:August 12 & 13, 2020Times:8:00 am-10:00 amCost:Free – Registration is required

September 1 & 2, 2020 8:00 am–10:00 am September 23 & 24, 2020 8:00 am–10:00 am

Hosted by Rutgers CAIT and sponsored by the Division of Highway Traffic Safety, this course is being offered three times as indicated above, it is a 2-day (2 hours each session) program. Make sure to sign in with for full name to receive credit. Log on instructions for **both** sessions will be in your registration confirmation.

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

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

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

<u>Click here to register for the August 12 & 13 webinar</u> <u>Click here to register for the September 1 & 2 webinar</u> Click here to register for the September 23 & 24 webinar



Omaha Beach: Lessons in Leadership An NJSACOP E-Learning Webinar

Dates:August 17, 2020Times:10:00 am EDTCost:Free – Registration is required

Presented by Professor William "Pat" Schuber

Leadership makes the difference. This well-known principle was never more valid then for the survival of the GIs who clung to the sands of Omaha Beach on that fateful June 6th, 1944 – D-Day. Despite months of detailed planning and intense training, it was the leadership exercised at all levels of command that day, which made the difference between life or death and the success or failure of the overall mission. This iconic moment in American history provides a classic study in the principles of leadership in times of crisis. This presentation will tell the story of these brave soldiers and outline the leadership principles important for all front-line leaders of modern law enforcement organizations.

The NJSACOP e-Learning Center is the association's new portal for online learning, professional development, and executive briefing opportunities

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER



Dates:August 19-20, 2020Times:8:00 am-10:00 amCost:Free - Registration is required

September 8-9, 2020 8:00 am–10:00 am

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

August 19-20, 2020 (8a-10a)https://cait.rutgers.edu/event/njtr-1-crash-form-refresher-webinar-3-2/September 8-9, 2020 (8a-10a)https://cait.rutgers.edu/event/njtr-1-crash-form-refresher-webinar-3-2/

Go to: <u>https://cait.rutgers.edu/events/</u> for a list of all classes offered by Rutgers CAIT



Dates:August 25, 2020Times:1:30 pm-3:00 pm EDTCost:Free – Registration is required

Crowdsourcing turns transportation system users into real-time sensors on system performance, providing lowcost, high-quality data on traffic operations, roadway conditions, travel patterns, and more. This webinar highlights how agencies verify crowdsourced data quality and other characteristics for real-time and archived uses.

Click here for more info and to register



Date: August 26, 2020 Times: 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm ET Cost: Free

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



Date:August 27, 2020Times:1:30 pm to 3:00 pm EDTCost:Free

The Middle-Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (the 2012 Act) established the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) as an independent entity within the Department of Commerce's (Commerce) National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) to help address long-standing service issues and challenges with the interoperability of the different systems used by public-safety entities in differing jurisdictions.

FirstNet established a nationwide, wireless, public-safety broadband network. The bill also committed 7 billion dollars in funding to FirstNet and allocated a total of 20 MHz of bandwidth in the 700 MHz band (758-768 MHz and 788-798 MHz, Band 14).

In March 2017, FirstNet entered into a public-private partnership with AT&T, awarding a 25-year contract for the network's deployment. As part of this contract, AT&T received \$6.5 billion in funding and exclusive access to 20 megahertz (MHz) of spectrum reserved for the network to operate on. In exchange, AT&T is tasked with deploying, operating, and maintaining the network, including providing the technical solution, overall design, development, production, operation, and evolution of the network, including business functions, marketing, product management, sales, and customer service.

The 2012 Act also required FirstNet to establish a Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) consisting of members representing all disciplines of public safety as well as state, territorial, tribal, and local governments, and that each State establishes a Single Point of Contact (SPOC). The mission of the PSAC is to assist FirstNet in carrying out its duties and responsibilities. There are 40+ organizations with representation on PSAC.

This webinar is intended to raise awareness on the following topics Part A: What is FirstNet?

