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## President's Message

As summer draws to an unofficial close, I hope this month's newsletter finds you and your family well. It appears that the COVID-19 pandemic will continue to present challenges for the foreseeable future, which will directly impact the association business. Meetings will continue to be held on our regular day/time but will be conducted via Zoom. Executive Director Maxwell will communicate the meeting information via email. If you don't receive it for some reason, please reach out to him to obtain the link. The past few meetings conducted on Zoom have been productive and ran very smoothly.

While there is no statewide funded mobilization, impaired driving enforcement will be important during the upcoming holiday weekend. Also, municipalities that have schools open will have additional challenges with increased pedestrian traffic. The association remains an excellent resource for educational material in these areas. Traffic fatalities are down 2% year-to-date, a testament to the hard work of those in the traffic safety field. Have a good month, stay safe, and I hope to see you on Zoom at our September meeting.

Nick

## Association News

### Monthly Business Meeting      Zoom Online

The next regularly scheduled meeting is on Wednesday, September 2, 2020, at 10:00 am. An invitation to the Zoom meeting was included in the email blast that sent out this newsletter.

There is an online board meeting schedule for Wednesday, September 2, at 9:00 am via the Zoom platform; board members should have received an email with the invitation for that meeting also.

### Executive Board Meeting

An Executive Board meeting has been scheduled for September 2 at 9:00 am, just before our regular business meeting. A separate meeting invitation will be sent to board members for that meeting. If you do not receive one, contact either President Schock or Executive Director Maxwell for the link.

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

## Dues Notice for 2020

Just in case you are one of those agencies that have not yet paid the annual association membership dues for 2020, they were due before June 30. 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.

## A Blast from the Past

From the Courier News – May 22, 1986

# Police pose for poster to put people in belts

*Courier  
5/22/86*

By JOHN BUTTERFIELD  
Courier-News Staff Writer  
and The Associated Press

Police chiefs from Watchung and Fanwood have joined seven other New Jersey law enforcement officers as pinup boys in a safety campaign to counter the "bad guy" image police gain by handing out tickets to people who violate the state's seat belt law.

Fanwood Chief Anthony Parenti and Watchung Chief George King are two of the nine officers who appear on a poster publicizing the "101 Critical Days" safety campaign that kicks off today at state police headquarters in the West Trenton section of Ewing Township.

Parenti said police hope the campaign will revive public awareness of seat belt use during summer months.

The policemen on the poster were chosen to include state and county officers from different geographical areas of New Jersey, as well as statewide police organizations, said Parenti, who is also president of the New Jersey Police Traffic Officers Association.

"They screwed up on (Watchung Police Chief) George King," Parenti laughed, explaining that the selection committee didn't realize Watchung is a next-door neighbor to Parenti's Fanwood.

"They thought he came from North Jersey up around Bergen County," Parenti said.

Parenti said the committee hopes to get seat belt compliance back up to the 50 percent range it was at shortly after the law went on the books "or even bring it higher."

Before the law went into effect, only about 20 percent of the state's drivers wore seat belts, Parenti

said. Now, about 36 percent to 38 percent of all drivers wear them, he said.

"There's 101 days between Memorial Day and Labor Day," Parenti said, "and that's the time of year when a lot of people from the state are traveling and others from outside are traveling through as well."

"There's no doubt in my mind that you're better off with the belt than without the belt."

Reva Jaffe of the New Jersey Safety Belt Use Committee said yesterday that police believe the poster will help them enforce the law and help alleviate resentment of the year-old statute.

"This is a problem for them. They are perceived as the black hats and we want to help them change that perception," she said.

Col. Clinton L. Pagano, state police superintendent, said, "It is our duty, as police officers, to get the public from point A to point B safely. We're here to protect the people."

The committee, a non-profit group of 120 individual corporate members such as the New Jersey Hospital Association and Johnson & Johnson, has had 12,500 copies of the poster printed and will provide them free of charge to anyone who asks.

New Jersey's seat belt law, which took effect March 1, 1985, requires all front-seat passengers to buckle up. Violators can be fined \$20 for failing to wear seat belts. The violation is a secondary offense, and people can be cited only if they are stopped for another violation.

Parenti said he supports the statute's secondary offense status, saying people respond better if they're not compelled to do something.

"It's not that they resist the belt. They resist being told to wear the belt," he said.



THE GREAT GARDEN STATE

# BUCKLE-UP



What do these nine police officials  
have in common?

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Safety Belt Use:  
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## Quick Points of Interest

### New Toll Rates for Parkway, Turnpike, & Atlantic City Expressway

Effective September 13, 2020, toll rates will change on the New Jersey Turnpike and the Garden State Parkway. This includes changes in discount plans and the elimination of the Bus Discount Plan.

[Click here to view the new toll rates on the Parkway & Turnpike](#)

Effective September 13, 2020, toll rates will change on South Jersey Transportation Authority roadways.

[Click here to view the new toll rates on the AC Expressway](#)



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### 2020 Run for Badge 5k Takes Place Remotely Nationwide

On October 10, join runners, walkers, hikers, and bikers across the U.S. as we raise awareness and funding in support of law enforcement past and present! The 2020 Run for the Badge 5k will be held as a nationwide virtual event to keep participants safe during the pandemic.

Participate as an individual, start a team, or join a friend's crew. Enjoy rewards for fundraising goals, fastest 5K'ers, and more! Sign up today to support the National Law Enforcement Memorial and Museum from anywhere in the world!

[Click here for more information](#)



### Updated Quarantine Advisory Issued for Individuals Traveling to New Jersey Now at 33 States and Territories

As of Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, there are currently 33 States and Territories which include Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, California, Florida, Georgia, Guam, Hawaii, Iowa, Idaho, Indiana, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Minnesota, Missouri, Mississippi, Montana, North Carolina, North Dakota, Nebraska, Nevada, Oklahoma, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Virgin Islands, and Wisconsin

The list of states will be updated on a rolling basis and is [accessible here](#).

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

**TRAVEL ADVISORY**

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** [covid19.nj.gov/njtravel](https://covid19.nj.gov/njtravel)  
**TEXT** NJTRAVEL to 898211



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

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### Stick to It

New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety announces that the “**Stick to It**” Graduated Driver License (GDL) and Kyleigh’s Law Anniversary media and video campaign is now LIVE. The “**Stick To It**” campaign seeks to celebrate the successes of the Graduated Driver License program and Kyleigh’s Law while simultaneously highlighting the work that still needs to be done to eliminate teen driver deaths on our roadways.

The website for the “**Stick To It**” campaign is [www.njsaferoads.com/sticktait](http://www.njsaferoads.com/sticktait). On this website, you will find the campaign videos. One video is geared towards teenagers/new drivers, and one is geared toward parents and stakeholders. Aside from the videos, you will find a wealth of information on the GDL and Kyleigh’s Law, along with a link to the Attorney General’s press release on this campaign and links to pertinent reports and resources.

As another component of the campaign, DHTS will be placing paid ads on YouTube, Snapchat, gaming apps, and social media to ensure our target audience is reached. The campaign videos, along with other teen driver content, will additionally be shared on the DHTS social media pages, including Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, for you to share your profiles easily. If you would like to organically post the videos and ads from the campaign to your pages, a link for materials download is here: <https://bit.ly/3lzNaYI>

We would truly appreciate your help in spreading the word about this campaign on whatever platform best fits your agency, whether it includes information and a link to our campaign website in your newsletters, sharing DHTS social media posts on your pages, spreading teen driver information with the hashtag #StickToIt, etc. Please feel free to reach out to Laura Fredrick from NJDHTS at any time for more information, materials, or questions on this campaign. Her email address is [laura.fredrick@njoag.gov](mailto:laura.fredrick@njoag.gov)

[Click here to read the NJ Attorney General’s press release](#)

We thank you for your help as DHTS works to eliminate all teen driver deaths.



## Crash Investigation Classes Canceled for the Remainder of 2020

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, all Crash Investigation Classes (Basic, Advanced, and Specialty Classes) for the remainder of 2020 are all canceled until 2021.



## A few Words from the Director – Eric Heitmann

Moving towards zero deaths on New Jersey’s roadways has remained our top priority as the pandemic has progressed and changed travel for motorists and pedestrians. I wanted to take a moment to keep you informed about a few of the timely traffic safety initiatives we are currently working on to achieve our goal of zero deaths.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of New Jersey’s Graduated Driver License (GDL) program, one of the country’s strongest teen driver programs. It is also the 10th anniversary of Kyleigh’s Law, which further strengthened our GDL program by adding data-driven and life-saving passenger restrictions, restricting the use of electronic devices, expanding the night-time curfew hours for young drivers, and requiring teens with a probationary driver’s license to display red decals on their license plates.

To celebrate the successes and highlight the work still left to do to eliminate teen driver deaths, the Division will be launching a multi-platform GDL and Kyleigh’s Law anniversary media campaign this month.

We hope you will take the time to watch the videos, read the messaging, and join us in raising awareness of these programs, which have been instrumental in reducing the number of crashes involving young drivers - most markedly during GDL’s 11 pm to 5 am curfew period.

According to the latest available statistics, between 2009 and 2018, crashes involving teen drivers dropped 26 percent during the 5 am to 11 pm time period and dropped a whopping 50 percent during the 11 pm to 5 am time period.

For more information on the GDL and Kyleigh’s Law, please check out the new “Share the Keys” program brochure [here](#).

On Labor Day Weekend in 2018, some 440 people were fatally injured in motor vehicle crashes nationwide. That is equivalent to nearly five people per hour during the 3.5-day holiday span. Over 35 percent of those fatal crashes involved a driver who was under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol.

