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Dedicated to the memory of Anthony "Tony" Parenti*

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Monthly Business Meetings

The next regularly scheduled business meeting for the association will be on March 4th at AAA Mid-Atlantic, 700 Horizon Drive in Hamilton (Mercer County) starting at 10:00 am.

NJ Division of Weights & Measures will be at the March for testing Tuning Forks for departments beginning with A through M

They will be at the April meeting for departments starting with N through Z.

The instructions and Tuning Fork Invoice from Weights & Measures are in the Appendix of this newsletter [or click here to download](#). A completed W&M Invoice and a Purchase Order must accompany your tuning forks for testing.

During the April meeting we will see a live safety presentation dealing with high voltage power lines and what could happen to anyone that touches a downed energized power line. Included in the presentation is what to do when dealing with power lines that are on the ground or draped over a motor vehicle as a result of a crash.

President's Message

As March madness and St. Patrick's Day quickly approach, impaired driving enforcement remains a critical aspect of traffic safety. Traffic fatalities are down almost 10% compared to this point last year, a testament to the hard work of all traffic safety professionals. March 2-6 is Vehicle Safety Recalls week. Anyone can check their vehicle for open recalls directly through NHTSA's website at www.nhtsa.gov/recalls.

The next two meetings will feature tuning fork certifications, as well as some new guest speakers. The association continues to participate in several committees seeking input on the state strategic highway safety plan. If any member is interested in participating, please let me know as soon as possible.

Stay safe,
Nick

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Dues Notice for 2020

The annual association membership dues for 2020 are due before June. A copy of the dues invoice is in the Appendix of this newsletter

The New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety has authorized the use of Drunk Driving Enforcement Funds to pay for NJPTOA dues.

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

Letter of Support for New Legislation

During the February meeting Chief Bill Parenti introduced information about Senate bill S-4331 for the 2018 - 2019 Legislative Session which was pocket vetoed by the Governor in January at the end of the Legislative Session. He reported that the Governor would have signed it but there were too many bills and he did not get to this one.

The State Chief's of Police Association is in favor of the bill and is asking for our support to ask the sponsor to reintroduce a new bill in the new 2020 – 2021 Legislative Session. He asked for a letter from our association supporting the old bill and also supporting a new bill to be introduced. A motion was made and seconded from the floor, followed by a vote of the membership to send a letter of support.

President Schock drafted a letter of support and encouraging a new bill be introduced in the current legislative session, one was addressed to Governor Murphy and another to Senator Madden along with copies forwarded to the State Chiefs of Police Association.

The original S4331 was for legislation requiring a person taking the written examination for a driver's license permit to watch a video of rights and responsibilities of the driver stopped by law enforcement; it requires testing on rights and responsibilities of the driver when stopped by law enforcement.

Updates from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety



NJDHTS Distracted Drive Grant Guidelines

This is in part a reprint from the February Newsletter as a reminder to our members:

Starting with the April 1st Distracted Driver Campaign, DHTS will be allocating grant funds proportionally using crash data.

Under directions from NHTSA, DHTS is implementing this grant award model; this will also be the framework for all other grants in the future. This “data-driven” model will allow enforcement to focus on areas that need the most attention. Depending on the response from invitees, additional grant applications outside of the “top crash municipalities” might be approved on a case-by-case basis.

For more information visit www.NJSafeRoads.com

NJDHTS Schedules Specialty Crash Investigation & Reconstruction Classes

4/27/20 to 5/01/20	Forensic Scene Mapping Gloucester County Police Academy 1400 Tanyard Road, Sewel, NJ - <i>Sue Rothfuss</i> - 856-415-2266
4/27/20 to 5/01/20	Pedestrian/Bicycle Crash Investigation Level 1 Ocean County Police Academy 659 Ocean Avenue, Lakewood, NJ Registration
6/08/20 to 6/12/20	Pedestrian/Bicycle Crash Investigation Level 2 Somerset County Emergency Services Training Academy 402 Roycefield Road, Hillsborough, NJ - <i>Bill Pauli</i> - 908-541-5042
6/15/20 to 6/19/20	Traffic Crash Reconstruction Update Morris County Police Academy 500 West Hanover Avenue, Parsippany, NJ academy.morriscountynj.gov
07/13/20 to 07/24/20	Traffic Crash Reconstruction Morris County Police Academy 500 West Hanover Avenue, Parsippany, NJ Registration is completed on website. - <i>Rosemary Gyure</i> - 973-829-8280
8/10/20 to 8/21/20	Traffic Crash Reconstruction Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office Training Center 11 Patrol Road, Edison, NJ - <i>Nicole Ducca</i> - 732-225-0750
9/14/20 to 9/25/20	Traffic Crash Reconstruction Gloucester County Police Academy 1400 Tanyard Road, Sewell, NJ - <i>Sue Rothfuss</i> - 856-415-2266