- FirstNet Authority
- AT&T by FirstNet Network
- Roadmap and Deployment Status

Part B: FirstNet and DOTs

- Understanding FirstNet capabilities
 - How FirstNet differs from traditional DOT LMR Systems
 - Band 14 vs. Non-Band 14
 - Primary versus Extended Primary (and service impacts)
 - Mission Critical Push-To-Talk (MCPTT)
 - Stakeholders and Partners (SWIC, SPOC)
 - Other FAQs
- Leveraging FirstNet capabilities to enhance transportation system operations: Case Studies

Part C: Facilitated Q&A

Click here to register for this webinar

NJDHTS – Police Work Zone Safety Train-The-Trainer

Center for Advanced Infrastructur and Transportation



Dates:September 1 to 3, 2020Times:8:00 am-4:00 pmCost:Free - Registration is required

PLEASE NOTE: Registration closes August 24, 2020, to allow for the distribution of training materials before the webinar. Additionally, please be sure to enter your FULL AND CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS during registration.

This three-day webinar is designed for experienced police personnel who seek to become trainers in work zone traffic control. The NJDOT and other agencies require enforcement personnel to be trained when working on roadway construction projects. Those participants who successfully complete this series will be eligible to serve as Police Work Zone Safety Instructors for their agency.

This course is open to LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL ONLY.

Please register using the address you would like the materials delivered to. Officers will receive the following training materials in the mail before the start of the webinar:

- 1. A flash drive containing course handouts and applicable PowerPoint presentations for training
- 2. The MUTCD (Part VI), ATSSA Flagger Handbook, and NJDOT Maintenance Flip Guide

The class schedule is as follows: Day 1: The MUTCD (Part VI) Day 2: NJ DOT Projects/Municipal v. State Roadways (State Police) Day 3: Legal Liabilities/OSHA/Local Law Enforcement in Work Zones <u>Click here for more information and to register for this webinar</u>

Performance Measures and Health Index of ITS Assets Webinar

National Operations Center of Excellence

September 10, 2020

Times: Cost: Date: 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm EDT Free

The TMC PFS and FHWA jointly sponsored the development of the TMC Performance Measures and Health Index of ITS Assets technical report. This report highlights examples of goals and performance measures that help define an ITS Asset Management plan. The webinar will also discuss ITS assets, their data types, and practices of managing this data. Centralizing the collection of data on all assets into one repository, performing Life Cycle Analysis, and developing Obsolescence Plans to replace obsolete assets is addressed. Dashboards used by several State DOTs as visualization tools to report on the condition of assets have been included. This report and additional information on the TMC PFS will be available electronically at

https://tmcpfs.ops.fhwa.dot.gov/completedproj.htm.

Additional resources and information can be found on the NOCoE traffic management systems portal at: https://transportationops.org/traffic-management-systems-and-centers This webinar will explore successful practices in ITS asset management, such as defining goals, objectives, data sources, and performance measures. Data management and data visualization examples, useful for monitoring the health and performance of ITS assets within the TMC and in the field, will also be provided. <u>https://transportationops.org/event/performance-measures-and-health-index-its-assets-webinar</u>



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Online Training Conferences



Joint ITE International and Southern District Annual Meeting and Exhibition

August 18-20, 2020

Dates: August 4-6, 2020, August 11-13, 2020, Location: Online Organization: Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE)

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

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

Tuesday, August 4 - Thursday, August 6 Plenary and Technical Sessions, Poster Presentations Tuesday, August 11 - Thursday, August 13 Plenary and Technical Sessions, Poster Presentations, and Workshops Tuesday, August 18 - Thursday, August 20 ITE Council and Committee Meetings

For more information about this conference, click the link below: https://www.ite.org/events-meetings/ite-virtual-annual-meeting-and-exhibition/



Date: August 10 to 14, 2020 Times: TBA Cost: Free

The Association of Transportation Safety Information Professionals (ATSIP) has decided to conduct its first-ever virtual conference as the person-to-person conference in Nashville, TN, has been canceled. The virtual conference will include traffic records roundtables, informative plenary and concurrent sessions, sponsorship opportunities, and more.

For more information and to register <u>https://atsipvirtualtrf.lpages.co/virtual-traffic-records-forum-2020/</u>

CARSP/PRI 2020 Joint Conference The 30th CARSP Conference and the 14th PRI World Congress



Theme - Equitability: Road Safety for all through Vision Zero and Sustainable Safety

Free Webinar Series Announced

Canadian Association of Road Safety Professionals (CARSP), La Prevention Routiere Internationale (PRI) in partnership with Traffic Injury Research Foundation (<u>TIRF</u>), and platinum sponsor, Desjardins, are pleased to announce a special webinar series in advance of the 2021 conference. The 2020 in-person conference has been canceled. This free series of webinars allows for a unique opportunity to attend an international training conference without leaving your office or home.