As New Jersey continues to navigate the changing landscape of the COVID-19 emergency, roadway safety continues to be a paramount concern. Below you will find some helpful tips to keep yourself and others safe:

If you have any New Jersey traffic-safety-related questions that our Division may assist with, we urge you to reach out to us [www.nj.gov/oag/hts/contactus.html](http://www.nj.gov/oag/hts/contactus.html) or find the “Contact HTS” tab on [www.NJSafeRoad.com](http://www.NJSafeRoad.com).

We operate on a “two-way” street here and encourage an open flow of conversation and questions from the public.

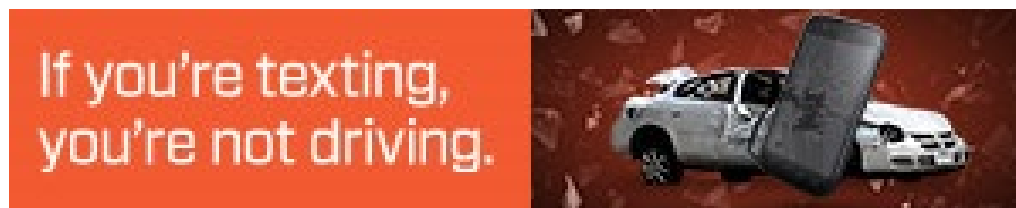
I also invite you to follow along with the NJ DHTS on social media to participate in our upcoming GDL and Kyleigh’s Law campaign and for other important updates:

**Facebook** - @NewJerseyDivisionofHighwayTrafficSafety

**Twitter** - @NJTrafficSafety

**Instagram**- @NJTrafficSafety

Wishing you and your family health, hope, and happiness during this challenging time. Stay safe!



## Updates from the New Jersey State Police



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

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

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



### Fatal Accident Investigation Unit

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

Below is the statewide fatal crash data as of 10:00 am, September 1, 2020

<i>Fatal Crashes</i>			<i>Fatalities</i>	
2020	325		2020	346
2019	330		2019	354
2018	334		2018	359

Difference in Fatalities from 2019 to 2020 = decrease of 8  
Percentage of change between 2019 and 2020 = - 2.3%

Difference in Fatalities from 2018 to 2019 = decline of 5  
Percentage of change between 2018 and 2019 = - 1.4%

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

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## **Updates from the Federal Bureau of Investigation**

The latest edition of the [\*FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin\*](#) is now available online.

### **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](#)

### **George M. Crouch, Jr. Named Special Agent in Charge of the Newark Field Office**

Director Christopher Wray has named George M. Crouch, Jr. as the special agent in charge of the Newark Field Office.

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

### **FBI Warns Truckers That Hackers Could Target ELD Data**

*ttnews*

The FBI issued a cautionary notice warning trucker that cybercriminals could target electronic logging device vulnerabilities as a means of seizing business information. Still, industry experts note that hackers have as yet not found a way to crack into ELD data.

“Although the ELD mandate seeks to provide safety and efficiency benefits, it does not contain cybersecurity requirements for manufacturers or suppliers of ELDs, and there is no requirement for third-party validation or testing before the ELD self-certification process,” the FBI said in a Private Industry Notification dated July 21.

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

Chicago in the News

### **Crestwood Mayor Indicted in Alleged Bribery Scheme Involving Red-Light Camera Services**

Louis Presta, the mayor of Crestwood, has been indicted by a federal grand jury for using an interstate facility in aid of bribery and other crimes.

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



## **[Interagency Issues Advisory on Use of Technology to Detect and Mitigate Unmanned Aircraft Systems](#)**

The DOJ, FAA, DHS, and FCC issued an advisory guidance document to help non-federal public and private entities better understand the federal laws and regulations that may apply to the use of capabilities to detect and mitigate threats posed by Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) operations.

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

## **[Robots Help Manage Billions of Pages at New FBI Central Records Complex](#)**

The new facility in Virginia will house more than 2 billion pages of records and enlists robots to help with filing and retrieval

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

## **[FBI New Jersey News](#)**

### **[Florida Man Charged with Child Sex Offenses in New Jersey](#)**

Andrew Drechsel of Saint Cloud, Florida, has been arrested and charged with seeking sex with a minor and inducing her to send him sexually explicit images.

August 4, 2020 [Click for the press release](#)

### **[Former Pharmacy Owner Admits Role in Large-Scale Illegal Kickback Scheme](#)**

Robert Fazzini, a Morris County, New Jersey pharmacist, admitted participating in a conspiracy to pay bribes and kickbacks for compounded pain creams.

August 4, 2020 [Click for the press release](#)

### **[Two Additional Individuals Arrested for Attempting to Ignite Police Vehicle Following Trenton Protests](#)**

Killian F. Melecio and Kadeem A. Dockery of New Jersey have been charged with attempting to set fire to a marked police vehicle following the May protests in Trenton.

August 6, 2020 [Click for the press release](#)

### **[Chief Executive Officer of Louisiana Compounding Pharmacy Used to Defraud State Health Benefits Programs Pleads Guilty](#)**

Hayley Taff, the chief executive officer of Central Rexall Drugs Inc., has admitted her guilt in a New Jersey health benefits program fraud.

August 12, 2020 [Click for the press release](#)

## **Bergen County Man Admits Using Online Web Forums to Engage in Cyberstalking**

Rino Diamante of Bergen County, New Jersey, admitted using Facebook and other online web forums to cyberstalk victims.

August 12, 2020 [Click for the press release](#)

## **Two Ocean County Companies Agree to Resolve Price-Gouging Charges Involving 11 Million Items of Scarce Personal Protective Equipment by Selling Them at Cost**

Two Ocean County import companies have agreed to resolve violations of the Defense Production Act of 1950 for price-gouging customers.

August 14, 2020 [Click for the press release](#)

## **Seeking Victims in the Jose Ovidio Torres Investigation**

The FBI is asking for the public's assistance to identify potential victims of Jose Torres, an alleged sexual predator who hired sex workers and physically raped, assaulted, terrorized, and/or cheated the unsuspected parties.

August 14, 2020 [Click for the press release](#)

## **California Man Charged with Investment Fraud**

Christopher Glynn of Burbank has been arrested for defrauding victims in New Jersey through an investment scheme.

August 14, 2020 [Click for the press release](#)

## **New Jersey Man Sentenced to Three Years in Prison and More Than \$9 Million in Restitution for Drug Rehab Health Care Fraud Scheme**

Jason Gerner of Shamung, New Jersey, has been sentenced to 36 months' imprisonment for his role in multiple health care fraud schemes.

August 17, 2020 [Click for the press release](#)

## **Union County Man Indicted on Public Corruption Charges**

Jeanmarie Zahore of Rahway, New Jersey, has been indicted on charges of making corrupt payments to a public official, wire fraud, and other bribery crimes.

August 19, 2020 [Click for the press release](#)

## **Owner of Car Dealership Admits Engaging in Large-Scale Fraud**

Afzal Khan of Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey, admitted his role in engaging in a pattern of fraudulent activity through his auto dealership.

August 19, 2020 [Click for the press release](#)

## **The fourth Person Admits Trafficking High-Dosage Oxycodone Pills Related to Gloucester City Drug Ring**

Kenneth Rushworth of Gloucester City admitted buying and reselling high-dosage oxycodone pills in Gloucester City, New Jersey.

August 26, 2020 [Click for the press release](#)

## **Trenton Man Sentenced to 10 Years in Prison for Role in Heroin Trafficking Conspiracy**

Davias Taylor was sentenced to 120 months in prison for his role in a massive drug trafficking conspiracy that distributed more than one kilogram of heroin in Trenton and the surrounding area.

August 27, 2020 [Click for the press release](#)

## **Updates from the New Jersey Attorney General's Office**



## **Man Pleads Guilty to Charge that He Traveled from California to New Jersey in an Attempt to Sexually Assault an 11-Year-Old Girl**

*The state will recommend seven-year prison term for predator arrested in an undercover sting operation*

Attorney General Gurbir S. Grewal announced that a California man pleaded guilty today to traveling to New Jersey in an attempt to sexually assault an underage girl. The defendant had communicated online with a man he believed was offering him an opportunity to sexually assault a girl, age 11. In reality, that man was an undercover detective of the New Jersey State Police.

**Ian Brewer, 25, of Pomona, Calif.**, pleaded guilty on August 27 to an accusation charging him with second-degree aggravated sexual assault before Superior Court Judge Joseph P. Donohue in Union County.

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

## **AG Grewal Announces \$3 Million Settlement with Honda over Faulty Airbag Systems**

*State to Receive Share of \$85 Million Multistate Agreement Resolving Allegations Honda Failed to Disclose Danger from Airbags Caused by Tendency to Rupture*

Attorney General Gurbir S. Grewal announced on August 25 that New Jersey would receive approximately \$3.06 million as part of an \$85 million multistate settlement with American Honda Motor Co., Inc. and Honda of America Mfg., Inc., resolving allegations that Honda concealed safety issues related to defective frontal airbag systems in certain vehicles sold in the United States.

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



## **Former Mayor of Middlesex Borough Pleads Guilty to Charge that He Stole More than \$75,000 from Local Campaigns**

### ***Plea Agreement Includes Recommendation from State for Seven-Year Prison Term and Permanent Bar from Public Office***

Attorney General Gurbir S. Grewal announced that former Middlesex Borough Mayor Ronald J. DiMura pleaded guilty today to a charge that he stole more than \$75,000 from various local political campaigns.