NJDHTS Schedules Basic and Advanced Crash Investigation Classes

For information on Basic and Advanced Crash Investigation Classes

[Click here to go to the Basic Crash Investigation Schedule](#)

[Click here to go to the Advanced Crash Investigation schedule](#)

Updates from the New Jersey State Police



Division of NJ State Police Top 12 Most Wanted Fugitives

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

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



Fatal Accident Investigation Unit

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

Below is fatal crash data for the state as of 10:00 am, February 28, 20120

Fatal Crashes			Fatalities	
2020	78		2020	82
2019	76		2019	84
2018	84		2018	93

Difference in Fatalities from 2019 to 2020 = increase of - 2

Percentage of change between 2019 and 2020 = - 2.4%

Difference in Fatalities from 2018 to 2019 = decrease of - 9

Percentage of change between 2018 and 2019 = - 9.7%

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

Updates from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration



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

★★★★★ **NHTSA** Vehicle Safety Recalls Week www.nhtsa.gov March 2-6, 2020

NHTSA manages vehicle safety recalls, sets vehicle safety standards, and requires automakers to recall vehicles that have safety defects or do not meet those standards. If your car has a recall, get it fixed - it could save a life. Also, check your vehicle for recalls at least twice a year, and sign up to receive alerts about new recalls at nhtsa.gov/recalls

Recalls Campaign Research Report

NHTSA wants to increase awareness and utilization of its nhtsa.gov/recalls website and has developed an online campaign to help build awareness and usage among the general population, including the auto-buying public and select target audiences. Click [here](#) to read this report.

★★★★★ **NHTSA** Saint Patrick's Day Impaired Driving Prevention www.nhtsa.gov March 17, 2020

Saint Patrick's Day is one of the deadliest holidays on our nation's roads. During the 2014-2018 St. Patrick's Day holiday period, 249 lives were lost due to drunk-driving crashes.

In 2018 alone, 73 people were killed in drunk-driving crashes over the St. Patrick's Day holiday period. These accounted for 39% of all traffic fatalities during the St. Patrick's Day holiday period.

Buzzed Driving is Drunk Driving

Currently, only 2020 updated earned media assets and 2019 campaign creative materials are available in TSM and will continue to be available throughout the 2020 campaign period.

Coming soon:

- Updated infographics
- Updated social media messaging

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





National Distracted Driving Enforcement Mobilization April 6-13, 2020

April is National Distracted Driving Awareness Month, and in support of this traffic safety initiative, NHTSA will be kicking off its annual "*U Text. U Drive. U Pay.*" national high visibility enforcement campaign to prevent distracted driving.

Additionally, NHTSA has developed a robust social media strategy designed to raise public awareness about the consequences of texting and driving. The focus is on the idea that "*If you're texting, you're not driving.*" We anticipate that this message will engage the target audience of men and women 18-34 with creative and persuasive messaging on NHTSA's social media channels and from our media partners.

For currently available material click the links below:

- » [2020 campaign materials](#)
- » [2020 PEAK Enforcement Kit](#)

There will be more 2020 campaign materials available soon.



Heatstroke Awareness Day July 31 to May 1, 2020

Along with our safety partners, NHTSA is moving Heatstroke Awareness Day from July 31 to May 1, allowing us to get the message out earlier in the season.

In 2020, we hope to partner with additional stakeholders who can help raise awareness through the distribution of our new "[Park. Look. Lock.](#)" campaign assets.

[Click here to download materials](#)

[Click here to go to nhtsa's heatstroke prevention day site](#)

Look before you lock

It could be the most important decision of his life.





Look before you lock.





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

NHTSA has prepared this CIOT *Products for Enforcement Action Kit* (PEAK) to help you alert the public to prepare for maximum high-visibility seat belt enforcement.

Statistics show that passenger vehicle occupants are buckling up more during the day, but not enough at night. This mobilization is created to increase awareness 24-7, but a strong enforcement effort is urged between the nighttime hours of 6 p.m. and 5:59 a.m. due to the significant number of violators and fatal crashes during this time.

Click on the following links for more information:

[PEAK materials](#)

[Mobilization campaign materials](#) (banners, posters, flyers, et al)

Additional 2020 campaign materials coming soon:

- Updated infographics
- Campaign materials in Spanish



Pedestrian Safety Month October 2020

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



Updates from the US Department of Transportation



USDOT Office of Drug and Alcohol Policy and Compliance Notice

The Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018, Pub. L. 115-334, (Farm Bill) removed hemp from the definition of marijuana under the Controlled Substances Act. Under the Farm Bill, hemp-derived products containing a concentration of up to 0.3% tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) are not controlled substances. THC is the primary psychoactive component of marijuana. Any product, including “Cannabidiol” (CBD) products, with a concentration of more than 0.3% THC remains classified as marijuana, a Schedule I drug under the Controlled Substances Act.

