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The May meeting has been changed to the second Wednesday, May 8th.

Monthly Business Meetings

Normally, regularly scheduled meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month, but the May meeting will be held on the second Wednesday, at the AAA Complex, 700 Horizon Drive, Hamilton Township (Mercer County) starting at 10:00 AM. The association does not meet during the months of July and August. June's monthly meeting is normally held in Atlantic City on the Wednesday of the Police Security Expo, this year it will be held on June 25th.

President's Message

I hope everyone is enjoying our revamped newsletter and website. Our goal is to provide as much information to our members as possible to better help them perform their duties. I'd like to thank our new editor, Rich Maxwell, for all the work he has done putting this new newsletter format together. As a reminder, effective July 1st, we will no longer be mailing hard copies of the newsletter. It will be distributed via email and available for download on our website. Please make sure you are signed up for our email list at www.njptoa.org.

Newsletter Update

The newsletter that is being distributed via the US Postal Service is a much shorter edited version due to space limitations. If you are reading this in your hand because it came through the mail, go the association's website and download the newsletter to see what you are missing. The email version is also abbreviated, due to file size limitations, but not as much, so we encourage all of you to view and download the full unedited version that is on the Association's website. www.njptoa.org

Additionally, we are always looking towards our members to help support the monthly newsletter by submitting articles, information about events and training, topics of interest, or anything they want to spread the word about. If you would like to submit something or know of an event of interest to the members for the newsletter, please email it to me at rmax@att.net.



Rail Grade Crossing Safety - April 16th to May 12th

NHTSA, in coordination with the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), is launching the 2019 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. The campaign runs from April 16-May 12, with the message:

Stop. Trains Can't.

Ctrl & Click here to [Download campaign materials >>](#)

TO: All Law Enforcement Officials
FROM: B. Sue Fulton, Chair and Chief Administrator
DATE: April 24, 2019
SUBJECT: **Availability of Temporary Renewal or Duplicate:**

- **Interim Driver License (DL)**
- **Interim Commercial Driver License (CDL)**
- **Receipt for Non-Driver Identification Card**

Effective April 24, 2019, the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) will amend the manner in which a customer can receive a renewal or duplicate of a driver license (DL), commercial driver license (CDL), or non-driver identification card (Non-Driver ID). This new process will also include customers who are eligible for "Skip the Trip" renewals.

The current practice calls for the customer to visit an MVC agency in person. The MVC then provides the customer with the appropriate document.

The new process allows the customer to handle the transaction online and immediately print out an interim document to be appropriately utilized for thirty (30) days, or until the customer receives the actual document in the mail, whichever is earlier.

The specific instructions for the use of each interim document are outlined on the customer's printout. The customer will be advised to print out and sign the document in order to be prepared to produce the document to law enforcement. (Please see sample printouts at the end of this newsletter.)

A Criminal Justice Information System inquiry of the MVC driver record will reflect the accurate status of the customer's DL, CDL, or Non-Driver ID. All MVC records will indicate the accurate information.



US 6th Circuit Court Says Using Chalk on Tires for Parking Enforcement Violates Constitution

Information from NPR

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit court ruled on April 22nd that "chalking tires" is a violation of the Fourth Amendment. This decision directly affects the 6th Circuit, which includes Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, and Tennessee. Let's wait and see what happens in the 3rd Circuit, which includes New Jersey; Delaware; the Virgin Islands; along with Eastern, Middle, and Western Pennsylvania.

The case was brought by Alison Taylor, a Michigan woman who received 15 parking citations in just a few years in the City of Saginaw, Michigan. The City, like countless other municipalities across the country uses chalk to mark the tires of cars to enforce time limits on parking.

MS Taylor decided to go after the city, and specifically after parking enforcement officer Tabitha Hoskins. Who Taylor alleged in her lawsuit, was a "prolific" chalker. Every single one of Taylor's 15 tickets was issued by Hoskins after she marked a tire with chalk and then circled back to see if Taylor's car had moved. That chalking, Taylor argued, was unconstitutional.

"Trespassing upon a privately-owned vehicle parked on a public street to place a chalk mark to begin gathering information to ultimately impose a government sanction is unconstitutional under the Fourth Amendment," Taylor's lawyer, Philip Ellison, wrote in a court filing.

The three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit unanimously agreed. Chalking tires is a kind of trespass, Judge Bernice Donald wrote for the panel, and it requires a warrant.

The Fourth Amendment protects people from "unreasonable searches and seizures." To determine whether a violation has occurred, the court first asks whether the government's conduct counts as a search; if so, it asks whether the search was reasonable.