DiMura, 64, whose term as mayor ended in December 2019, pleaded guilty today to a charge of second-degree theft by deception before Superior Court Judge Benjamin S. Bucca in Middlesex County. Under the plea agreement, the state will recommend that DiMura be sentenced to seven years in state prison. He will permanently be barred from public office and employment in New Jersey, must pay restitution of \$83,372 and must forfeit the remainder of the funds he stole. Sentencing for DiMura is scheduled for January 15.

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

## **Ex-Operator of Wrightstown Municipal Utilities Authority Pleads Guilty to Crime Related to His Use of the Authority to Dump Septic Waste from His Private Firm**

Attorney General Gurbir S. Grewal today announced that the former operator of the Wrightstown Municipal Utilities Authority pleaded guilty today to a criminal charge for using the municipal authority to dispose of waste from his private septic disposal company without proper authorization and failing to report that waste disposal to the state as required.

Rodman Lucas, 62, of Pemberton Township, N.J., pleaded guilty on August 12 to an accusation charging him with third-degree conspiracy to tamper with public records before Superior Court Judge Terrence R. Cook in Burlington County. [Click here to read the full press release](#)

## **Updates from the New Jersey Courts**



## **NJ Courts May Scale Back Reopening If Virus Surges**

*Law360*

New Jersey judiciary officials warned Wednesday that they might halt their state courthouse reopening plan or even revert to all-remote operations as they keep an eye on the fast-changing coronavirus outbreak raging across the nation, even though infections have largely flattened in the Garden State.

[Read full article »](#)

# Updates from the New Jersey Dept of Transportation



## Murphy Administration Announces \$161 Million in FY21 County Aid

*Funds will help make infrastructure improvements on the local level*

NJDOT Commissioner Gutierrez-Scaccetti announced the release of \$161.25 million in the Fiscal Year 2021 County Aid grants to help make infrastructure improvements on the local level. The grants are funded through the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund (TTF).

“County Aid is just one of many programs that demonstrate the Murphy Administration’s commitment to our communities by improving infrastructure throughout New Jersey at every level of government,” NJDOT Commissioner Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti said. “County Aid provides millions of dollars to local governments to help ensure their roads and bridges are maintained in a state of good repair without burdening local property taxpayers.”

The State’s 21 counties will share a total of \$161.25 million through the County Aid program that will help maintain local roads and bridges in a state of good repair for the thousands of motorists that count on them each day.

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

Atlantic	\$6,942,114
Bergen	\$13,566,250
Burlington	\$10,138,491
Camden	\$9,435,396
Cape May	\$3,404,726
Cumberland	\$7,858,998
Essex	\$9,738,130
Gloucester	\$7,573,065
Hudson	\$6,477,714
Hunterdon	\$4,062,485
Mercer	\$5,489,101
Middlesex	\$11,177,823
Monmouth	\$10,265,334
Morris	\$7,940,860
Ocean	\$12,621,255
Passaic	\$7,529,999
Salem	\$4,886,128
Somerset	\$5,923,717
Sussex	\$5,107,912
Union	\$6,999,846
Warren	\$4,110,656

*It will be here before we know it*



## Updates from the New Jersey Div of Fish and Wildlife



### **Off-Road Vehicles Impounded for Illegal Use on Wildlife Management Area**

August 7, 2020

Fish and Wildlife's Conservation Police Officers from the Central Region recently focused their patrol efforts on illegal ORV use in Greenwood Forest Wildlife Management Area.

On Saturday, July 25, two ATV riders attempted to flee from the officers. Once they were apprehended, the riders received summonses for criminal obstruction, interference with the duties of a Conservation Police Officer, and Wildlife Management Area use violations. The two ATVs were impounded.



*Photo Courtesy NJF&W Website*

On Sunday, July 26, a large group of ATV and dirt bike riders from northern New Jersey ignored the numerous "NO ATV" signs posted in the area known as the "clay holes." In addition to violations for operating off-road vehicles and operating unregistered vehicles on the WMA, officers issued summonses for swimming, possession of alcohol, and entering a restricted area. Thirteen ATVs and dirt bikes were impounded. Their owners are facing fines starting at \$274, and impound, towing, and storage fees of at least \$300.

Off-road vehicle enthusiasts are reminded that only registered, insured, and street-legal vehicles are permitted in Wildlife Management Areas. Vehicles may only be operated on established roads and parking areas.

Greenwood Forest Wildlife Management Area is 32,249.76 acres in size, encompassing these Townships in Burlington and Ocean Counties: Barnegat, Berkley, Lacey, Manchester, Ocean, and Woodland.

## Updates from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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



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





## **NHTSA Releases SaferCar Recall Notice App**

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has released a free app allowing vehicle owners to key in or scan their 17-digit vehicle identification number, child seats, trailers, and tires to check for recalls.

[Read more >>](#)

## **NHTSA Behavior Research: How Can Law Enforcement Assist in Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety?**

In 2018, pedestrians and bicyclists accounted for 19% of all traffic crash fatalities in the U.S. This report shares examples and ideas of how law enforcement can address pedestrian and bicyclist safety, including real-world examples and resources.

[Download the report >>](#)

## **New COVID-19 Resources on EMS.gov**

The NHTSA Office of EMS, along with its Federal partners on the FEMA/HHS Healthcare Resiliency Task Force EMS/Prehospital Team, continue to support the development and revision of guidance documents and other resources to aid local 911 and EMS systems responding to COVID-19. These documents, along with many other resources, are available on the [EMS.gov COVID-19 resource page](#).

Recent additions include resources on [COVID-19 testing for first responders](#) and the impact of the coronavirus on [field trauma triage](#). You can also find links to the latest guidance from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control

## **New COVID Resource Reporting Tool Tracks PPE and Personnel to Support Local, State and Federal Response**

**NHTSA asks EMS agencies across the U.S. to take a few minutes each week to report PPE, personnel status within their agency**

EMS and its public safety colleagues continue to serve at the frontlines in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic. Resource procurement and distribution of personal protective equipment and staffing shortages continue to challenge EMS leaders. Local, State, and Federal officials must have the information they need to help address these issues.

The NHTSA Office of EMS, with support from the team at the NEMSIS Technical Assistance Center, has designed a [reporting tool](#) to allow for a consistent, real-time method of reporting PPE supply status and personnel shortages. Your participation in the EMS COVID Resource Reporting Tool provides objective evidence to ensure your local agency's resource status is understood by State and National EMS leadership, and that your resource needs are being prioritized.

While this information will be available to State and Federal Officials, this reporting tool does not supersede coordination with local and state emergency management, public health, or healthcare coalitions. Organizations should still follow local and state procedures for reporting information and requesting supplies or other additional resource needs.

NHTSA is asking agencies to take a few minutes each week, preferably on Monday mornings, to complete the online form. You can find the form, as well as a video and other information explaining how the information is used and how to complete the form [here](#). Questions? please contact [nemsis@hsc.utah.edu](mailto:nemsis@hsc.utah.edu)



## Child Passenger Safety Week: September 20-26, 2020 National Seat Check Saturday: September 26, 2020

You sure I'm in the right car seat?



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

Use this toolkit to download campaign materials and get information on how to generate awareness about child car safety in your community.

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

## Pedestrian Safety Month - October 2020

NHTSA has designated October as Pedestrian Safety Month. Please consider engaging in concentrated safety messaging activity throughout October.

Whether it be in a parking lot, crosswalk, or on the road, everyone is a pedestrian. In 2016, there were 5,987 pedestrians killed in traffic crashes in the United States [a 9% increase from 2015], which equates to a death every 1.5 hours.

Pedestrian safety is crucial to know for both pedestrians and motor vehicle operators.

The resources here include a specific toolkit for Hispanic audiences, general pedestrian safety, and materials from a partnership with a popular children's show, Chuggington. [Click here to get NHTSA's campaign materials](#)



## 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

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. [Click here for up-to-date campaign materials.](#)



## Halloween Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving. Saturday, October 31, 2020

This Halloween, let's make happy memories, not tragic nightmares. The only thing scarier than zombies and witches loose on the streets is a drunk driver. This year, NHTSA is teaming up with local officials to help spread the message that **Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving**. Even one alcoholic beverage could be one too many for some drivers. So, if you plan to drive, plan to refrain from alcohol. If you do plan to enjoy some witch's brew, be sure to arrange a sober ride home in advance. Stay safe on Halloween night, and every night.

<https://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/get-materials/drunk-driving/buzzed-driving-drunk-driving/halloween>



## Thanksgiving Holiday Weekend November 25-29, 2020

Each year, the Thanksgiving holiday results in millions of travelers on the road, en route to and from their holiday destination. With your help, NHTSA wants to ensure drivers and their passengers are safe during this particular time of year.

During the Thanksgiving holiday weekend in 2018, there were 291 fatalities in traffic crashes across the nation.

[Click here for your campaign materials.](#)





## Updates from the Federal Highway Administration



### **USDOT Announces \$11.2 Million in Grants for Minority- and Women-Owned Businesses**

The U.S. Department of Transportation’s Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) announced that \$11.2 million in grants from the Fiscal Year 2019 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise/Supportive Services (DBE/SS) program to help eligible small businesses compete for federal highway contracts in 47 states, as well as Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico.

“Grants like these help small business owners create jobs while keeping costs low, which is a powerful way to help strengthen the American economy,” said Federal Highway Administrator Nicole R. Nason.

New Jersey will receive \$296,999.05 from this grant.