All webinars are presented in English unless otherwise noted and are free of charge. However, online registration is limited. Please register early to ensure a spot. If unable to attend, please cancel your registration to allow others to register. Internationale

La Prévention Routière



Save the dates (*registration information will be available as we get closer to the webinar dates*). All webinar times are 12:00 pm-1:30 pm Eastern Time <u>Click here to go to the conference website</u>.

September 3, 2020: Alcohol and Drug-Impaired Driving

- The ability to drive weakened by alcohol in Arab-Muslim countries: the importance of laws and consumption habits (presented in French)
- Measuring the Impact of Drug-Impaired Driving in Canada: Developing National Indicators
- Marijuana Use Among Drivers in Canada

September 17, 2020: Road Safety Plans and Creating a Traffic Safety Culture

- Move Commute Connect. How the Province of British Columbia is prioritizing active transportation and road safety
- Equip professionals and decision-makers for safer and more user-friendly redevelopments (presented in French)
- Quebec City Road Safety Strategy 2020-2024 (presented in French)

October 1, 2020: Advanced Vehicle Design, Autonomous, and Connected Vehicles

- Safety and Traffic Study of Automated Shuttle Interactions in City Traffic
- Assessing the performance of vehicular sensors to improve road safety for vulnerable users (presented in French)
- Road safety and autonomous vehicles: the positioning of the issue in France (presented in French)

October 16, 2020: Driver Education and Acceptance

- Driver Acceptance and Experience with Vulnerable Road User Collision Avoidance Systems while Operating Heavy-Duty Vehicles
- The Mind Behind the Wheel
- Are Truck Driver Training requirements meeting the Safety Needs of the Transportation Industry?

3rd National Summit on RURAL Road Safety



Save the Date: 9/29 - 10/1/2020 ____ Kansas City, MO

Dates:September 29-October 1, 2020Location:OnlineCost:\$40



The National Center for Rural Road Safety is excited to announce that registration is now open for the 3rd National Summit on Rural Road Safety. This virtual summit, taking place from September 29-October 1, 2020, is designed to help you identify strategies and resources for use on the **Rural Road to Zero**.

Although we are going virtual due to COVID-19 concerns, this 3rd summit will continue its mission as an actionoriented event with interactive sessions, carrying forward the conversations from the previous Moving Rural America and Bridging the Gap Summits. In addition to doing our part to slow the spread of the virus, going virtual will allow us to invite speakers that may not have had the time or resources to travel to an in-person meeting. We also hope that the low registration cost of \$40 will allow many of you to join us!

Attendees will be offered many opportunities to engage with high-quality, objective, and knowledgeable speakers and sessions, make new connections, ask questions of experts and come away with a diverse set of action items to help their region's Rural Road to Zero initiative.

The 3rd Summit will feature:

- A full day of new training (Sept. 29th) for the latest Road Safety Champion Program
- Results-oriented safety strategies for rural areas •
- Action plans for growing positive safety culture in rural communities •
- Resources for applying the Safe System Approach to rural areas •
- A poster session centered around "How to Make Rural Roads Safe for Everyone." •
- A celebration of Rural Road Safety Awareness Week •
- Virtual networking opportunities •
- A Virtual Vendor show

Click here for more info registration is open until September 21, 2020.

Person to Person – Live Training Events **Please check with the training provider to ensure that the scheduled classes

are still taking place.