The court found that chalking is indeed a "search" for purposes of the Fourth Amendment, because government officials physically trespass upon a constitutionally protected area to obtain information. Just as the Supreme Court ruled in 2012 that sticking a GPS tracker to a car counted as a "search," so is marking a tire with chalk to figure out how long it has been parked, the court wrote.

And that search wasn't reasonable, the court said. The city searches vehicles "that are parked legally, without probable cause, or even so much as 'individualized suspicion of wrongdoing' — the touchstone of the reasonableness standard," the court wrote.

Law professor Orin Kerr, noting that he had never seen a chalking case before, said parking enforcement officers could sidestep the constitutional issue altogether by simply taking a photo of the car rather than using chalk. "That way parking enforcement can learn the placement of the car [without] physically marking it," Kerr wrote.



NJ DOT Awards \$161 Million in Municipal Aid Grants for to 537 Municipalities

Governor Phil Murphy, Lieutenant Governor Oliver, and DOT Commissioner Gutierrez-Scaccetti announced on April 5th that 95 % of New Jersey municipalities will receive Municipal Aid grant awards, totaling \$161.25 million. A total of 537 cities and towns across the state are receiving grants to advance road, bridge, safety, and quality-of-life improvements in an effort to continue the DOT's Commitment to Communities' efforts.

The competitive Municipal Aid grant program attracted 681 applications from 544 different municipalities with a total of \$377 million in work. Project applications are evaluated and rated on their merits by an independent panel of NJ municipal engineers with the support of NJDOT, resulting in 538 awards to 537 municipalities.

Under the Municipal Aid grant program, each county is apportioned a share of the total funding based on population and the number of local centerline miles. Municipalities compete for portions of their county's share. NJDOT provides 75 percent of the grant amount when a town awards a contract and the remaining 25 percent upon completion of the project.

"After years of underfunding, NJDOT is continuing along the right track to support more local projects and improve our roads. Funding from the DOT Municipal Aid Programs goes a long way toward ensuring roadway safety for the state's motorists and lessening the burden on local taxpayers."

Within the Municipal Aid program there are seven project categories eligible for funding: Roadway Preservation, Roadway Safety, Quality of Life, Mobility, Bikeway, Pedestrian Safety, and Bridge Preservation. When evaluating applications, NJDOT also verifies if the municipality has adopted Complete Streets policies. Which establish guidelines that require consideration be given to pedestrians and bicyclists when local transportation projects are being planned, designed, and built. Ctrl & Click [here](#) for the list of Municipal Aid grant awards and to see how much your town won and what the project is.

A new report by NORC at the University of Chicago finds American motorists “strongly support” a broad array of safety measures, from reducing local street speed limits and building more roundabout intersections to stricter seatbelt enforcement efforts.

Based on a survey of 2,000 U.S. motorists conducted by NORC for the Road to Zero Coalition, the report “Underutilized Strategies in Traffic Safety: Results of a Nationally Representative Survey” found support for a variety of motor vehicle safety initiative, including:

- Increasing the use of sobriety checkpoints to discourage impaired driving (65 percent)
- Deployment of more speed and red-light cameras to discourage reckless driving (60 percent)
- Reducing local speed limits by 5 miles per hour (69 percent)
- Alcohol ignition locks for people who have been convicted of driving while intoxicated (83 percent)
- Saliva screening to prevent drugged driving (74 percent)
- Stricter seat belt law enforcement (82 percent)
- Requiring cars to have seat belt reminder chimes (70 percent)
- Passing mandatory motorcycle helmet laws (86 percent)
- Replacing dangerous intersections with roundabouts (73 percent)
- Installing rumble strips on more roads (90 percent)

The only question on which those motorists polled were totally divided was lowering the blood alcohol limit to .05 in their state. Yet 56 percent of the drivers participating in the survey said they would support such a lower limit if the penalty involved fines and the suspension of one’s license rather than criminal charges.

The survey also found that drivers were taking advantage of ridesharing services to avoid drinking and driving as 60 percent of those who said they’d used a ride sharing service in the past year said they had done so at least once to avoid drinking and driving.

“The results of this poll are clear: Safe roads are a priority for Americans, and they support ideas that encourage everyone to slow down and avoid impaired driving. Given the research available, this makes perfect sense,” said James Fell, a principal research scientist at NORC at the University of Chicago, in a statement. “Drivers are also now taking the extra step to do something about making our roads safer as evidenced by their use of ridesharing apps to get home safely.”



Don't drive intoxicated.
Don't drive intexticated.

A sobering message from AAA

“DON’T DRIVE INTOXICATED. DON’T DRIVE INTEXTICATED.”

On April 15th AAA Mid-Atlantic, Lawmakers, and Traffic Safety Partners gathered at the New Jersey State House Annex in Trenton to launch the distracted driving campaign: “DON’T DRIVE INTOXICATED. DON’T DRIVE INTEXTICATED.”

