



****September 2026 Newsletter****

Our next regular business meeting will be this Wednesday September 2nd, 2026 at 10:00am

The Meeting location is the AAA Building 700 Horizon Drive Hamilton, NJ

The August Newsletter has also been uploaded to the Association's website on the Newsletter Page.

An *Executive Session* will be held on Wednesday, September 2nd, 2026, beginning at 9:00 a.m. This session will not be broadcast on Zoom.

[CLICK FOR REGULAR MEETING ZOOM LINK](#)



Coffee and Refreshments provided for this meeting by Jobs4Blue

Jobs4Blue provides off-duty job management and scheduling solutions designed specifically for law enforcement agencies. Their platform helps agencies streamline extra-duty assignments, improve communication with officers and vendors, manage job requests, and reduce the administrative burden often associated with off-duty details.

Jobs4Blue's services support fair and efficient job distribution, real-time scheduling, and improved oversight for police departments managing off-duty work. Their tools are designed to help agencies save time, maintain

accountability, and better coordinate officer availability for traffic control, security, special events, and other approved details.

Thank you to Jobs4Blue for their support.

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Back to School

As students return to school across New Jersey, agencies are encouraged to reinforce traffic safety efforts in and around school zones, bus stops, crosswalks, and student drop-off and pick-up areas. The start of the school year is an important time to remind motorists to slow down, stay alert, obey school zone speed limits, stop for pedestrians, stop for school buses, and follow the direction of school crossing guards.

Back-to-school enforcement and education should focus on speeding, distracted driving, pedestrian safety, school bus safety, improper passing, illegal parking or stopping, unsafe drop-off behavior, and violations that place students, crossing guards, and other roadway users at risk. NHTSA reminds drivers that yellow flashing school bus lights mean the bus is preparing to stop, and red flashing lights with an extended stop arm mean motorists must stop

and wait until the red lights stop flashing, the stop arm is withdrawn, and the bus begins moving.

Agencies are also encouraged to share safety reminders for students and families, including arriving at the bus stop early, staying back from the curb, using sidewalks and marked crosswalks, looking left-right-left before crossing, wearing properly fitted bicycle helmets, riding with traffic, and avoiding electronic distractions while walking or biking.

New Jersey's Safe Routes to School program, Street Smart NJ, NJDHTS pedestrian safety resources, NJ Crossing Guard training materials, and NHTSA school bus safety resources provide useful tools for agencies developing back-to-school messaging, enforcement details, and community outreach.

Helpful links:

[NHTSA Back to School: Keeping Children Safe](#)

[New Jersey Safe Routes to School](#)

[Back to School Safety - New Jersey Safe Routes](#)

[NJDHTS Pedestrian Safety](#)

[Street Smart NJ Resources / Social Media](#)

[NJ Crossing Guard Training & Resources Program](#)

[New Jersey School Zone Design Guide](#)

NJPTOA President's Message September 2026

As summer comes to a close and students return to school, September brings a renewed focus on roadway safety across New Jersey. School zones, bus stops, crosswalks, and student drop-off areas will once again become increasingly active. I encourage all agencies to remain visible and proactive while reinforcing the importance of slowing down, eliminating distractions, stopping for school buses, and protecting our students, crossing guards, and pedestrians.

Labor Day weekend also marks the conclusion of the “106 Deadliest Days” of summer travel. Through continued participation in Goal Zero and national enforcement campaigns addressing impaired driving, speeding, distracted driving, pedestrian safety, and seat belt use, our officers continue to make a meaningful difference on New Jersey roadways.

The latest statewide fatal crash data provides reason for cautious optimism. As of August 25, New Jersey recorded 26 fewer roadway fatalities than during the same period last year—a seven-percent reduction. Every life saved represents a family spared an unimaginable loss. However, with 344 lives already lost this year, our work is far from finished.