We have had inquiries about whether the Department of Transportation-regulated safety-sensitive employees can use CBD products. Safety-sensitive employees who are subject to drug testing specified under 49 CFR part 40 (Part 40) include: pilots, school bus drivers, truck drivers, train engineers, transit vehicle operators, aircraft maintenance personnel, fire-armed transit security personnel, ship captains, and pipeline emergency response personnel, among others.

It is important for all employers and safety-sensitive employees to know:

1. The Department of Transportation requires testing for marijuana and not CBD.
2. The labeling of many CBD products may be misleading because the products could contain higher levels of THC than what the product label states. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) does not currently certify the levels of THC in CBD products, so there is no Federal oversight to ensure that the labels are accurate. The FDA has cautioned the public that: “Consumers should beware purchasing and using any [CBD] products.” The FDA has stated: “It is currently illegal to market CBD by adding it to a food or labeling it as a dietary supplement.”* Also, the FDA has issued several warning letters to companies because their products contained more CBD than indicated on the product label. **[\[i\]](#)
3. The Department of Transportation’s Drug and Alcohol Testing Regulation, Part 40, does not authorize the use of Schedule I drugs, including marijuana, for any reason. Furthermore, CBD use is not a legitimate medical explanation for a laboratory-confirmed marijuana positive result. Therefore, Medical Review Officers will verify a drug test confirmed at the appropriate cutoffs as positive, even if an employee claims they only used a CBD product.

It remains unacceptable for any safety-sensitive employee subject to the Department of Transportation’s drug testing regulations to use marijuana. Since the use of CBD products could lead to a positive drug test result, Department of Transportation-regulated safety-sensitive employees should exercise caution when considering whether to use CBD products.

The contents of this document do not have the force and effect of law and are not meant to bind the public in any way. This document is intended only to provide clarity to the public regarding existing requirements under the law or agency policies. This policy and compliance notice is not legally binding in its own right and will not be relied upon by the Department as a separate basis for affirmative enforcement action or other administrative penalty. Conformity with this policy and compliance notice is voluntary only and nonconformity will not affect rights and obligations under existing statutes and regulations. Safety-sensitive employees must continue to comply with the underlying regulatory requirements for drug testing, specified at 49 CFR part 40.

February 18, 2020

*[i]** *What You Need to Know (And What We’re Working to Find Out) About Products Containing Cannabis or Cannabis-derived Compounds, Including CBD: The FDA is working to answer questions about the science, safety, and quality of products containing cannabis and cannabis-derived compounds, particularly CBD.*

<https://www.fda.gov/consumers/consumer-updates/what-you-need-know-and-what-were-working-find-out-about-products-containing-cannabis-or-cannabis>

** <https://www.fda.gov/news-events/public-health-focus/warning-letters-and-test-results-cannabidiol-related-products>

[ODAPC CBD Notice.pdf](#)

Miscellaneous Traffic Safety Points of Interest



Now Available from ResponderSafety! 10 Roadway Safety Short Videos

Now available from ResponderSafety.com: [10 Roadway Safety Shorts](#) that demonstrate key procedures that will enhance your safety at the roadway incident scene. In less than five minutes, you will learn how to [position a blocking vehicle](#), [set a cone taper](#), [pass through the zero buffer area](#), [back up a vehicle](#), and much more.

Watch anytime, anywhere. The short format and practical approach make the videos perfect to show at roll call or shift change, integrate into your existing training rotations or safety breaks, or share on social media.

Instructors can use the Safety Shorts with ResponderSafety.com's [Roadway Safety Teaching Topic Packages](#) to demonstrate many of the practices covered in those lesson plans. Public safety educators can use the [Passing an Incident Scene Safety Short](#) to teach the public about Slow Down Move Over and how to safely pass a roadway emergency scene.

Everyone has five minutes to spare for safety. [Watch one right now](#). Then share it on social media with your colleagues. The Team at www.ResponderSafety.com

LEXIPOL Today's Tip: Protect Sensitive Information as Much as Possible



Featuring Lexipol co-founder Gordon Graham

National Work Zone Awareness Week April 20-24, 2020

American Traffic Safety Services Association (ATSSA)

National Work Zone Awareness Week (NWZAW) is celebrating 20 years! This annual spring campaign held at the start of construction season encourages safe driving through highway work zones. The key message is for drivers to use extra caution in work zones.