The campaign was kicked off at 1:00 PM by Assemblyman Benson, Chairman of the Assembly Transportation Committee; Assemblywoman Murphy, Vice Chairwoman of the Assembly Judiciary Committee; Eric Heitmann, Director of the NJ Division of Highway Traffic Safety; Wendy Berk, Vice President of the New Jersey Brain Injury Alliance; Tracy Noble, Manager for Public & Government Affairs of AAA Mid-Atlantic, and Charles Donato, Toni & Baby RJ Foundation.

In 2011, Toni Donato Bolis and her unborn son were killed in a motor vehicle crash caused by a distracted driver using a cell phone. Toni was less than a mile away from her home in Sewell, NJ, and less than 36 hours away

from giving birth to her second child, Ryan Jeffrey. The Toni & Baby RJ Foundation was started to help make the motoring public aware of the dangers of distracted driving. The foundation's website is:
Ctrl & Click here to go to the website <http://www.toniandrjfoundation.org/home.html>

AAA Clubs, New Jersey officials, and traffic safety partners came together during Distracted Driving Month to urge New Jersey motorists to pledge to eliminate distractions while driving. AAA's campaign, "Don't Drive Intoxicated — Don't Drive Intexticated," was created with the goal of making distracted driving socially unacceptable, just as socially unacceptable as drinking and driving have become. The two are comparably dangerous and deadly.

Every day, distracted drivers kill an average of nine people and injure 1,000, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. It is the third leading cause of driver-related crash fatalities, only surpassed by speeding and driving under the influence. These crashes are the result of a choice that is completely avoidable.

AAA provides automotive, travel and insurance services to 59 million members nationwide and nearly two million members in New Jersey. AAA has been advocating for the safety and mobility of its members for more than 100 years.



July is National Theft Prevention Month

Motor vehicles are the primary mode of transportation for most of us, and often, an indispensable part of our lives. But what would happen if yours suddenly disappeared?

- There were an estimated 773,139 thefts of motor vehicles nationwide in 2017.
- In 2017, of all motor vehicles stolen, 75.4 percent were automobiles.

Vehicle theft is a very expensive crime, with the cost of stolen vehicles pegged at more than \$5.9 billion in 2017. NHTSA has developed a set of campaign tools to help educate individuals on the dangers of vehicle theft and how to keep themselves safe.

Ctrl & Click here to [Download campaign materials >>](#)



New Jersey Creates Pedestrian/Bicyclist Safety Coalition

By Michael Morris, NHTSA Region 2 LEL



A recent report from the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) estimates that 6,227 pedestrian fatalities occurred in the U.S. in 2018, the highest number in nearly three decades. Pedestrian and bicyclist fatalities represented 34.1 percent of all fatal crashes in New Jersey last year, according to the New Jersey State Police Fatal Accident Investigation Unit.

Due to these high numbers, New Jersey has been designated as a "Focus State" under the Federal Highway Administration's Focused Approach to Safety program.

This designation qualifies the state for additional resources and technical assistance to high priority areas. To that end, the New Jersey Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety Coalition, hosted by the Brain Injury Alliance of New Jersey and funded through a grant from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety was created and held its first meeting in January.

The coalition brings together more than 20 organizations from state and local government, nonprofits and advocacy groups to discuss the issues of pedestrian/bicyclist safety in the state. The coalition seeks to create consistent messaging around this topic and to develop a statewide resource directory.

During the first meeting, participants brainstormed ideas on how state organizations can work together more effectively to raise awareness about the issues of pedestrian/bicyclist safety. Attendees provided reports on existing programs and shared challenges they face in their communities. Participants agreed that education, enforcement, engineering, and equity must be included in safety plans.

Future meetings will focus on using regional and statewide data to identify high crash areas for targeted outreach, expanding the coalition's online resource directory and developing safety messaging that can be used statewide.

For more information, visit www.JerseyDrives.com or contact Wendy Berk at the Brain Injury Alliance of New Jersey at wberk@biani.org or 732-745-0200.



CIOT National Seat Belt Enforcement Mobilization is May 20th to June 2nd

In 2017 alone, seat belts saved an estimated 14,955 lives and could have saved an additional 2,549 people if they had been wearing seat belts.

Seat belts have been proven to be one of the best ways to save your life in a crash. Yet many still don't buckle up. Worse still, not wearing a seat belt is a habit that will pass on to impressionable youth, who in turn will think it's safe to not buckle up. The **Click It or Ticket** campaign focuses on safety education, strong laws, and law enforcement officers saving lives.