September also provides valuable opportunities for professional development, including crash investigation, collision reconstruction, traffic engineering, radar instruction, and Traffic Safety Specialist certification. I encourage our members and their agencies to take advantage of these programs. Continued education strengthens our profession and provides officers with the knowledge and resources necessary to address today’s increasingly complex traffic safety challenges.

As we resume our regular business meetings following the summer break, I look forward to reconnecting with our members and continuing the important work of the Association. Thank you for your dedication, professionalism, and steadfast commitment to making New Jersey’s roadways safer.

Stay safe, remain vigilant, and continue leading through education, enforcement, and partnership.

Antonio Ellis

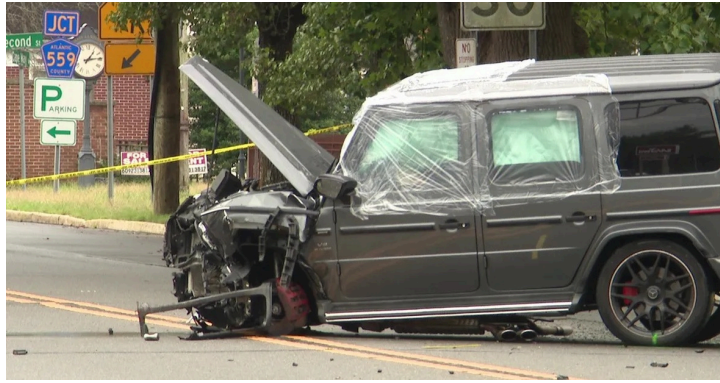
President

New Jersey Police Traffic Officers Association

2026 Statewide Fatal Crash Snapshot

New Jersey’s 2026 fatal crash data continues to show progress compared to the same point last year. As of August 25, 2026, the state has recorded 330 fatal crashes and 344 fatalities, compared to 348 fatal crashes and 370 fatalities at the same point in 2025. This reflects a 7.0% year-to-date reduction in fatalities, with 26 fewer lives lost compared to the same point last year.

Looking at prior-year trends, 2025 ended with 565 fatalities, compared to 691 fatalities in 2024. While the continued downward trend is encouraging, 344 lives lost so far this year is a reminder that the work is far from over.



Fatal crash data remains a key barometer of roadway safety. Continued high-visibility enforcement, public education, and coordinated statewide traffic safety efforts remain essential to sustaining progress and reducing serious and fatal crashes on New Jersey roadways.

MVC 90-Day Vehicle Inspection Sticker Extension

The New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission has issued Administrative Order 2026-01, providing a 90-day extension for vehicle inspection stickers due for renewal between April 2026 and July 2026.

Under this order, inspection stickers are extended as follows: April to July, May to August, June to September, and July to October.

Officers should be aware of these temporary extensions when conducting enforcement and ensure that vehicles displaying affected stickers are evaluated in accordance with the updated timelines.

Motor Vehicle Advisory

Mikie Sherrill
Governor

Dr. Dale G. Caldwell
Lt. Governor

Rosalie Johnson
Acting Chair and Chief Administrator

TO: All Law Enforcement Officials
FROM: Rosalie Johnson, Acting Chair and Chief Administrator
DATE: April 8, 2026
SUBJECT: **90-Day Extension for Vehicle Inspection Stickers**

I have signed Administrative Order 2026-01, which extends the expiration date of any valid vehicle inspection sticker that is due for renewal between April 2026 and July 2026 for ninety (90) days.

The vehicle inspection sticker extensions are as follows:

- April sticker (month '4') — extended to July (month '7')
- May sticker (month '5') — extended to August (month '8')
- June sticker (month '6') — extended to September (month '9')
- July sticker (month '7') — extended to October (month '10')

Please carefully read the accompanying Administrative Order 2026-01.

Thank you.

Goal:Zero

Campaign

-Zero:Deaths-

-Zero:Injuries-

-Zero:Crashes-

Goal Zero Labor Day Weekend Kickoff

Next Date: Friday, September 4, 2026 - All-Day / Evening Event



On Friday, September 4, 2026, the Goal Zero initiative will conduct a Labor Day Weekend Kickoff enforcement campaign focused on high-visibility traffic safety enforcement during one of the busiest and most dangerous travel periods of the year.