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

Website: <http://www.nwzaw.org/>



Legal Update



Some information in this newsletter is courtesy of:
Muni-Mail, 2000 Hamilton Ave. Hamilton, NJ
Kenneth Vercammen & Associates, 2053 Woodbridge Ave, Edison, NJ www.njlaws.com
<https://www.justia.com/>
<https://law.justia.com/>
Oyez
Legal Information Institute, 477 Myron Taylor Hall, Cornell Law School, Ithaca, NY
Police Chief Magazine
J. Harris Academy of Police Training www.JHARRISTRAINING.com
Jason T. Komninos Esq <https://www.jasonkomninos.com/>

The information in this newsletter does not constitute legal advice and does not establish an attorney-client relationship. If you need legal advice, please contact an attorney directly.

State v Roman- Rosado Docket A-3703-17T4

Stop for minor license plate holder partially obstructing Garden State not valid

Following the stop of defendant's car for allegedly violating N.J.S.A. 39:3-33 because the license plate frame on the car's rear license plate "concealed or otherwise obscured" the words "Garden State" at the bottom of the license plate, a warrantless search of the car uncovered an unloaded handgun. The trial court denied defendant's motion to suppress the search and seizure of the handgun, and defendant subsequently pled guilty to second-degree certain persons not to possess a weapon, N.J.S.A. 2C:39-7(b)(1).

In defendant's appeal, the court was asked to decide: (1) whether there was reasonable suspicion to stop defendant's car for violating N.J.S.A. 39:3-33; and (2) whether the subsequent search and seizure of the handgun was legally permissible.

Based upon the common understanding of the words "conceal" and "obscure," this court concludes there was no reasonable suspicion to stop defendant's car for violating N.J.S.A. 39:3-33 where the minimal covering of "Garden State" did not make the words indecipherable. Hence, the seized gun was inadmissible to prove a second-degree certain persons offense.

For the sake of completeness, the court further decides that even if there was reasonable suspicion to stop defendant's car for a N.J.S.A. 39:3-33 violation, the subsequent search was not legally permissible because it did not satisfy the State's proffered exceptions to conduct a warrantless search of an automobile, i.e., a search incident to arrest, or a protective sweep.

State v. Thompson Docket A-1909-19T6

Parked car with engine running is operation. Attorney is seeking Supreme Court reversal.

In this appeal, the court held that an intoxicated defendant asleep and behind the wheel of a parked motor vehicle with its engine running is "operating" the vehicle within the meaning of N.J.S.A. 39:4-50(a).

Police were called to a convenience store where defendant was observed sleeping in his car with the engine running. As officers woke defendant, they noticed the strong odor of alcohol on his breath. Defendant acknowledged to officers that he had "a couple of drinks." After failing field sobriety tests, defendant was arrested. At the police station, defendant acknowledged that he had prescriptions for methadone, hydrocodone, Xanax, and Cymbalta and that he had consumed two alcoholic drinks within a three hours period. The court held that this evidence was sufficient for the factfinder to conclude that defendant was intoxicated while sleeping behind the wheel of his vehicle. The court ruled that defendant was "operating" his vehicle since operation of a motor vehicle could include sitting or sleeping behind the wheel of a vehicle with the engine running, even if the vehicle is not observed in motion.

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

More American Pedestrians Are Dying Than in Past 30 Years

Report points to smartphone distraction, bad lighting, SUVs, impairment as possible reasons

By Scott Calvert - Wall Street Journal
Feb. 27, 2020

U.S. pedestrian deaths rose in 2019 to their highest level in 30 years, even as the nation's roadway crash fatalities overall have been falling, according to a new report.

An estimated 6,590 pedestrians were killed in motor-vehicle crashes last year, a nearly 5% increase from the 6,283 deaths in 2018, according to the report released Thursday by the Governors Highway Safety Association.

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

[Training Events](#)



[Roll Call Training Segment:
Valid Consent](#)

An area commonly encountered by officers throughout the United States. This "Roll Call Training" segment will examine this area of the Fourth Amendment and refresh supervisory personnel, field officers, detectives, internal affairs professionals, and others in this critical area of law enforcement! Click the Box Below to View this Video Lesson!

[Click here to view the J Harris rollcall training video](#)

BELOW 100 Intensive



Dates: March 3, 2020
April 15, 2020
May 11, 2020
June 11, 2020
Location: Cranford Police Department
8 Springfield Ave, Cranford, NJ 07016
Times: 8:30a.m. to 12:30p.m.
Cost: Free To Law Enforcement

The Cranford Police Department is proud to present the nationally renowned BELOW 100 training seminar.

This is a one day seminar being offered on different dates.

The goal of Below 100 is to reduce line-of-duty deaths to fewer than 100 per year. (Not seen since 1944.) By target areas under an officer's control which are responsible for a large percentage of LODDs. The seminar focuses on these four key areas: Driving, Safety Equipment, Situational Awareness, and Decision Making.