Dates to Remember

May 13th to June 2nd (paid media dates)

May 20th to June 2nd (enforcement dates)

Use these enforcement resources for outreach during the campaign dates to highlight the dangers of not wearing a seat belt. Go to the TSA website below for campaign materials

<https://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/get-materials/seat-belts/click-it-or-ticket/national-enforcement-mobilization>

These materials do not focus on social norming – for those materials, please refer to our **[Buckle Up. Every Trip. Every Time.](#)** campaign.



USDOT Publishes Updated Drug Testing Rule

On April 23, 2019, the US Department of Transportation (DOT) published a final rule that makes minor technical corrections to the OST, FAA, FTA, and PHMSA regulations governing drug testing for safety-sensitive employees to ensure consistency with the recent amendments made to the Department of Transportation's regulation, "Procedures for Transportation Workplace Drug and Alcohol Testing Programs," which added requirements to test for oxycodone, oxymorphone, hydrocodone, and hydromorphone to DOT-regulated drug testing programs.

The changes to the Department's regulation make it necessary to refer to these substances, as well as the previously covered drugs morphine, 6-acetylmorphine, and codeine, by the more inclusive term "opioids," rather than "opiates."

This rule amends the term in the FAA, FTA, and PHMSA regulations to ensure that all DOT drug testing rules are consistent with one another and with the Mandatory Guidelines for Federal Workplace Drug Testing Programs.

In addition, this rule makes a conforming amendment to include the term "opioids" in the wording of the Department's annual information collection requirement and clarifications to section 40.26 and Appendix H regarding the requirement for employers to follow the Department's instructions for the annual information collection.

To learn more about this final rule, visit DOT's web page at <https://www.transportation.gov/odapc/frpubs>



Phone Addicts are the New Drunk Drivers

Every April, to commemorate Distracted Driving Awareness Month, Zendrive shares insights from the largest dataset about how people drive. They analyzed over 160 billion miles of driver data to uncover a dangerous new category of distracted drivers: Phone Addicts. This growing category of hyper-connected individuals exhibit a pattern of distracted behavior unlike any other group of risky drivers on the road and you may be one of them.

Last year, 6,227 pedestrians lost their lives to the hands of drivers who were most likely driving under the influence of a smartphone. On a national level, drivers are 10 percent more distracted this year than last. And from out under the shadows, Phone Addicts have positioned themselves as public enemy number one, replacing drunk drivers as the ultimate threat on public roads.

Phone Addicts are glued to their phones, so they're more distracted, more dangerous, and more likely to cause a crash. When comparing this year's data to the 2018 report, they found that the number of 'Phone Addicts' doubled in the last year.

Overall, 'Phone Addicts:'

- Spend 3x more drive time actively using their phones
- Actively ignore the road 28% of the time they're driving
- Are on the road 1.5x more times than the general population
- Are more of a public danger than drunk drivers

To better understand what drives this behavior, Zendrive launched their first-ever Distracted Driving Survey, talking directly to drivers (hopefully not on their cellphones, while driving). The survey found that people know distracted driving is a problem, but aren't concerned enough to change their behavior:

- 85% of respondents acknowledged distracted driving is a problem
- 90% claimed to be safe drivers, but...
- 47% admitted to using phones 10% or more of the time while driving, classifying them as 'Phone Addicts.'

In a 2006 study conducted by the University of Utah, cell phone drivers were found to be just as bad as drunks. However, when controlling for driving conditions and time on task, smartphone drivers exhibited greater impairment than intoxicated drivers. The study revealed that the driving abilities of cell phone users are akin to drivers with the legal blood-alcohol limit of 0.08 percent.

The researchers specifically found that cell phone users are:

- Are more likely to crash
- Drive more slowly
- 9 percent slower to deploy the brakes
- 24 percent more variance in their following distance
- 19 percent slower to return to normal speed after braking

Together, we have the chance to make history and create safer roads for all. To help people concentrate on the road, Zendrive is launching the #TextYouLater challenge. Participants are encouraged to set up their driving autoresponders (through “Do Not Disturb While Driving” mode on iOS devices, and through “Android Auto” on Android devices), take a screenshot, then tweet their pledge while tagging their friends to do the same. Autoresponders reduce distractions like texting and calls, two of the most common activities found in the study and can make the roads safer.

We invite you to take the [#TextYouLater pledge on Twitter](#) and partner with us to create safer roads for all!

To download Zendrive’s 2019 Distracted Driving Study, Ctrl & [click here](#).



The People Have Spoken, Over 50 % of Americans Want Legal Marijuana!

Information from findlaw.com

Recent polls show that over 60% of Americans are in favor of legalization for medical purposes and over 50% are in favor of legalization for recreational purposes.