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

## Updates from the USDOT Office of Inspector General



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

**Office of Inspector General**

### **New Jersey Man Sentenced for Household Goods Moving Fraud**

On August 11, 2020, the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey sentenced Rami Zubidat to 33 months of incarceration, three years of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment. On November 12, 2019, Zubidat pled guilty to conspiracy to commit wire fraud. Zubidat and his co-conspirators controlled and operated a number of New Jersey-based moving companies. Although the companies were established as separate legal entities, they shared bank accounts, post office boxes, employees, and an office space. Customers were quoted “low ball” price estimates for moving household goods. Then—once the goods were loaded on the trucks—the prices were raised, putting the customers in vulnerable positions. Between 2013 and 2015, these companies handled hundreds of moves, increasing their final prices above the amount allowed by Federal regulations.

DOT-OIG conducted this investigation with Homeland Security Investigations and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service. [Read the full article](#)



## Focus on Reducing Rural Roadway Departures

Thirty people will die today, and every day, in a rural roadway departure—accounting for one-third of U.S. traffic fatalities. The [Focus on Reducing Rural Roadway Departures](#) (FoRRRwD) initiative provides technical assistance and training to States and local agencies across the country to address this deadly problem. FoRRRwD provides unique approaches and methods to deliver safety countermeasures and projects efficiently. FoRRRwD’s focus areas are identified through its four pillars—all public roads, proven countermeasures, systemic approaches, and safety action plans.

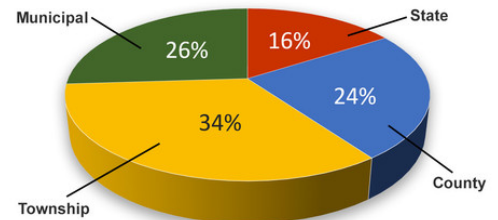
*The four pillars of FoRRRwD: Proven Countermeasures, Systemic Approach, Safety Action Plans, and All Public Roads.*



Many agencies are recognizing the need to address rural roadway departures on [all public roads](#) because over 40 percent of these deaths happen on roads off the State highway system. Not only are State DOTs assisting local agencies and encouraging them to use an appropriate share of Federal safety funds, but many are finding innovative methods to accomplish the goal.

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), with assistance from the Ohio Local Technical Assistance Program, administers the [Township Safety Sign Grant Program](#), a systemic curve signing upgrade program. This grant program helps ODOT reach 84 percent of its roadways that are not on the State highway system. The top 200 townships with a greater than average crash rating over the previous five years are eligible to apply for up to \$50,000 each in safety sign materials with no required local match.

Between 2015 and 2019, over 225 townships participated and completed signage installations. An [evaluation of crash data](#) in the 24 townships that installed signs in 2015 showed a 67 percent reduction in fatalities and 33 percent reduction in serious injuries in the two years following deployment, compared to statewide crash increases in fatalities by 9 percent and injuries by 11 percent.



*Ohio center lane mileage ownership. Only 16 percent are owned by the State Highway system.*

To learn more about how your agency can use innovative programs and mechanisms to deliver safety projects, watch [this webinar](#) from earlier this year. Additionally, you can visit the [FoRRRwD website](#) to learn more about the four pillars and watch the FoRRRwD [overview video](#). If you have additional questions, please contact Cate Satterfield (Cathy.Satterfield@dot.gov) with the FHWA Office of Safety or Dick Albin (Dick.Albin@dot.gov) with the FHWA Resource Center.

# Updates from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration



US Department of Transportation  
**Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration**

## 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 play in their lives. President Trump and Secretary of Transportation, Elaine Chao, said, "Thank God for truckers."



**FMCSA's New CDL Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse**

Improves reporting accuracy, centralizes information, and keeps our nation's roads safe.

Learn how the Volpe Center and FMCSA worked together to define requirements, architect an information system, and build a web interface to save lives.

Since January 2020 **one million** users have registered in the Clearinghouse.

50 YEARS 1970 - 2020 | U.S. Department of Transportation **Volpe Center**

## Updates from the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

The mission of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) is to protect people and the environment by advancing the safe transportation of energy and other hazardous materials that are essential to our daily lives. PHMSA develops and enforces regulations for the safe operation of the nation's 2.8 million-mile pipeline transportation system and the 1.2 million daily shipments of hazardous materials by land, sea, and air. Please visit <http://phmsa.dot.gov> or [https://twitter.com/PHMSA\\_DOT](https://twitter.com/PHMSA_DOT) for more information.



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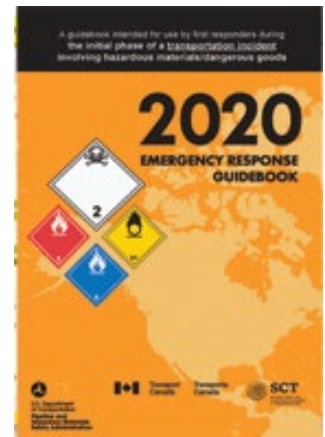
**Pipeline and Hazardous  
Materials Safety  
Administration**

## **USDOT Announces Updated Hazmat Emergency Guidebook**

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) today announced the publication of the 2020 edition of its [Emergency Response Guidebook](#) (ERG), providing first responders with a newly revised go-to manual that offers guidance on what to do during the critical first 30 minutes of a hazmat transportation accident.

"PHMSA is proud to produce and distribute a new and improved iteration of this critical safety resource for emergency responders across the nation," said PHMSA Administrator Skip Elliott. "Hazmat incidents present a range of safety challenges, and responders need to know exactly what they're dealing with."

The ERG contains an indexed list of dangerous goods and their associated ID numbers, general hazards they pose, and recommended safety precautions. PHMSA will distribute more than 1.8 million copies of the guidebook to firefighters, emergency medical technicians, and law enforcement officers across the nation.



The ERG is available to public safety agencies in all states and territories for free through designated state emergency management coordinators' offices. PHMSA has partnered with the National Library of Medicine to provide the [ERG as a free mobile app](#).

Print copies of ERG2020 are available for sale to the general public through the U.S. Government Printing Office Bookstore at <https://bookstore.gpo.gov/>.

## **U.S. Transportation Secretary Elaine L. Chao Announces Over \$97 Million to Enhance Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety**

*Pipeline Safety State Base Grant Recipients and Award Amounts for New Jersey: \$812,793*

*Rutgers State University - \$249,912 for the Probabilistic Performance Modeling and Optimum Maintenance Planning of Plastic Pipeline with Piezoelectric Based NDE Updating Early detection of plastic pipe crack and strength reduction is needed to develop informed models for decision making. The research intends to develop a model to improve maintenance planning for plastic pipe using piezoelectric-based NDE updating methods. The research will use NDE in detecting cracks of plastic pipe. The data will help operators to determine preventative and mitigative actions by building a prototype model for NDE of crack pattern and material degradation. This research will prolong pipeline service life, reduce maintenance costs and downtime, and improve pipeline safety.*

*New Jersey Department of Law & Public Safety, New Jersey State Police, Hazardous Materials Response Unit (HMRU) \$386,687*



The U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) announced that it is awarding over \$97 million in grants through its pipeline and hazardous materials safety programs. The awards will be distributed to states, local communities, tribal entities, universities, and non-profit organizations to support state pipeline and hazardous materials safety programs. Award recipients will use the funds for projects such as training first responders, educating the public on local safety initiatives, and encouraging the development of new pipeline technologies.

The awards include \$61 million in Pipeline State Base Formula Grants to 46 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico to support their participation in the federal-state base pipeline safety program, as well as \$20 million in Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) grants to all 50 states, five U.S. territories, and three federally recognized Tribes and Tribal organizations. Other grant awards include:

#### Pipeline Safety Grants

- \$5.4 million in Underground Natural Gas Storage grants
- \$2 million in Competitive Academic Agreement Program awards
- \$1.25 million in State Damage Prevention Program grants
- \$1.2 million in Technical Assistance grants
- \$1.05 million in One Call grants

#### Hazardous Materials Safety Grants

- \$3.4 million in Hazardous Materials Instructor Training grants
- \$941,000 in Supplemental Public Sector Training grants
- \$750,000 in Community Safety grants

For additional grant information and a detailed listing of states, territories, tribes, and organizations receiving grants, go to:

<https://www.phmsa.dot.gov/news/phmsa-fy-2020-pipeline-and-hazmat-safety-grants-listing>.

## Updates from the Federal Transit Administration



US Department of  
Transportation  
**Federal Transit  
Administration**

## **FTA Awards \$464 Million in Grants Nationwide to Revitalize America's Bus Infrastructure**

The New Jersey Transit Corporation (NJ Transit) will receive \$14,672,995 as part of the Federal Transit Administration's nationwide program. NJ Transit will use the money to rehabilitate its Wayne Bus Maintenance Facility in Passaic County. This project will improve safety and state of good repair for facilities that were initially built in the 1990s

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

## U.S. Transportation Secretary Elaine L. Chao Announces \$400 Million in Federal Funding Allocations for Four Transit Infrastructure Projects

**Arizona, Indiana, Missouri and New Jersey Projects Receive Funding, including \$248 million for Portal North Bridge Project in New Jersey**

The Trump Administration today announced a total of \$400 million in federal funding would be allocated by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to four transit infrastructure projects in Arizona, Indiana, Missouri, and New Jersey. The projects are advancing towards readiness to receive a Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) under FTA's Capital Investment Grants (CIG) Program. The projects must meet additional requirements in law before a grant can be awarded.

"This \$400 million federal investment will help ensure that critical updates can be made to our country's public transit systems, so they remain safe and operational," said U.S. Transportation Secretary Elaine L. Chao.