This deployment is intended to support agencies conducting daytime pedestrian safety enforcement, evening DWI enforcement, or other targeted operations based on local crash data and staffing. The Friday before Labor Day weekend marks the start of a high-risk holiday travel period, with increased traffic volume, celebrations, pedestrian activity, and impaired-driving concerns.

Agencies are encouraged to participate throughout the day and evening by conducting high-visibility enforcement and public education focused on impaired driving, pedestrian safety, speeding, distracted driving, seat belt use, and other violations that contribute to serious and fatal crashes.

This focused effort also serves as the finale to the summer travel season and the “106 Deadliest Days” between Memorial Day and Labor Day, reinforcing our shared mission of moving toward zero fatalities and serious injuries on New Jersey roadways.

Note: Goal Zero Palm Cards are available.

GOAL ZERO REPORTING LINK

Vehicular Heatstroke Prevention

May – September 2026

As temperatures rise, vehicular heatstroke remains one of the leading causes of non-crash, vehicle-related fatalities for children. Parked vehicles can heat up rapidly, creating deadly conditions in minutes—even on mild days. Children are

especially vulnerable, as their body temperature rises significantly faster than adults.

This campaign focuses on education, awareness, and prevention, reminding caregivers and the public that these tragedies are entirely preventable through simple, consistent habits.



Primary Message: Stop. Look. Lock.



Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over

August 19 – September 7, 2026

Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over is a national high-visibility enforcement campaign focused on the consequences of drunk driving. As summer comes to a close and Labor Day travel increases, motorists are reminded to plan ahead, designate a sober driver, use a rideshare service, call a taxi, or arrange another safe way home before drinking.

This campaign is supported by increased law enforcement and public education efforts aimed at preventing impaired-driving crashes, injuries, and fatalities. Agencies are encouraged to reinforce this message through high-visibility enforcement, social media, message boards, and community outreach during the enforcement period.

Primary Message: Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over.

Drive High, Get a DUI

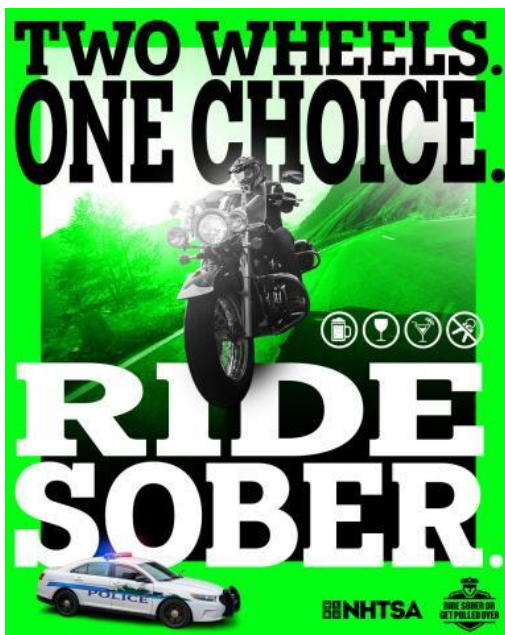
August 14 – September 7, 2026

Drive High, Get a DUI is a national high-visibility enforcement campaign focused on the consequences of drug-impaired driving. As summer comes to a close and Labor Day travel increases, motorists are reminded that marijuana and other drugs can impair judgment, reaction time, coordination, and the ability to drive safely.



This campaign is supported by increased law enforcement and public education efforts aimed at preventing drug-impaired driving crashes, injuries, and fatalities. Agencies are encouraged to reinforce this message through high-visibility enforcement, social media, message boards, and community outreach during the enforcement period.

Primary Message: Drive High, Get a DUI.