Not too long ago, marijuana was considered by a majority of Americans to be a harmful, dangerous drug. But now it is considered to be both a medicinal wonder as well as a safer way to get a little buzzed.

A recently released 2018 General Social Survey by NORC at the University of Chicago showed that 61% of people supported marijuana legalization, up from 57% in 2016. Two other national surveys had similar results, Gallup put support for marijuana legalization at 66%, and Pew Research showed 62%.

Marijuana is commonly used recreationally because of THC, a chemical which produces a psychoactive effect that many people tend to enjoy. However, it also contains CBD, a chemical which has numerous medicinal benefits.

Despite several states legalizing marijuana for recreational use it is still considered illegal drug under federal law. However, the DEA recently removed CBD products with less than 0.1% THC from the scheduling. The reclassification of CBD drugs was largely prompted by a recent FDA approval of a drug that contains CBD which is designed to help children with epilepsy.

With the legalization of marijuana in several states, the federal government has been facing increased pressure from both citizens and big businesses (that want to capitalize on the new reefer madness) to re-examine the current scheduling.

The World Health Organization is even looking to reclassify marijuana on a global scale because the drug has been shown to have medicinal benefits.



What Is A Subpoena?

Information from findlaw.com

Some of you have been handed one or may have asked for one to be issued, and then again some of you may never have really dealt with one. So, what is a subpoena?

Pronounced "suh-pee-nuh", it is a request for the production of documents, or a request to appear in court or other legal proceedings, such as a deposition. A subpoena is a court-ordered command that essentially requires you to do something, such as testify or present information that may help support the facts that are at issue in a pending case.

The term "subpoena" literally means "under penalty". A person who receives a subpoena but does not comply with its terms may be subject to civil or criminal penalties, such as fines, jail time, or both.

There are two types of subpoenas. The first one is called a **subpoena ad testificandum** (pronounced "ad test-te-fi-kan-dum"), which requires you to testify before a court, or other legal authority. The second one is called a **subpoena duces tecum** (pronounced "doo-seez tee-kum"), this one requires you to produce documents, materials, or other tangible evidence. A subpoena may be requested in any kind of matter in both criminal and civil courts. State and federal civil and criminal procedural laws offer attorneys a chance to obtain information to help prove or disprove their case by issuing subpoenas.

Examples of subpoenas may include requests for:

- Witness or lay opinion testimony;
- Police reports
- Blood test information;
- DNA samples;
- Computer files and downloaded material;
- Phone records;
- Medical bills & insurance records;
- Income tax returns;
- Photographs, graphs, & charts; and
- Employee records.

In most instances, a subpoena can be issued and signed by an attorney on behalf of a court in which the attorney is authorized to practice law. If the subpoena is for a high-level government official (such as the Governor, or agency head), then it must be signed by an administrative law judge. In some cases, a non-lawyer may issue a subpoena if acting on his or her own behalf (known as pro se representation).

A subpoena is a court-ordered command, a person who fails to obey it is subject to civil and/or criminal contempt of court charges.

A subpoena is typically requested by an attorney and issued by a court clerk, a notary public, or a justice of the peace. Once a subpoena is issued, it may be served on an individual in any of the following ways:

- Hand-delivered ("personal delivery");
- E-mailed to the last known e-mail address of the individual (receipt acknowledgement requested);
- Certified mail to the last known address (return receipt requested); or
- Hearing it read to you aloud.

Law Enforcement Officers commonly are served a subpoena in connection with a case or crash they investigated once the matter goes to civil court. If you receive a subpoena, don't ignore it. A subpoena is part of a court's legal process and failure to respond to one is considered contempt of court. Read through it to

determine what is being requested and/or who is being asked to appear. Subpoena requests for documents and other items are usually very detailed and specific.

It will indicate who is requesting the information and for what purpose, so you can adequately prepare for any testimony you are required to give at a trial or other proceedings. It should list the hearing/deposition date along with the location and time you need to appear.

Some circumstances that allow you to potentially avoid having to produce documents or appear in court may include claims that the information sought is "privileged", lost, or violates your Fifth Amendment constitutional right against self-incrimination, and that the requests are overbroad or unduly burdensome. An attorney or other legal representative can help you figure out if there are valid legal reasons to object to a subpoena's demand.

If you receive a subpoena in connection to a criminal investigation, you should consult with the prosecutor who handled the criminal case immediately after receiving the subpoena. In any matter, you should consult an attorney before complying with a subpoena or testifying.



The National Pipeline Mapping System

Operated under the control of US Department of Transportation, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), the National Pipeline Mapping System (NPMS) is a website containing locations of and information about gas transmission and hazardous liquid pipelines and Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) plants which are under the jurisdiction of PHMSA.