### **Hudson County, NJ: Portal North Bridge Project**

The Hudson County Portal North Bridge Project is a Core Capacity project in the Engineering phase of the CIG program. The project is the construction of a new, two-track fixed structure railroad bridge across the Hackensack River in Hudson County, New Jersey, along the Northeast Corridor (NEC). The project will replace the existing bridge, which is over 100 years old and represents a significant operational bottleneck. FTA is allocating a total of \$248 million in FY 2018 and FY 2019 CIG funds to the project.

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

## Updates from the Federal Railroad Administration



### **Rail Safety Week**

**Monday, September 21 through Sunday, September 27**

The goal of Rail Safety Week (RSW) is to raise awareness of the need for rail safety education and empower the general public to keep themselves safe near highway-rail grade crossings and railroad rights-of-way. Join us in observing Rail Safety Week this year from Monday, September 21 through Sunday, September 27! This year, [Rail Safety Week will be observed](#) in the U.S., Canada, and Mexico.

In 2020, due to the coronavirus pandemic, Rail Safety Week activities in states across the U.S. will have an emphasis on social media and virtual safety messaging.

[Click here for more information](#)



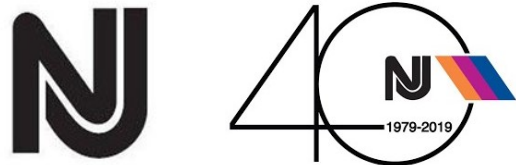
## Operation Clear Track

Law Enforcement Partners supports Rail Safety Week through its safety initiative, Operation Clear Track. In previous years during Operation Clear Track, more than 500 local, state, federal, and railroad police organizations are stationed at grade crossings across the country to distribute safety materials to motorists and pedestrians and reinforce the importance of crossing and trespass laws.



In 2020, OPERATION CLEAR TRACK will be conducted as a virtual event to share the rail safety message in communities with no public contact, as opposed to in-person events as in years past. Participating agencies are encouraged to post lifesaving grade crossing safety and trespass prevention information for drivers and pedestrians on their websites and share on social media. A signup link will be sent to agencies across the U.S.

## Updates from New Jersey Transit



## Estimated costs of the Hudson Tunnel project increase \$275 million in an updated financial plan

Mass Transit

Stakeholders cite delays in the issuance of the project's FEIS and ROD for the increase in costs, as well as a one-year push back in the heavy construction start date.

<https://www.masstransitmag.com/rail/infrastructure/article/21152353/estimated-costs-of-hudson-tunnel-project-increase-275-million-in-updated-financial-plan>

## Updates from the National Transportation Safety Board



## Bruce Landsberg Gets New 3-Year Term as NTSB Vice Chairman

The National Transportation Safety Board's Vice Chairman Bruce Landsberg was designated Friday to continue to serve in the position for a new term of three years.

President Donald Trump designated Landsberg as the Board's Vice Chairman Friday. Landsberg began a five-year appointment as an NTSB board member August 7, 2018, and on that same day, started a two-year term as the NTSB's Vice Chairman.

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

## Updates from the Federal Aviation Administration



US Department of  
Transportation  
**Federal Aviation  
Administration**

### **FAA Expands Work with Drones, Launches Podcast**

The Federal Aviation Administration is planning to evaluate technologies and systems that could detect and mitigate potential safety risks posed by unmanned aircraft or drones while beefing up funding to universities within its Air Transportation Center of Excellence for Unmanned Aircraft Systems network; a network also known as the Alliance for System Safety of UAS through Research Excellence or ASSURE.

The agency is also launching a new podcast – [The Air Up There](#) – to address a wide range of aviation topics. That podcast will be hosted by 20-year FAA veteran Alison Duquette and John Croft, an FAA veteran, general aviation pilot, and flight instructor.

[Click here to read more](#)

*Photo courtesy of FAA Website*



## Updates from the Transportation Safety Administration



Transportation  
Security  
Administration

### **TSA awards \$2.48M acrylic barrier contract in an effort to contain COVID-19**

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) awarded Lavi Industries of Valencia, Ca., a sole-source small business contract for acrylic barriers and associated equipment for installation at TSA's security checkpoints at 37 priority airports nationwide. The awarded contract provides rapid deployment at the travel document checking podiums and along the conveyor belts where passengers divest their items for scanning. The priority airports include the nation's busiest domestic hub locations.

"The ongoing installation of additional acrylic barriers adds a substantial layer of protection in our ongoing effort to ensure the health and safety of our workforce and airline passengers," said TSA Administrator David Pekoske. "As long as this virus remains a threat, TSA will continue to implement the measures necessary for containment, including acrylic barriers as well as technologies that reduce or eliminate physical contact."

This contract will deliver an additional 1,230 units to augment barriers already installed throughout the TSA checkpoint at various airports and will be completed by early Autumn. The contract was awarded in June, and additional barrier contracts will be awarded in September for remaining airport locations.



## Updates from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement



U.S. Immigration  
and Customs  
Enforcement



### **ICE - Partnerships That Work**

For U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to achieve its critical national security mission, its workforce must succeed in building and maintaining effective partnerships with private sector stakeholders and other law enforcement agencies throughout the country and around the world. Whether it's at the local, state, national or international level, each agency in such a partnership is strengthened by the resources, experience, and expertise of the other and, ultimately, it is the American people who benefit.

Partnerships the work reflects the fact that, contrary to what is too-often reported, law enforcement agencies understand the operational value and public benefit to finding common ground on which to collaborate, cooperate and share information that is vital to securing our borders and solving complex criminal investigations.

[Click here to read more about ice and partnerships work](#)

## Updates from the Drug Enforcement Administration



### **DEA implements e-commerce outreach program to combat counterfeit drug production**

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration has developed an e-commerce outreach program aimed at reducing the availability of dangerous, often deadly, counterfeit prescription drugs in the United States. This DEA-led initiative focuses on educating online retailers about the sale of pill presses and components used in the production of illicit and deadly counterfeit pills.

Online retailers frequently offer items commonly used in the manufacture of illicit pills, unaware of the regulations and other restrictions involved in the sale and possession of these items. Examples include regulated tableting machines, also known as "pill presses;" encapsulating devices; punches, or "dies," which imprint markings and trademark logos onto the pill as it is pressed; and regulated chemical products used to synthesize illicit drugs. Drug trafficking organizations use these tools of the trade to produce counterfeit pills that closely resemble legitimate prescription pills, but often include fentanyl, heroin, methamphetamine, or other dangerous illicit substances.

This outreach initiative has resulted in a dialogue with several online retailers to encourage compliance with regulations and restrictions on the sale of these products. Notably, Amazon.com, Inc., has recently been the first to ban all sales of tableting and encapsulating machines and pill punches from its sales/online platform.

For more information on DEA's Diversion Control Division, visit: <https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/>

## Updates from the US Department of Justice



THE UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT of JUSTICE

**The year 2020 marks the 150th anniversary of the Department of Justice.**  
**Learn more about the history of the agency at [www.Justice.gov/Celebrating150Years](http://www.Justice.gov/Celebrating150Years).**



**COPS**  
Community Oriented Policing Services  
U.S. Department of Justice

### **New Orleans Man Pleads Guilty to Staging Car Crashes to Defraud Insurance and Trucking Companies**

US Attorney Strasser announced that Damin Labeaud, age 48, of New Orleans, plead guilty to Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud, in violation of Title 18, US Code, Sec 371, arising out of staged car crashes with tractor-trailers occurring in New Orleans.

Labeaud, along with his co-conspirators and others, conspired to stage the accidents, including two that occurred on June 6<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> in 2017. Six of Labeaud's codefendants had already pleaded guilty and admitted to their knowing participation the scheme to stage the crashes.

Labeaud admitted to acting as the driver, or "slammer," in both the June 6<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> staged crashes. As the "slammer," Labeaud intentionally caused the crash with the tractor-trailers. After the accidents, Labeaud immediately exited the vehicle and fled the scene with the help of a codefendant who was acting as a "spotter" or driver of a getaway car. Labeaud's codefendants received a total of \$43,000.00 for their work in the crashes.

Labeaud staged numerous other crashes for various attorneys, including at least 40 for Attorney "A." Per their agreement, Labeaud would connect the passengers in the crashes with Attorney "A" so he could represent them in a suit. Attorney "A" paid Labeaud \$1,000.00 for every passenger that was involved in a crash. Attorney "A" knew Labeaud was staging the crashes as the two would often discuss them either in person, over the phone, or by text messages.

Labeaud faces a maximum sentence of five years and also faces a term of supervised release up to three years and/or a fine of \$250,000 or the greater of twice the gross gain to each defendant or twice the gross loss to any person. Sentencing is scheduled for November 19, 2020, before U.S. District Judge Fallon.

The U.S. Attorney's Office would like to acknowledge the assistance of the FBI, Louisiana State Police, and the Metropolitan Crime Commission.

<https://www.justice.gov/usao-edla/pr/new-orleans-man-pleads-guilty-conspiring-stage-automobile-accidents-order-defraud-0>

**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.**

**[New Jersey Man Admits Trafficking and Unlawfully Possessing Firearms](#)**

08/06/2020

**[Two Additional Individuals Arrested for Attempting to Ignite Police Vehicle Following Trenton Protests](#)**

08/06/2020

**[Pharmaceutical Representative Admits Role in Health Care Fraud Conspiracy Targeting State Health Benefits Programs](#)**

08/06/2020

**[The Department of Justice Files Sexual Harassment Lawsuit Against Owner of Rental Properties in Elizabeth, New Jersey](#)**

08/05/2020 12:00 am EDT

The Department of Justice announced today that it had filed a lawsuit alleging that the owner of rental properties in Elizabeth, New Jersey, violated the Fair Housing Act by subjecting tenants to sexual harassment.