Below 100 is comprised of five core tenets:

**Wear your belt;
Wear your vest;
Watch your speed;
WIN – What's important Now?; and
Complacency Kills!**

Below 100 works because it focuses on areas under an officer's control and is a common-sense approach to officer safety.

Register Online at: <https://forms.gle/cBit5iHbJqtf6qVL7>

or contact:

Captain Joseph Van Bergen
j-vanbergen@cranfordnj.org
(908) 709-3990

Webinar: Vision Zero Learnings from West Palm Beach, Florida

Date: March 5, 2020
Time: 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm ET
Cost: Free

The city of West Palm Beach, Florida is experiencing improved safety on the streets - fewer serious traffic injuries and fatalities - since committing to Vision Zero in 2018. Find out what city staff point to as the most promising strategies toward safety in this mid-sized community, including a greater focusing on managing speeds, improving citywide lighting, significant traffic calming investments, and an emphasis on multi-agency and community wide collaboration and engagement. Hear from Uyen Dang, West Palm Beach City Traffic Engineer and Tara Applebaum, Vision Zero Coordinator.

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

Link: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/5778257265058258177>

Webinar: A Conversation on Speed Management

Date: March 9, 2020
Time: 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm ET
Cost: \$95

How does your community manage road speeds? TRB is hosting a webinar on Monday, March 9, from 2:00 to 3:30 PM Eastern that will discuss various speed management strategies and resources. Presenters will describe case studies from their communities and identify speed management priorities.

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

Link: <http://www.trb.org/Calendar/Blurbs/180285.aspx>

Webinar: Traffic Safety Culture Messaging

Date: March 25, 2020
Time: 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm ET
Cost: Free

Organization: National Center for Rural Road Safety

This webinar will feature information on the design of effective traffic safety messages based on an understanding of traffic safety culture. The webinar will summarize different forms of traffic safety culture message including social norms. The webinar will also discuss the importance of the message "frame" to be positive (rather than fear-based); namely, those that grow self-efficacy and align with audience values. Finally, the webinar will discuss some aspects of message design to overcome audience resistance. Together, traffic safety culture messages can be more effective in changing behavior and be more acceptable to audience communities.

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

Link: <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07egxadhr69ade9f0&llr=ngyyawuab>



DCJ - Police Traffic RADAR Instructor Refresher Courses

Dates	Locations
March 20, 2020	Atlantic County Police Training Center
April 10, 2020	Ocean County Police Academy
May 8, 2020	John H. Stampler Police Academy
May 15, 2020	Essex County Police Academy
September 18, 2020	Morris County Police Academy
October 9, 2020	Ocean County Police Academy
November 20, 2020	Monmouth County Police Academy
Times:	9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Cost:	Free

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

Instructors no longer receive notification for when they are due for recertification. 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 can be found in the appendix of this newsletter and the following link: [Click here to download the DCJ RADAR Instructor Refresher Registration Form](#)



NJDHTS Crash Analysis Tool - Demonstration



Dates:	March 18, 2020 April 22, 2020 May 20, 2020 June 17, 2020
Location:	Rutgers CAIT Computer Lab (1st Floor), 100 Brett Road, Piscataway
Times:	8:00 am – 11:00 am
Cost:	Free

This is a one day course, three hours long. NJDHTS has developed a Crash Analysis Tool, which is a powerful analysis tool designed to allow police officers, engineers, planners, designers, and municipal executives to perform analysis, reporting, and crash data review in one streamlined, easy to use platform. The tool allows the merging of multiple data sets, including crash data, roadway data, and various safety layers for a seamless experience, referencing data from various sources and using it to make data-driven decisions regarding roadway safety. The tool includes the ability to identify crash patterns quickly, drill down within the data and analyze segments at varying levels. The training demonstration provides an overview of the Crash Analysis Tool and how to use it.

To register or for questions, contact:
Joseph Weiss, Transportation Safety Analyst at (609) 445-2893 or email joseph.weiss@njoag.gov

Traffic Incident Management Training for Emergency Responders

Date: May 5, 2020
Location: Rutgers CAIT, 100 Brett Road, Piscataway
Times: 8:00 am – 12:00 pm
Cost: Free

The training covers topics including TIM guidelines, fundamentals, and terminology; notifications and scene size up; scene safety and risk management; traffic management; special circumstances; clearance; and termination.

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

[Click here to register for the February class](#)

[Click here to register for the May class](#)

NJBWC 11th Annual New Jersey Bike & Walk Summit

Date: March 7, 2020
Times: 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Location: The Conference Center, Mercer County Community College, West Windsor
Cost: \$30 to \$85

The New Jersey Bike & Walk Coalition's Summit is New Jersey's statewide meeting of bicycle and pedestrian advocates, elected officials, and other township leaders, transportation, and urban planners, bike shop owners and managers, cycling, walking, fitness and health enthusiasts and experts, recreation, trails, and club leaders and others who are interested in making our state a better place to live.