Ride Sober or Get Pulled Over

August 19 – September 7, 2026

Ride Sober or Get Pulled Over is a national high-visibility enforcement campaign focused specifically on the consequences of impaired motorcycle riding. As summer travel and Labor Day weekend activity increase, motorcyclists are reminded that alcohol can affect balance, coordination, judgment, and reaction time, all of which are critical to safely operating a motorcycle.

This campaign urges riders to plan ahead and arrange a safe, sober ride home before drinking. Agencies are encouraged to reinforce this message through high-visibility enforcement, motorcycle safety outreach, social media, message boards, and community education during the enforcement period.

Primary Message: Ride Sober or Get Pulled Over.

Car Seats, Boosters & Seat Belts

Child Passenger Safety Week:
September 20 – 26, 2026

National Seat Check Saturday:
September 26, 2026

Car Seats, Boosters & Seat Belts is a national child passenger safety campaign focused on helping parents and caregivers properly secure children in the correct car seat, booster seat, or seat belt for their age and size. The campaign provides resources on choosing the right seat, proper installation, and knowing when a child is ready to move to the next restraint stage.

During Child Passenger Safety Week, agencies are encouraged to share child passenger safety messaging, promote local seat check events, and direct families to certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians for assistance. Parents and caregivers should be reminded to keep children properly restrained on every trip and to make sure each child is riding in the right seat, installed and used the right way.

Primary Message: The right car seat can save your child's life.



2026 Highway Traffic Safety Events Calendar

NHTSA 2026 Communications Calendar



NJDHTS Traffic Officers Meeting

NJSafeRoads.com



September 2026

2026 Federal/State Grant Reporting Cycle	Uniform Coordinated Effort	Sound Off: Proactive Education and Enforcement
2026 Federal HTS Grants: Q4/Final Reporting Cycle – 10/15/26. State Pedestrian Fund Grants: Q1 Reporting Cycle – 10/15/26. Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Statewide Labor Day Crackdown: Progress Report – 09/21/26; Reimbursement Request – 10/07/26.	Sustained Enforcement Calendar August/Sept – Impaired Driving <i>“Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving”</i> <i>“If You Feel Different, You Drive Different”</i> - DWI Brochure - National Enforcement Campaign August/Sept Drive Impaired/Drive High - Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Palm Card -	Resources: - Video - NJSACOP Safety Message Traffic Safety Bulletin: Contact Mike Morris, mmorris@njsacop.org PP&E Efforts: TMAs and Statewide Non-Profit Profit Organizations (ex. Safe Kids and BIANJ) NHTSA 2026 Communications Calendar. Countermeasures that Work: Alcohol-Impaired Driving I NHTSA
Additional Monthly Initiatives — Traffic Safety Marketing / NHTSA		
Happening Now: Vehicular Heatstroke Prevention (5/1/26 – 9/30/26) “Prevent Hot Car Deaths. STOP. LOOK. LOCK.” Child Passenger Safety Week & National Seat Check Saturday (9/20/26 – 9/26/26) “The Right Car Seat Can Save Your Child’s Life” and “Keep Your Tweens Buckled and In the Back Seat”. Upcoming: Pedestrian Safety Month (10/1/26 – 10/31/26) “Watch for People. Safer People Keep Pedestrians Friends Safe.” Teen Driver Safety Week (10/18/26 – 10/24/26) “Drive like Your Future Depends on It”. School Bus Safety Week (10/19/26 – 10/23/26) “Stopping Isn’t a Suggestion. It’s the Law. And a Child’s Life.”		
Grant Opportunities and Information Federal grant year ends 9/30/26. Always utilize the most current Grant Reporting documents. They are found in your main grant under the ‘Forms Menu’ -> ‘Reporting Forms and Instructions’ -> ‘Grant Reporting Forms’. Please review recently updated Law Enforcement Grant Accountability Standards for Federally Funded Grants. Final (Q4) reporting includes “Public Presentations Forms” and the Public Participation and Community Engagement Plan and Report.		
Reminders/Updates - Promote Impaired Driving (September); Promote Pedestrian Safety and Distracted Driving (October) messaging & enforcement. Utilize ‘<i>Staying Safe In the Car</i>’ Brochures English / Spanish. Distribute ‘Take a Break from Your Phone’ palm cards. - Post appropriate messages on variable message boards throughout town to amplify awareness. NJDHTS Safe Passage pamphlets available for all Traffic Safety Partners. - Boost DHTS social media during month.		
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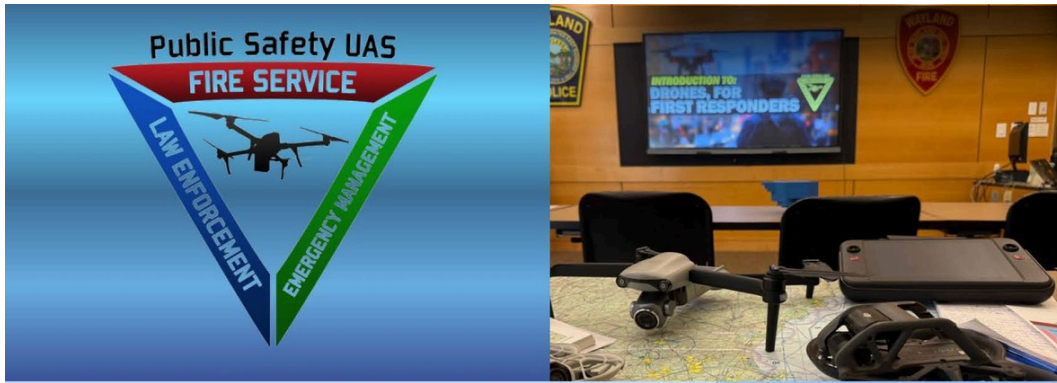
the link below, as the links are active only within the full PDF version. The document is also available on the NJPTOA.ORG Forms page of the website.