Cost:

DCJ - Police Traffic RADAR Instructor Refresher Courses

Dates	Locations
September 18, 2020	Morris County Police Academy
October 9, 2020 November 20, 2020	Ocean County Police Academy Monmouth County Police Academy
Times:	9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Free

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

It is the responsibility of each instructor to know when their certification expires and to renew the instructor certification before expiration. Registration must be made on the DCJ General Course Registration Form and faxed to DCJ at (732) 974-7551. A copy of the registration form is in the appendix of this newsletter and the following link: Click here to download the DCJ RADAR Instructor Refresher Registration Form

NAPARS 2020 Annual Joint Crash Investigation Conference

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



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

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

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

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

Optional Training Events:

Tire Forensics, October 5th, and 6th by T.J. Tennant, \$250 per person - separate registration at
ACTAR Test Prep class, Oct 5th- separate registration at
ACTAR Test, Oct 6thhttps://www.napars.org/eventsACTAR Test Prep class, Oct 5thACTAR Test, Oct 6th

New Jersey Traffic Safety Symposium 2020

Date:Tuesday, October 27, 2020Location:Ocean Place ResortOne Ocean BoulevardLong Branch, New Jersey 07740Times:8:00 AM – 3:00 PMCost:Free

Rescheduled



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



pennsylvaniaPennsylvania State PoliceSTATE POLICE2020 Collision Reconstruction Seminar

Dates:November 3 - 5, 2020Location:Gateway Wyndham, Gettysburg, PACost:FreeRegistration Deadline:October 16, 2020

The seminar is open to all ACTIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT COLLISION RECONSTRUCTIONISTS ONLY

This seminar is designed for all law enforcement collision reconstructionists. The purpose of the seminar is to allow reconstructionists to network with others in their field and to explore new ideas and technology in the dynamic field of collision reconstruction. The seminar will change each year and will concentrate on the review of interesting investigations, field studies, and training in specialized areas of reconstruction. <u>Click here for more information</u> <u>Click here to register for the seminar</u>

Quote of the month

I will carry out the job you left behind for me. I took the same oath you once did, I've got it from here ...

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Next scheduled meeting is September 2nd

Remember the five tenets of Below 100

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



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

Don't forget to visit the association's website regularly, <u>www.njptoa.com</u>; 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.

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 <u>rmaxwell@njptoa.org</u>

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2020 MEMBERSHIP DUES INVOICE

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

DATE: 1/1/2020

SIGNED:

Sgt. Nicholas Schock Sgt. Nicholas Schock

President.

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



New Jersey Safe Routes to School Resource Center

Crossing Guard Program



New Jersey Crossing Guard Training and Resources Program Train-the-Trainer Class

Are you currently working as a Police Traffic Safety Officer supervising School Crossing Guards?

If YES, please join us for crossing guard supervisor training



Two online classes available

Wednesday, August 5, 2020 8:30am – 11:30pm

Thursday, August 13, 2020 8:30am – 11:30pm

About the Training:

The training will include discussion of crossing guard hiring, training, and supervising procedures, and state and federal law and regulations, and guidance on conducting similar training for crossing guards in your community.

This class is free to participants.

To register, or for more information, **please contact Catherine Bull** at catherine.bull@ejb.rutgers.edu; 848-932-2833

For more information on the New Jersey Crossing Guard Program, go to njcrossingguards.org

This training is sponsored by NJ Department of Transportation and NJ Division of Highway Traffic Safety with funding from the Federal Highway Administration, and by New Jersey Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund.



New Jersey Crossing Guard Training and Resources Program

Crossing Guard Masks and Whistle Use

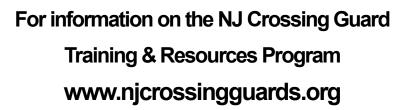
Will your crossing guards be wearing masks?

If your crossing guards are wearing masks at the post, they may have to alter how they communicate with students.

When wearing a mask, crossing guards should speak loudly and clearly and can use a head nod to signal to students that it is time to cross. Crossing guards **should not** use their hands to signal students to cross. Drivers may think the signal is for them to proceed.

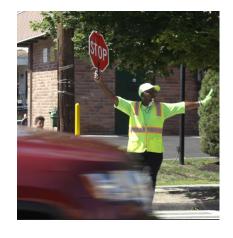
Do your crossing guards use whistles?

If they are wearing masks, they may not be effectively able to use traditional whistles. Consider electronic whistles as an alternative.













SAFE BEHIND THE WHEEL

Webinar series for teens and their families



Tuesdays in July & August | 4 - 4:45 p.m.

July 28 Staying Focused on Teen Driving Distractions

- Neil Chaudhary CEO, Preusser Research Group
- Karen Torres Founder, All4UDad

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

August 4 Preventing Impaired Teen Driving

- Tara Kelley-Baker Data & Information Group Leader, AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety
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