NJBWC is pleased to offer you the opportunity to learn more about current state and federal legal and policy issues affecting your community, make you aware of various public funding sources, enable you to network, identify and develop mutually beneficial relationships that can help your community become more bike and pedestrian-friendly and therefore, more livable.

[Click here to register](#)



NJ MVC - Current Trends in Document Fraud

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Locations</u>
March 2, 2020	Middlesex County Fire Academy
March 18, 2020	Gloucester County Police Academy
April 2, 2020	Burlington County Police Academy
April 23, 2020	Ocean County Police Academy
April 28, 2020	Atlantic County Police Academy

Times: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Cost: Free

With emerging technology, it has become increasingly difficult to identify fraudulent documents.

This course is intended for all law enforcement officers, Patrol and Investigation, to help enhance their skills to be able to recognize and identify fraudulent identity-related documents issued by and relied upon by the Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC), along with the aspects that motivate fraudsters.

Topics will include:

- Tools available to identify counterfeit documents
- Newest trends in counterfeiting of driver's licenses
- "On-line" fake document manufacturers
- Identification of fraudulent documents, to include:
 - Driver licenses
 - Green cards,
 - Passports
 - Birth certificates
 - Social security cards
- Counterfeit and genuine NJ MVC
 - Inspection stickers
 - Temporary registrations
 - Certificates of title.
- Facial recognition technology used by MVC

The class includes a presentation about the New Jersey Regional Operations Intelligence Center's (ROIC) Facial Recognition Initiative. Which is a state of the art investigative tool which utilizes the Photo Imaging Mugshot System maintained in the New York/New Jersey HIDTA Program. Also, the New Jersey State Police will present an overview of the ROIC's resources, capabilities, mission, initiatives, and purpose.

To register contact Investigator Mark Cushing at 609-633-9493 or mark.cushing@mvc.nj.gov

A flyer for this course can be found in the appendix of this newsletter.



New Jersey Traffic Safety Symposium 2020

Mark it on your calendars now; the dates are all set for the upcoming New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety & the AAA North Jersey Foundation for Safety 2020 Traffic Safety Symposium. Registration information and more details will be released as it becomes available.

Location: Ocean Place Resort
One Ocean Boulevard
Long Branch, New Jersey 07740
Date: April 28, 2020

Main Conference - Pedestrian Safety

- ✓ Highlights: Crash Analysis Database,
- ✓ Injury Prevention,
- ✓ Crash Dynamics,
- ✓ Enforcement,
- ✓ Information Sharing/Social Media,
- ✓ Local Government Planning,
- ✓ Data Sharing and more



Optional date - April 27, 2020

Special Pre-Conference Training Opportunities:

- Child Passenger Safety Technician CEUs
- Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement Training (ARIDE)



2020 Work Zone Safety Conference

Dates: April 7, 2020
Times: 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Location: Rutgers University – Livingston Student Center
Cost: Free – Registration required



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

This year's event will include a presentation focused on streamlining work zone safety documentation through a phone application followed by a panel discussion on how to conduct a successful preconstruction meeting. Bradley Sant will deliver the keynote presentation,

Professional Engineer with the American Road & Transportation Builders Association will be speaking about the dangers of internal work zones which account for approximately 50% of all fatalities. The conference will conclude with a presentation on attenuators and the role of police in work zones.

As part of the program, the New Jersey Work Zone Safety Excellence Awards will be presented to recognize inspiring efforts of individuals, companies, and roadway agencies that have demonstrated effective temporary traffic control in planned work zones on New Jersey roadways.

[Click here to register for the Work Zone Safety Conference](#)



Practical Traffic Engineering for Police Officers

Dates: April 9, 16, 23, 30, May 7, & 14, 2020
Time: 9:30am-1:30pm
Location: Rutgers Lifelong Learning Center, New Brunswick
Cost: \$809

This class is full; if you apply now, you will be put on a waiting list.

The class runs for six Thursdays in April and May. Students must be pre-registered before attending the course, and there are no walk-in registrations allowed.

This course is approved for the New Jersey Traffic Safety Specialist (TSS) Certification Program.

[Click here to download a course flyer and registration form](#)



Work Zone Safety Awareness for Local Police

Dates: April 9, 2020
Location: AAA Mid-Atlantic, 700 Horizon Dr., Hamilton (Mercer County)
Times: 8:00 am – 1:00 pm
Cost: Free

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This course is open to LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL ONLY.

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



NJDHTS - Police Work Zone Safety Train-The-Trainer



Dates: April 14 to April 17, 2020
 Location: Passaic County Police Academy, 214 Oldham Rd, Wayne
 Times: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
 Cost: Free

This four-day program is designed for experienced police personnel who seek to become trainers in work zone traffic control.