There are three types of uses for the NPMS website:

- Government officials,
- Pipeline operators, and
- The general public

For Emergency Responders the NPMS data consists of hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines, the location of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) plants and the location of breakout tank. Gathering and distribution pipelines are not included. This data can be used as pre-incident planning to identify pipeline operators in your jurisdiction.

The NPMS provides contact information for pipeline operators. PHMSA recommends that emergency responders actively reach out to pipeline operators to discuss emergency plans. The NPMS does not contain info that is critical to dealing with an emergency in real-time. The NPMS data is updated annually but may not reflect current ground conditions.

PIMMA is a password-protected web map viewer designed to assist government officials in viewing and querying the NPMS pipeline data. Internet access is required to use PIMMA. There is no offline option.

The Find Who's Operating in Your Area tool displays contact information for pipeline operators who have pipelines within the selected state, county or ZIP code.

If you would like to learn about the data available to you as a government official, access their Resources for Government Officials guide. It contains information on how to apply for access to our web mapping application, PIMMA, and how to apply for raw GIS data for use in your own mapping system.

The web address for the National Pipeline Mapping System is:

<https://www.npms.phmsa.dot.gov/default.aspx>



New Jersey State Police Fatal Accident Investigation Unit

Data as of April 25th

During the first four months of 2019 there were 137 traffic fatalities across the state as compared to 150 during the same period in 2018. There was a total of 525 crashes that resulted in 564 fatalities statewide in 2018. Middlesex County had the greatest number, 55 fatalities in 2018. Monmouth County is in the unfortunate position of having the most fatalities to date this year, with 15 people having lost their lives in crashes.

	CRASHES	FATALITIES
2019	137	150
2018	141	155
2017	140	148

Difference in Fatalities from 2018 to 2019 decrease of 5
 Difference in Fatalities from 2017 to 2018 increase of 7

Percentage of change from 2018 to 2019 decrease of 3.2%
 Percentage of change from 2017 to 2018 increase of 4.7%

Ctrl & Click here <https://www.njsp.org/info/fatalacc/index.shtml> the SJSP to view the complete data and see how your county is doing this year.



Pennsylvania State Police – 396 DWI Arrests During the Easter Weekend

Our fellow State Troopers to the west made 396 DWI arrests over the three-day Easter holiday weekend, the Pennsylvania State Police reported that this is a 10 % increase in statewide arrests made by the Troopers as compared to last year’s Easter weekend.

Troopers were dispatched to 540 crashes during the three-day weekend, these crashes resulted in 121 injuries and 2 fatalities, with 38 crashes having impairment as a contributing factor.

In addition to the above, Troopers also issued 5,847 summonses for speeding, 511 for seat belt violations, along with 76 summonses for child safety seat violations. The above data is only for crashes, arrests, and summonses involving PA State Troopers, it does not include Pennsylvania’s local law enforcement agencies activities.



NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife

The 2019 Marine Digest is now on the Division's website in PDF format. The print version will be available at coastal sports shops on or before May 8.

Ctrl & Click here to go to the website for the [2019 Marine Digest](#)



Florida Appeal Court Denies Relief to Upside Down Yaris Owner

Information from TheNewspaper.com

A Florida woman whose Toyota Yaris that was totaled by an ex-boyfriend is now stuck paying off the upside down car loan, the Florida Court of Appeals recently ruled that she would essentially profit if her loan were paid off by the man responsible, who totaled the car after a drunken 100 MPH police chase on April 3, 2016.

Duval County prosecutors charged the man with driving under the influence, reckless driving, and felony eluding. He was sentenced to three years in jail and fined \$2100.

The only dispute in the case was how the car owner should be compensated for the Toyota she purchased from a dealer with her father five years ago. As of the date of the accident, she still owed \$14,695 on the car loan, which was about as much as she originally paid for the vehicle, despite making three years' worth of payments. The insurance company paid part of her claim, leaving her stuck with a balance of \$11,892, and no car.

The fair market value of a Yaris at the time of the trial was found to be \$6100, a Duval County Judge ordered the man who stole the car to pay \$11,892 in restitution.

The State Appellate Court did not agree, saying that compensation after an accident should not be a "windfall" for the victim. They went on to say that while it may seem unfair that she owes money on a vehicle she no longer possesses; the balance is a product of her financial decisions. The convicted person's responsibility lies is only for damages to the vehicle. In this case, that amount is the vehicle's fair market value.

The dissenting judge argued that the victim is not made whole by the decision of his colleagues. "...If some adjustment is not allowed for victims with upside-down car loans, then full restitution becomes somewhat illusory and would be regressive in its impact on those struggling economically."