**[Camden County Businessman Admits Filing False Tax Returns](#)**

08/06/2020

**[Members and Associates of Violent Newark Street Gang Charged for Roles in Drug Conspiracy](#)**

08/06/2020

**[Passaic County Man Admits Participating in Fentanyl Conspiracy](#)**

08/06/2020

**[New Jersey Broker Sentenced to Prison for “Cherry-Picking” Scheme](#)**

08/07/2020

A former New Jersey broker was sentenced today in federal court in Newark for defrauding his clients by engaging in a multi-year “cherry-picking” scheme that netted nearly \$800,000. The defendant was originally indicted in the District of Massachusetts before the case was transferred to New Jersey.

**[Union County Men Indicted for Violent Robbery Spree](#)**

08/10/2020

**[Member of Jersey City Gang Charged with Gun Possession and Distribution of PCP](#)**

08/10/2020

**[Founder of Plastics Company Indicted in \\$61 Million Tax Evasion Scheme](#)**

08/10/2020

**[Co-Owner Of Commercial Cleaning Service Admits Filing False Tax Returns](#)**

08/11/2020



## Updates from the National Center for Rural Road Safety



### Rural Road Safety Awareness Week – September 28 to October 2

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 28 - October 2, 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, [click here](#).





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



## 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

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**TIM Network Has The Resources You Need**  
Visit [timnetwork.org](http://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 tow truck yard
- Set a training goal and conduct multiple TIM Reponder Training courses
- Distribute outreach materials in every venue you can think of

Please tell us what you plan and share your success stories after the events by emailing Chuck Yorks at [cyorks@gfnet.com](mailto: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](http://transportationops.org/tim) for more details.

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



### **Hawaii launches four-year, \$6 million connected vehicle pilot project**

*StateScoop*

A new partnership between the Hawaii Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration, the University of Hawaii, and several transportation technology companies will transform a section of Honolulu into a \$6 million, four-year-long connected-vehicle data laboratory.

Operating on a five-mile stretch of road in the city that covers 34 intersections, the pilot project will install technology that tracks how many cars, bicyclists, and pedestrians that pass on the streets and sidewalks, as well as how fast and what type of vehicles are passing through.

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



### **AAA Finds Active Driving Assistance Systems Do Less to Assist Drivers and More to Interfere**

AAA automotive researchers found that over the course of 4,000 miles of real-world driving, vehicles equipped with active driving assistance systems experienced some type of issue every 8 miles, on average. The system problems included: keeping the cars in their lane, coming too close to other vehicles or guardrails. Systems that combine vehicle acceleration with braking and steering often disengage with little notice – almost instantly handing control back to the driver. A dangerous scenario if a driver has become disengaged from the driving task or has become too dependent on the system. AAA recommends manufacturers increase the scope of testing for active driving assistance systems and limit their rollout until the functionality is improved to provide a more consistent and safer driving experience.

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

### **Safety First Video Examines Concerns Raised About New Vehicle Safety Features**

*Transportation TV*

More and more, drivers recognize the value of having vehicles with advanced driver assistance systems, commonly known as ADAS. Research conducted by the AAA Foundation found that if every car was equipped with these technologies and drivers properly use them, ADAS could potentially prevent more than 2.7 million crashes, 1.1 million injuries, and nearly 9,500 deaths each year. That's good news. As we learn in this Safety First video by AASHTO Transportation TV, the research also found that extended use of ADAS is raising some serious safety concerns.

[Click here to see the video](#)

## **Hawaii Launches Four-Year \$6 Million Connected-Vehicle Pilot**

*statescoop*

A new partnership between the Hawaii Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration, the University of Hawaii, and several transportation technology companies will transform a section of Honolulu into a \$6 million, four-year-long connected-vehicle data laboratory.

Operating on a five-mile stretch of road in the city that covers 34 intersections, the pilot project will install technology that tracks how many cars, bicyclists, and pedestrians that pass on the streets and sidewalks, as well as how fast and what type of vehicles are passing through.

The technology, supplied by Qualcomm and other manufacturers, will rely on “vehicle-to-everything,” or “V2X” units that are connected to the corridor’s traffic lights, and a traffic software program administered by HDOT.

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

## **NHTSA delays date for hybrids, EVs to meet noise rule with tech like bumper speakers**

*Repairer Driven News*

<https://www.repairerdrivennews.com/2020/08/28/nhtsa-delays-date-for-hybrids-evs-to-meet-noise-rule-with-tech-like-bumper-speakers/>

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



## **'Walk and Bike Safely' roadway safety video teaches kids new safety habits**

KABB-TV

SAN ANTONIO– Vision Zero San Antonio has created an essential new learning tool for area children through a child-friendly, animated video that teaches children critical roadway safety lessons.

[Click here to see the video and read more about it](#)

## **New York Thruway Will be Cashless by the end of Year**

<https://wben.radio.com/articles/thruway-will-be-cashless-by-end-of-year>

## **Mid-Atlantic, Northeast states collaborate to cut carbon emissions from transportation**

*Yale Climate Connections*

<https://yaleclimateconnections.org/2020/08/mid-atlantic-northeast-states-collaborate-to-cut-carbon-emissions-from-transportation/>

## Legal Update **Traffic & Police Related**



Some information in this newsletter is courtesy of:  
Muni-Mail, 2000 Hamilton Ave. Hamilton, NJ  
Kenneth Vercammen & Associates, 2053 Woodbridge Ave, Edison, NJ [www.njlaws.com](http://www.njlaws.com)  
<https://www.justia.com/>  
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Police Chief Magazine  
J. Harris Academy of Police Training [www.JHARRISTRAINING.com](http://www.JHARRISTRAINING.com)  
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### **State v. Byer - Voluntary Consent for Blood and Urine Case**

[A-4161-17T4](#)

Defendant appealed a decision that denied her motion to suppress her statements to the police, as well as urine and blood draw evidence, following a fatal car crash. While in the hospital following the crash, the defendant orally acknowledged and then signed a card that confirmed that the police officer had recited her Miranda Rights.

Defendant also signed a consent form for a blood and urine draw, which the officer had also read to her. Two hours later, after learning that the other driver had died, another police officer recorded an interview with the defendant but did not advise her of her Miranda Rights.

The defendant was then allowed to leave the hospital and was not arrested or charged until the toxicology reports were returned. The trial judge found that defendant had not been in custody while she was in the hospital and was free to leave.

The trial judge noted that even if she was in custody at the hospital, the defendant knowingly and voluntarily waived her rights. The trial judge explained that the circumstances did not warrant that defendant be re-Mirandized by the second officer because there were no intervening events that would have diluted the effectiveness of the waiver.

The Appellate court affirmed and found that the defendant's arguments on appeal were without sufficient merit to warrant discussion. The court's review of the record demonstrated no basis to second-guess the trial judge's detailed findings of facts and conclusions of law that defendant was not in police custody, had been properly advised of her rights and waived those rights, and voluntarily consented to the blood and urine draw.

### **NJ Supreme Court Rules Defendants Must Give Up Cellphone Passcodes**

[northjersey.com](http://northjersey.com)

The New Jersey Supreme Court ruled on August 10 that a criminal defendant can be compelled to reveal his cellphone passcode to investigators, rejecting the argument that such a move violates the right against self-incrimination guaranteed by the Fifth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

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



## Governor Murphy signed the following bills into law in August:

[8/27/20 - 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 enforcement officers. <https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200827d.shtml>

[8/31/20 - A1906](#) Amends current law to include false incrimination and filing a false police report as a form of bias intimidation. The bill also establishes the crime of fraudulent 9-1-1 calls with the purpose of intimidating or harass based on race or other protected classes.

[8/31/20 - SJR-85/AJR-178](#) Designates August 31 of each year "Overdose Awareness Day" in New Jersey.

[9/1/20 - S2455](#) Prohibits lawful presence in the United States as a qualification to obtain a professional or occupational license, provided that the applicant meets all other requirements for licensure. The bill impacts the roughly 500,000 undocumented residents in New Jersey, who will now be eligible for professional licenses such as nursing, counseling, and cosmetology.

## Governor Murphy conditionally vetoed the following bill:

**S1370/A2607 (8/3/20)** – Revises the definition of "public works projects" to permit project labor agreements for more projects. [Copy of CV on S1370/A2607](#)

## Police Related Bills Recently Introduced or recent actions in the 2020-2021 Legislative Session

**A4263** Clarifies that a law enforcement officer who knowingly chokes another person engages in the use of deadly force.

**A4468** Concerns accomplice liability of law enforcement officers who fail to de-escalate and intervene when another officer commits an offense. 2nd Reading in the Assembly on 8/24/20

**A4366 Aca (1R)** Requires Police Training Commission to contract with crisis intervention training center to provide mental health training to police officers and establish a curriculum specific to persons experiencing an economic crisis or substance use disorder. /3/2020 Received in the Senate, Referred to Senate Law and Public Safety Committee

**S2590** Requires civil service examination for police and correctional police officers to include questions to identify implicit racial bias. 8/27/2020 Passed by the Senate (39-0)

**A4263** Clarifies that a law enforcement officer who knowingly chokes another person engages in the use of deadly force.