This course is developed around typical long-term and short-term road work activities that occur on any state roadway, from two-lanes to interstates. The training covers the standards of work zone protection as specified in the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).

This course is open to LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL ONLY.

The class schedule is as follows:

- Day 1:** The MUTCD (Part VI)
- Day 2:** New Jersey vs. the MUTCD
- Day 3:** NJDOT/Local Law Enforcement
- Day 4:** Legal/NJSP/OSHA

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Recent OPRA Decisions and “Q & A with the GRC”

Date: Wednesday, April 15, 2020
 Location: Doubletree Hotel, 700 Hope Road, Tinton Falls,
 Times: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
 Cost: Member Rate \$75.00, Non Member Rate \$95.00

NJ State League of Municipalities seminar. New Jersey Courts have been particularly busy with Open Public Records Act and its analog, the Common Law Right of Access, cases. This presentation will highlight the most significant issues litigated, with pertinent summaries of the decisions, both reported and unreported, as well as a review of recent GRC decisions. In addition to the panel discussion, we will have an “Ask OPRA” segment. Have your OPRA question answered by the experts. Please submit your questions before the seminar to dholland@njlm.org using the subject line “Ask OPRA.” [Click here for event Details for April 15 OPRA Program](#)



NJDHTS – NJTR-1 Crash Form Refresher



Dates	Locations
April 15, 2020	Rutgers CAIT Auditorium, Piscataway
April 24, 2020	Atlantic County Police Academy
April 28, 2020	Passaic County Police Academy
May 08, 2020	AAA Mid-Atlantic, Hamilton
May 12, 2020	Middlesex Fire Academy
May 15, 2020	Ocean County Police Academy
June 02, 2020	Gloucester County Police Academy
June 04, 2020	Monmouth County Public Safety Center
June 10, 2020	Morris County Police Academy
June 16, 2020	John Stamler Police Academy
June 19, 2020	AAA Mid-Atlantic, Hamilton
June 23, 2020	Hudson County OEM, Kearny
Times:	8:00 am–1:00 pm
Cost:	Free – Registration is required

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

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

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

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



UAS Applications for Traffic Safety



Dates	Locations
April 23, 2020	Middlesex County Fire Academy
May 13, 2020	Rutgers CAIT100 Brett RoadPiscataway
June 17, 2020	Morris County Police Academy
June 30, 2020	Gloucester County Police

Times: 8:00 am–12:00 pm
 Cost: Free – Registration is required

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

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

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

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

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NJAAAR - “Back to Basics 2020” Training Seminar

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

The New Jersey Association of Accident Reconstructionists will be holding a two day training seminar again this year.

Morning and afternoon refreshments, along with lunch will be served both days.

The schedule is still being finalized, we will be sending out more information as it becomes available.

NJAAAR website at www.njaar.org

SAVE THE DATE !!!

Work Zone Safety Awareness for Local Police

Dates: June 18, 2020
Location: Rutgers CAIT, 100 Brett Road, Piscataway
Times: 8:00 am – 1:00 pm
Cost: Free

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NJDHTS - Police Work Zone Safety Train-The-Trainer

Dates: June 23 to 26, 2020
Location: Middlesex County Fire Academy, 101 Fire Academy Dr., Sayerville
Times: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Cost: Free

This four-day program is designed for experienced police personnel who seek to become trainers in work zone traffic control.

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2020 Annual Joint Crash Investigation Conference

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

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

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

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

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

Optional Training Events:

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

ACTAR Test Prep class, Oct 5th

ACTAR Test, Oct 6th

Quote of the month

"Do what you can with all you have, wherever you are."
—Theodore Roosevelt

Remember the five tenets of Below 100

Wear your seat belt

Watch your speed

Wear your vest

WIN: What's Important Now

Complacency kills



When in traffic

Wear your high visibility safety vest !!

Stay Safe Out There

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

Next meeting is March 4th at AAA in Hamilton starting at 10:00 AM

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 rlmax@att.net.

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Appendix



**NJ Police Traffic Officers Association
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856-220-1433**

2020 MEMBERSHIP DUES INVOICE

DATE	ITEM	AMOUNT
1/1/2020	2020 Annual Membership Dues for Police Department	50.00
<p>NJPTOA Tax ID number:</p> <p>22-2344113</p>		
	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*



CURRENT TRENDS IN DOCUMENT FRAUD

This course will assist law enforcement (Patrol Officers as well as Detectives) with training that will enhance their ability to recognize and identify the universe of identity-related documents issued by and relied upon by the MVC and the factors that motivate fraudsters. With emerging technology, it has become increasingly difficult to identify fraudulent documents.