The convicted man was recently released from the Duval County Jail on April 3, after he served a full three years behind bars. A copy of the ruling is available by Ctrl & Clicking the source link. [Source](#)

Training and Events



New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police

107th Annual Training Conference & Police Security Expo

June 24 – 27, 2019 at the Resorts Hotel & Casino, in Atlantic City

Each year, the NJ State Association of Chiefs of Police convenes the organization's largest and most important event of the year, the Annual Training Conference and Police/Security Expo. The Conference combines prominent speakers and training professionals, high-profile incident reviews, and valuable leadership insights for the police executive with networking functions.

The NJ Police Chiefs Foundation Valor Awards presented to law enforcement officers and civilians who have gone over and above the call of duty to help their fellow citizens at the peril of their own safety or even life.

The Annual Police/Security Expo is one of the largest law enforcement-related tradeshow in North America. Over 650 vendors and 7,500 attendees converge on the Atlantic City Convention Center for two days to view and tryout the latest in tools, technology, hardware and software for the police and security professional.

Ctrl & Click to the below links for more information and how to register to attend the conference and expo:

<https://files.constantcontact.com/968adeca001/056b4890-ef2e-4ced-9cfe-f815bc730bff.pdf>

<https://www.police-security.com/>



OPRA and Records Management for Supervisors, Officers, and Clerks

This is a two-day interactive program that is open to Supervisors, Officers, and Clerks handling the Records Functions in a police agency. It is specifically designed for New Jersey law enforcement agency Records Staff to increase their knowledge and obligations in managing the records functions including complying with OPRA and Common Law. The course will breakdown New Jersey's OPRA statute and how to supervise the records function in an expeditious and efficient manner. Students will leave with a clear understanding of the difference between discovery, common law requests for documents, and OPRA requests. The program will identify strategies to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the department's records functions.

Date: June 3 & 4, 2019
Location: Middlesex County Fire Academy
Sayreville, NJ
Times: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Cost: \$299

Go to the below link for registration paperwork:

<https://files.constantcontact.com/968adeca001/964cb9ec-c338-4320-88ca-79e2b619ce17.pdf>

Or for more information or to register, contact the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police at:
(856) 334-8943
njsacop@njsacop.org



Share the Keys Facilitator Training

There are available spots in two upcoming one day Share the Keys Facilitator Training courses, which are being offered by New Jersey Manufacturers Insurance Company. This engaging and interactive one-day training is FREE of cost. As a professional development workshop, participants are equipped with the tools and resources needed to effectively deliver and administer a successful STK program. All participants who successfully complete the full-day training will become certified Share the Keys facilitators and receive Continuing Education Units (CEUs) from NJAHPERD. Breakfast and lunch are also provided.

Date: May 3, 2019
Location: NJM Insurance Group
840 12th Street
Hammonton, NJ
Times: 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM



Date: May 17, 2019
Location: Hilton Garden Inn
375 Mount Hope Avenue
Rockaway, NJ
Times: 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM

To register for either one of these classes, please visit NJM's website at:
<https://www.njm.com/share-the-keys/become-a-facilitator>



Traffic Tuesdays – National TSRP Webinar Series

Best Practices to Improve your Investigatory Tactics – The Chemically Impaired Driver

This 55-minute webinar will unearth some proven 'Best Practices' that can be utilized to detect, process, prosecute, and deter the chemically impaired driver. From the traffic stop to the courtroom, participants will be exposed to established evidence gathering techniques that are too frequently underutilized by law enforcement officers. Presenter: Chuck Matson

When: Tuesday, April 30th

What Time: 2:00 PM EST

To register, go to this website <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/4105144707592460557>



2019 Law Enforcement Memorial Service – May 21, 2019

Please join the New Jersey Police Chiefs Foundation at the 35th Annual New Jersey Law Enforcement Memorial Service for law enforcement officers who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty over the past year, as well as all the heroes who have been lost over the years. This annual tribute will be held at the historic Great Auditorium in Ocean Grove, starting at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, May 21, 2019.

The memorial service brings together the entire law enforcement community and the public for a day of solemn remembrance. All members of the law enforcement community, family, friends, the press and the public at large are welcome and greatly encouraged to attend. No RSVP is required.

For additional information, please contact the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police State Office at (856) 334-8943 or their website njsacop@njsacop.org.



LEL May Webinar - Raising Vehicle Recall Awareness

Millions of vehicles on the road today have open safety recalls, which puts everyone at risk. The challenge for safety advocates is how to get the word out so that the public will begin to make a habit of checking their vehicles for open recalls and having the vehicles repaired. Panelists will discuss the safety issues posed by open recalls, challenges in outreach to communities, and the partnership between the Governors Highway Safety Association and Check To Protect to provide law enforcement agencies with toolkits of materials they can use at community events, in stations, at car seat checks, and during other activities to help spread the word. Discussions will cover the partnership's pilot project in Texas and how we can become involved.