**A4272** Establishes civilian review boards to review complaints against police officers. 8/10/2020 Transferred to Assembly Community Development and Affairs Committee

**S2590** Requires civil service examination for police and correctional police officers to include questions to identify implicit racial bias. 8/27/2020 Passed the Senate (39-0)



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

### **Paterson Police Seize Two Guns from Two Men in Separate Traffic Stops**

*patersontimes*

The police arrested two men and seized two handguns in separate traffic stops over the weekend, according to public safety director Jerry Speziale.

Damond King, 30, and Taurean Thomas, 36, both of Paterson, were charged with various weapons offenses.

King was pulled over in an allegedly speeding Chevrolet Malibu on Carroll Street at around 10:10 pm on Saturday. He allegedly disregarded a stop sign on Carroll Street and Godwin Avenue. As police tried to stop the vehicle, King made a turn, entering Fair Street in the wrong direction in an attempt to flee.

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

### **N.Y. Residents Ran from Cops, Had Gun, Crashed into Restaurant; Prosecutor Says**

*nj.com*

It all started with a traffic stop on Rt 22 in Clinton Township. A man and woman from Brooklyn, New York, were arrested for narcotics and weapons offenses early Monday, August 31, following a traffic stop that ended with their car crashing into the back of a restaurant in Lebanon.

Township police pulled over the vehicle at approximately 1:30 am on Route 22 eastbound, where they made contact with Christian Joel Cordero and Genesis Bertefabian.

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

### **NJ Gas Tax Jumps to Over 50 Cents a Gallon**

*NJ Spotlight*

New Jersey drivers will have to dig deeper to pay for gas at the pump in the fall, due in large measure to declines in fuel consumption stemming from the pandemic and the economic restrictions imposed in its wake. The 9.3-cent-per-gallon increase, which goes into effect on October 1, is mandated under a 2016 state law requiring New Jersey to allocate \$2 billion each year to its Transportation Trust Fund, the financing mechanism for improvement projects on state roads and bridges.

Including federal taxes, the per-gallon levy for gasoline will be 50.7 cents and 57.7 for diesel.

[Click here to read NJ Spotlight's report.](#)

## Dignitaries, Hundreds of First Responders Pay Respects to Hackettstown K9, Jada

*lehighvalleylive*

Hundreds of police officers and well-wishers came together Monday, August 31, to remember a beloved four-legged friend. Hackettstown [K9 Jada](#) died August 19, 2020, after a [medical emergency](#) suffered while she was on duty. The Belgian Malinois was five years old. She joined the Department on July 14, 2016.

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

## USPS Grapples With Financial Crisis as Mail Delays Continue

*ttnews*

In July, local letter carriers were told to delay delivering mail in order to save money for the United States Postal Service, a direction that apparently came from top federal officials to mail carriers throughout the country.

The Postmaster General put out a memo instructing employees to leave mail behind at distribution centers and deliver it the next day if it would delay their routes, according to internal USPS documents obtained by the Washington Post and verified by the American Postal Workers Union and people with knowledge of their contents. [Click here to read the full ttnews article](#)

## Postmaster General Statement on Operational Excellence and Financial Stability

“The Postal Service is in a financially unsustainable position, stemming from substantial declines in mail volume, and a broken business model. We are currently unable to balance our costs with available funding sources to fulfill both our universal service mission and other legal obligations. Because of this, the Postal Service has experienced over a decade of financial losses, with no end in sight, and we face an impending liquidity crisis.

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

*Phillipsburg PD's Honor Guard at Hackettstown's K9 Ceremony on 8/31/20*





## 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**



### **Rutgers' NJ Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP & CAIT) - Customer Needs Survey 2020**

Rutgers is looking for help from their customers; that's us. They are asking for us to take their annual survey for rating their courses, how they are presented, and what you would like for the future. The survey is short, easy to take, and anonymous. Click the link below to access the survey; the survey ends on September 30.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2020LTAPSurvey>

## Online / On-Demand Training Videos – Roll Call Videos



### **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](#)





NJCLEES Presents:

Garden State  
CLE

## NJ Motor Vehicle Stops, Searches & Seizures 2020

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](#)



### LEXIPOL 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.

[Access these & other Lexipol courses for free](#)



### LEXIPOL 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 [exclusive recording](#), 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](#)



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### Today's Tip for August 4, 2020 What Is the Impact of Opioid Addiction on Public Safety?

Gordon Graham here with Today's Tip from Lexipol.

Today, I want to talk about opioid abuse and addiction and its effects on us – public safety professionals.

[Click here to access the August 4<sup>th</sup> tip of the day](#)



## Today's Tip for August 11, 2020 Should Police Officers & Public Safety Personnel Wear Sunglasses?

Gordon Graham here with Today's Tip from Lexipol.

Today I am talking about sunglasses. Most of us know that the sun's rays are harmful to our skin and that sunscreen is essential protection from sunburn, skin cancer, and other sun damage.

[Click here to access the August 11 tip of the day](#)



## Today's Tip for August 18, 2020 Withdrawal Management in Jails: Treating Withdrawal Syndrome

Gordon Graham here with Today's Tip from Lexipol.

Today's tip is for corrections officers and it's about inmates suffering from drug withdrawal syndrome while in our custody.

[Click here to access the August 18<sup>th</sup> tip of the day](#)



## Today's Tip for August 25, 2020 Balancing the Relationship Between Police and Community

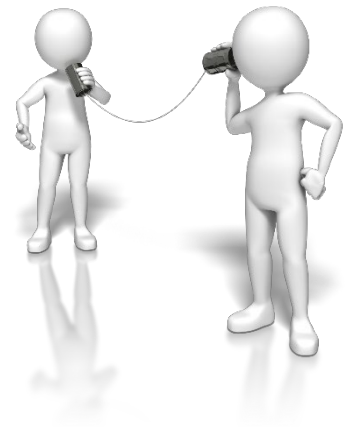
Gordon Graham here with Today's Tip from Lexipol.

Today, I'd like to talk to my younger friends in law enforcement. We're counting on you to accomplish two essential tasks and to find the right balance for us. If you're wondering what I'm talking about, stick with me, and I'll explain.

[Click here to access the August 25<sup>th</sup> tip of the day](#)



## Webinar Training Events



### **GHSA2020 Webinar Series: Understanding Micromobility: Transportation's New Disruptor**

Date: September 2, 2020  
Time: 3:00 pm EDT  
Cost: Free

GHSA is hosting a panel discussion centered on their upcoming report on micromobility (the use of shared bicycles, e-bikes, and scooters). A panel of experts will explore six micromobility challenges and the role state highway safety offices can play to help address them.

[Register here >>](#)



A Community of Transportation Professionals

### **Webinar: Noteworthy Speed Management Practices**

Date: September 3, 2020  
Time: 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm ET  
Cost: Free

FHWA and ITE teamed up to develop resources for practitioners dealing with speed management. This webinar presents the findings from 8 noteworthy speed management case studies. It will provide an opportunity to discuss speed management issues among peers on topics ranging from policy to practical countermeasures.

This webinar will be featuring the upcoming FHWA-ITE publication, "Noteworthy Speed Management Practices," supported by the FHWA office of safety.

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

## NJTR-1 Crash Report Refresher

Dates: September 8-9, 2020  
Times: 8:00 am–10:00 am  
Cost: Free – Registration is required

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.

September 8-9, 2020 (8a-10a) <https://cait.rutgers.edu/event/njtr-1-crash-form-refresher-webinar-september/>

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



## Using GIS for Data Dashboards - Arkansas Crash Analytics Tool (ACAT)

Date: September 9, 2020  
Time: 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm  
Cost: ET Free

Members of the Arkansas Department of Transportation (DOT) will discuss their efforts to develop the Arkansas Crash Analytics Tool (ACAT). ACAT is an interactive data dashboard that organizes crash analytics data, including crash records and other reports, to identify, evaluate and planning the safety enhancement of potential crash sites, hazardous roadway conditions, and railway-highway crossings. The tool enables users to find information in real-time without making individual queries. ACAT enables the Arkansas DOT to locate high-risk locations quickly and provide the information required to begin projects that address those safety concerns.

The tool has also resulted in unintended benefits as well, such as increased engagement with Arkansas DOT stakeholders about the data. ACAT has drastically changed how Arkansas DOT and its stakeholders request data and make informed decisions based on that data. External organizations, including metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), other transportation organizations, local government offices, and police departments also use ACAT, as do colleges, universities, and private citizens.

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

## NJSACOP Conflict Resolution and De-Escalation Program: "The Ethical Protector"

Date: September 10, 2020  
Time: 8:30 am - 12:30 pm  
Cost: \$149 per person

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)





## Performance Measures and Health Index of ITS Assets Webinar

Date: September 10, 2020

Times: 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm EDT

Cost: 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://tmc pfs.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.

<https://transportationops.org/event/performance-measures-and-health-index-its-assets-webinar>



## FoRRRwD Countermeasures: Signing, Striping, and Maintenance Treatments

Date: September 15, 2020

Time: 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm ET

Cost: Free

State, local, and Tribal agencies - discover how low cost and maintenance treatments can provide significant benefits to reducing rural roadway departure crashes.

*Registration requires logging in with an FHWA External Collaboration account for non-USDOT employees. Non-USDOT employees who have never participated in an FHWA webinar must [create an account](#) to register for this webinar.*

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

## NJSACOP New Jersey Internal Affairs Investigation Program

Date: September 15, 16, 17, 2020

Time: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Cost: \$449 per person

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)



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## Online Math Review Workshop for Crash Investigators



Dates: Sept 16 & 17, 2020 or Sept 23 & 24, 2020  
 Times: 9:00 am to 12 Noon or 9:00 am to 12 noon  
 Cost: Free Free

Kean University is offering two online Math Review Workshops for Crash Investigators in September. This is an interactive online workshop dealing with the equations used in Crash Investigations. Attendees will be utilizing these equations to solve a variety of crash-related scenarios.