Students will learn what tools are available to assist them in identifying counterfeit documents by providing “hands-on” training and experience in recognition of fraud as it pertains to documents such as driver licenses, green cards, passports, birth certificates and social security cards.

Participants will learn the newest trends in counterfeiting of driver licenses by “on-line” manufacturers, which has become increasingly common due to the ease in obtaining access to technologies. This course will also review counterfeit as well as genuine NJ inspection stickers, temporary registrations, and certificate of title.

In addition, this class will review facial recognition technology as it is used by the Motor Vehicle Commission on all images captured as well as the process that is used with the submission of a photo for “manual upload.” This course will inform students of a cutting edge investigative tool available at the New Jersey Regional Operations Intelligence Center (ROIC). Known as the “Facial Recognition Initiative,” this technology utilizes the Photo Imaging Mugshot System maintained in the New York/New Jersey “HIDTA” Program.

Lastly, New Jersey State Police will give a presentation on the general awareness of the NJ ROIC’s resources, capabilities, mission, initiatives, and purpose.

This training course is free of charge. To register contact Investigator Mark Cushing at 609-633-9493 or mark.cushing@mvc.nj.gov

Upcoming Dates

Locations

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| ○ <i>March 2, 2020</i> | <i>Middlesex County Fire Academy</i> |
| ○ <i>March 18, 2020</i> | <i>Gloucester County Police Academy</i> |
| ○ <i>April 2, 2020</i> | <i>Burlington County Police Academy</i> |
| ○ <i>April 23, 2020</i> | <i>Ocean County Police Academy</i> |
| ○ <i>April 28, 2020</i> | <i>Atlantic County Police Academy</i> |



New Jersey Office of the Attorney General

Division of Consumer Affairs
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1261 Routes 1 & 9 South, Avenel, New Jersey 07001
Telephone: (732) 815-4840 • Fax: (732) 382-5298



Memorandum

To: State, City, Borough and Township Police Departments

From: Raymond Szpond, Supervisor Licensing/Metrology Laboratory

Subject: Tuning Forks Invoice

Enclosed is our Inspection and **Test of Radar Tuning forks Invoice**, please complete and bring with you to your next scheduled tuning fork inspection.

To expedite the testing of the tuning forks in a timely manner and make waiting period brief, please do the following:

1. Have all tuning forks sorted by miles per hour in their bundles.
2. When filling out our tuning forks invoice, please list each Tuning Fork by miles per hour and serial numbers.
3. Have your purchase order form, along with a copy and a copy of our Tuning forks invoice entirely filled out (Including mailing address section).

Make check payable to **WEIGHTS AND MEASURES FUND.**

Thank you in advance for your cooperation, if you have any questions, call (732) 815-7822

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Enclosed: Blank - Inspection and Test of Radar Tuning Forks Invoice



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Application for the Inspection and Test of Radar Tuning Forks

Page No.: _____
 Date: _____
 Purchase Order No.: _____

We hereby make application for the inspection and testing of the below listed radar tuning forks

Police Department: _____
 Mailing Address: _____
 Business Telephone Number: (_____) _____

MPH	Fork Serial Number	MPH	Fork Serial Number
1		21	
2		22	
3		23	
4		24	
5		25	
6		26	
7		27	
8		28	
9		29	
10		30	
11		31	
12		32	
13		33	
14		34	
15		35	
16		36	
17		37	
18		38	
19		39	
20		40	

Number of Tuning Forks on this page =	@ \$10.00 Each =	\$
	Total fees of other pages =	\$
I hereby certify the above Information is true and correct.	Grand Total =	\$

 Police Department Officials Signature Title



Cranford Police Department

PRESENTS




BELOW 100 Intensive

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

Let's Start Rolling Back the Clock—NOW!

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

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



The Life You Save May Be Your Own!

Four Sessions Available

March 3, 2020 – 8:30a.m. to 12:30p.m.

April 15, 2020 – 8:30a.m. to 12:30p.m.

May 11, 2020 – 8:30a.m. to 12:30p.m.

June 11, 2020 – 8:30a.m. to 12:30p.m.

Cranford Police Department

8 Springfield Av, Cranford, NJ 07016

FREE to Law Enforcement

Mission: Reduce line-of-duty deaths to fewer than 100 per year. (Not seen since 1944.)

How: Target areas under an officer's control and responsible for a large percentage of LODDs.

Focus: Driving, safety equipment, situational awareness and decision making. Below 100 is comprised of five core tenets: Wear your belt; Wear your vest; Watch your speed; WIN – What's important Now?; and Remember: Complacency Kills!

Below 100 works because it focuses on areas under an officer's control and is a common-sense approach to officer safety.

Register Online at:

<https://forms.gle/cBjt5iHbJgtf6qVL7>

Captain Joseph Van Bergen

j-vanbergen@cranfordnj.org or (908) 709-3990