Date Wednesday, May 15, 2019
Time 1:30 PM EDT
Cost Free



CheckToProtect.org for auto recalls

Ctrl & Click to the below link to register for this free webinar

<https://nlelp.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=56cb3c3b4c6ad2b1787bc6d32&id=7992d7fa90&e=a03a934d4e>



HIRING NOTICE – Hillside PD: Special Law Enforcement Officer Class III

The Hillside Police Department (Union County) is accepting resumes for the position of Special Law Enforcement Officer Class III (SLEO III).

Applicants must possess the following qualifications:

- Must be a retired law enforcement officer less than 65 years of age, who served as a duly qualified, fully-trained, full-time officer in any municipality or county of this State or as a member of the New Jersey State Police and was separated from that prior service in good standing, within 3 years of appointment to this position.
- Must be physically capable of performing the functions of the position, determined in accordance with the Police Training Commission.
- Must possess a New Jersey Police Training Commission Basic Police Officer Certification or New Jersey State Police Academy Certification.
- Must possess a valid New Jersey Driver License.
- Must successfully pass a background investigation to include a medical exam, drug screen and psychological exam.

Starting salary for the Class III Special Police Officer shall be \$35.00 per hour and he/she shall work a part-time work schedule, to be determined.

If you are interested in applying for this position, please send resume and cover letter to:

Chief of Police Vincent Ricciardi
Hillside Police Department
1409 Liberty Avenue
Hillside, New Jersey 07205-1347

Or submit the paperwork electronically to: vricciardi@hillsidepolice.org

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Quote of the month

"I don't have to draw a line in the sand. I already have one. It's thin. It's blue. It's mine and if you cross it, I will protect it." Anonymous

***Remember to always wear your bulletproof vest
and when working in traffic wear your high visibility safety vest !!
Stay Safe Out There***

The May meeting has been changed to the second Wednesday, May 8th.



New Jersey

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

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

If YES, please join us for a crossing guard supervisor training program.

Somerset County Police Academy
Tuesday, May 7, 2019, 8:30am – 12:30pm

Passaic County Police Academy
Wednesday, May 15, 2019, 8:30am – 12:30pm

Ocean County Police Academy
Tuesday, June 11, 2019, 8:30am – 12:30pm

About the Training:

The training will include discussion of crossing guard hiring, training, and supervising procedures, state and federal law and regulations, and hands-on practice to conduct similar training for crossing guards in your community.

This class is free to participants.

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

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

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



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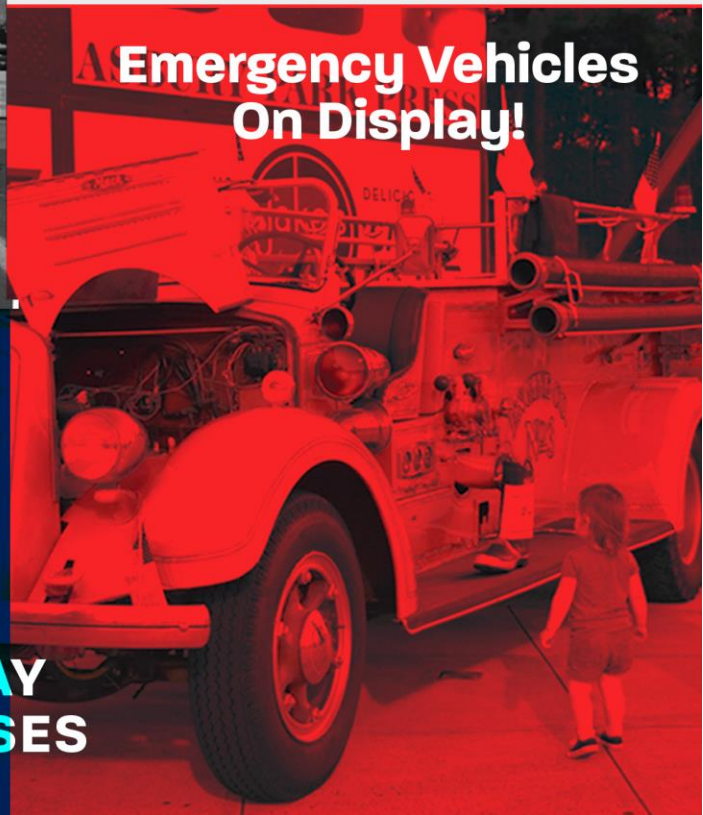


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