This workshop will be offered twice, with each one covering two consecutive days, three hours per day. Certificates are awarded to participants who attend the entire workshop (both days). Attendees need to have access to a computer with an internet connection and audio capabilities (microphone and speaker) to take part in this Webinar.

Attendees are strongly encouraged to review the basic principles of math and physics found in the Advanced Crash Investigation Courses before participating in this workshop.

A scientific calculator will be needed for working out the problems presented during the sessions. Participants will be emailed a workbook file before the Webinar that will need to be printed out for use in the workshop.

Kean University is presenting this workshop, which is offered free to Law Enforcement Crash Investigators, with funding and support from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety.

[Click here to download the Webinar Flyer and Registration Form](#)

## Autonomous Vehicle Pilots and Beyond

Date: September 16, 2020  
 Time: 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm MT/2:00 pm to 3:00 pm ET  
 Cost: Free

The National Center for Applied Transit Technology presents this webinar dealing with what is the reality of automated - or autonomous - vehicles (AVs)? What do AVs mean for transit? This webinar will discuss where we are in the US now in the development and deployment of AVs, and we will provide information regarding various aspects of AVs, such as technology deployment, user acceptance, safety, social and economic aspects, and regulations, policies, and legal issues. Further, this webinar will briefly describe the work conducted by the US Department of Transportation's (USDOT's) Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in AVs. Finally, pilot projects that are being conducted around the world will be presented along with a focus on actual public transit AVs. Given the current COVID-19 situation, the webinar will briefly cover the impact of the virus on the AV operation.

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

## NJSACOP Front Line Supervision Program

Date: September 21, 22, 28, 29, 2020  
 Time: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm  
 Cost: \$600 per person

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)

Date: September 23, 2020  
Times: 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm EDT  
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](#)



### Webinar - UAS Applications for Traffic Safety



Dates: September 23 & 24, 2020  
Times: 8:00 am–10:00 am  
Cost: Free – Registration is required

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 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 placed upon personal safety and awareness.

[Click here to register for the September 23 & 24 webinar](#)

### NJSACOP New Jersey Financial Crimes Law Program

Date: September 23, 2020  
Time: 8:00 am - 11:00 am  
Cost: \$149 per person

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)

## **NJSACOP Conducting Financial Crimes Investigations**

Date: September 23, 2020  
Time: 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm  
Cost: \$149 per person

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)

## **NJSACOP Conducting Successful Money Laundering Investigations**

Date: October 6, 2020  
Time: 8:30 am - 12:30 pm  
Cost: \$149 per person

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)

## **NJSACOP Methods of Locating and Seizing Hidden Assets**

Date: October 7, 2020  
Time: 8:30 am - 12:30 pm  
Cost: \$149 per person

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)



## **Traffic Incident Management**

Date: October 14 & 15, 2020  
Times: 8:00 am to 10:00 am  
Cost: Free

Using a multi-discipline approach, first responders in New Jersey will learn how to operate more efficiently and collaborate. 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, fire fighting, emergency medical services (EMS), public safety, public works, towing and recovery, and hazardous materials (HAZMAT).

<https://cait.rutgers.edu/event/njltap-traffic-incident-management-training-for-emergency-responders-october/>



Date: December 9 & 10, 2020  
Times: 8:00 am to 10:00 am  
Cost: Free

Using a multi-discipline approach, first responders in New Jersey will learn how to operate more efficiently and collaborate. 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, fire fighting, emergency medical services (EMS), public safety, public works, towing and recovery, and hazardous materials (HAZMAT).

<https://cait.rutgers.edu/event/njltap-traffic-incident-management-training-for-emergency-responders-december/>

## Online Training Conferences

### **CARSP/PRI 2020 Joint Conference The 30th CARSP Conference and the 4th PRI World Congress**

Canadian Association of Road Safety Professionals (CARSP), La Prévention Routière Internationale (PRI), in partnership with Traffic Injury Research Foundation (TIRF), 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 allow for a unique opportunity to attend an international training conference without leaving your office or home.

[Click here to go to the conference website.](#)



Dates: September 29-October 1, 2020  
Location: Online  
Cost: \$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 action-oriented 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 (September 29) 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.](#)

## NAPARS 2020 Annual Joint Crash Investigation Conference

Dates: TBA  
Location: Online  
Cost: ???

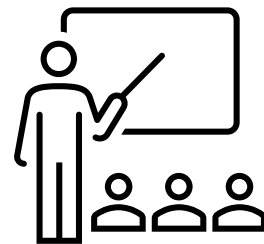
Hosted this year by NAPARS <https://www.napars.org/events>

Updated 8/8/20 – The event has been changed to an online virtual conference, more information is forthcoming



## Person to Person – Live Training Events

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



### DCJ - Police Traffic RADAR Instructor Refresher Courses

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Locations</u>
September 18, 2020	Morris County Police Academy
October 9, 2020	Ocean County Police Academy
November 20, 2020	Monmouth County Police Academy
Times:	9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Cost:	Free

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

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

### New Jersey Traffic Safety Symposium 2020

Date: Tuesday, October 27, 2020  
Location: Ocean Place Resort  
One Ocean Boulevard  
Long Branch, New Jersey 07740  
Times: 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM  
Cost: Free

### Rescheduled



#### Highlights:

- Enforcement, Injury Prevention, Crash Dynamics, Information Sharing/Social Media, Local Government Planning, Data Sharing, Crash Analysis Database and more
- Breakout Sessions Tracks:
  - Education
  - Enforcement
  - Engineering
  - Data

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2020-traffic-safety-symposium-on-pedestrian-safety-registration-92371290015>



**pennsylvania**  
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## Pennsylvania State Police 2020 Collision Reconstruction Seminar

Dates: November 3 - 5, 2020  
 Location: Cole Valley Wrentham, Gettysburg, PA  
 Cost: Free  
 Registration Deadline: October 16, 2020

*Cancelled*

### Patch / Department of the Month

*This is a new section of our monthly newsletter. If you would like your agency's patch highlighted here, please forward a digital image of the patch along with some background information on the patch and your agency to Rich Maxwell at [rmaxwell@njptoa.org](mailto:rmaxwell@njptoa.org)*

### **Manalapan Township Police Department Monmouth County**

The Manalapan Township Police Department's patch richly represents and honors the township's history. The stars of the Betsy Ross flag in the background represent the 13 colonies that fought for their independence during the American Revolutionary War. In the foreground are a cannon and the Old Tennent Church, which was a prominent site in the Battle of Monmouth, where the Patriots defeated the British. The church, founded in 1692, served as a hospital during the conflict and remains in use today as a place of worship. The old water well was used by Molly Pitcher, who famously served water to, nursed, and fought beside the patriots of the Continental Army during the battle, which occurred on Manalapan soil on June 28, 1778.

The Department was formed in April of 1970 and was first headquartered in "the barn" located on Wickatunk Road, just off of State Highway Route 9. In 1975, when the State Police vacated the Tennent Barracks, the police department moved into that building, converting it to the Manalapan Township Police Headquarters. The Department remained in that building until the current municipal complex was built in 1983.

The Department is made up of 55 sworn officers. The township covers a little of 30 square miles with a population of over 38,000 residents.



Sources MTPD Website & FBI LEB Website



## Quote of the month

*"Smart people learn from everything and everyone, average people from their experiences, stupid people already have all the answers." – Socrates*

**Next scheduled meeting is September 2<sup>nd</sup>**

### Remember the five tenets of Below 100

*Wear your seat belt*

*Watch your speed*

*Wear your vest*

*WIN: What's Important Now*

*Complacency kills*



**&**

*When in traffic:*

***Wear your high visibility safety vest !!***

***Stay Safe & Healthy***

***Don't forget to visit the association's website regularly, [www.njptoa.com](http://www.njptoa.com); the site is updated periodically. It is also the place to go for resources and updates about the association. If you have anything for the website, please contact one of the 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 [rmaxwell@njptoa.org](mailto:rmaxwell@njptoa.org)

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# Appendix

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**2020 MEMBERSHIP DUES INVOICE**

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

**DATE:** 1/1/2020

**SIGNED:**

*Sgt. Nicholas Schock*

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President.**

*Copies of purchase orders can be mailed, faxed to 856-783-0012, or scanned and emailed to  
[MWILSON@NJPTOA.ORG](mailto:MWILSON@NJPTOA.ORG)*

# New Jersey Crossing Guard Training and Resources Program

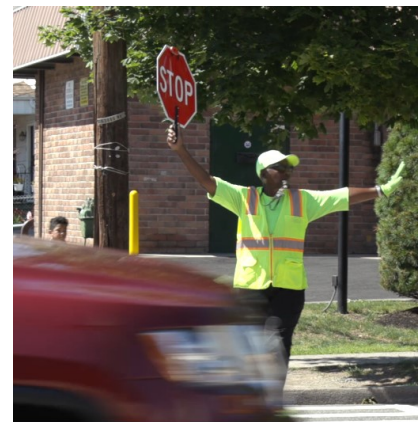
## Crossing Guard Masks and Whistle Use

### 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.



For information on the NJ Crossing Guard  
Training & Resources Program  
[www.njcrossingguards.org](http://www.njcrossingguards.org)