NJDHTS SEPTEMBER 2026

Full Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes will be available by month at the link above.

Password: **njptoa**



DRONES FOR FIRST RESPONDERS

This 32-hour course prepares participants to establish or enhance a UAS program and prepare them to sit for the FAA Part 107 remote pilot exam. In addition to 24 hours of lecture, students also receive 8 hours of hands-on flight experience, conducting obstacle courses and practical scenarios. Every student receives a textbook with access to free practice tests

Topics discussed:

- Establishing Drone Team & SOP's
- Airspace & Sectional Charts
- Public Safety exceptions & best practices
- Public Safety Case Studies & Analysis
- Hands-on flight time running scenarios
- Drone Laws and Regulations for your state



ABOUT US

Public Safety UAS are active first responders with decades of public safety and aviation experience, dedicated to training federal, state, and local public safety organizations in drone operations.



[Register Here](#)



Hosted By: Township of Hanover Police Department

Date: October 5-8, 2026

Location: 15 North Jefferson Road
Whippany, NJ 07981

Cost: \$650.00

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2026 Pennsylvania State Police Collision Reconstruction Seminar

September 22 – September 24, 2026

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM Daily

The Pennsylvania State Police will host the 2026 Collision Reconstruction Seminar from September 22 through September 24, 2026, at the Kalahari Resorts and Convention Center in Pocono Manor, Pennsylvania. The seminar is open to active law enforcement officers only and is free for eligible attendees, with participants responsible for their own travel, lodging, and meal expenses.

The seminar will include on-site live crash tests and is intended for experienced crash investigators and reconstructionists. Attendees must have completed an 80-hour Collision Reconstruction course from an accredited training institution or possess ACTAR accreditation prior to attending.

The seminar has been pre-approved for 24 Pennsylvania CLEE hours and has traditionally been approved for up to 24 ACTAR CEUs. An ACTAR examination will also be hosted at the conference venue on Monday, September 21, 2026, with a one-day ACTAR Prep course offered on Sunday, September 20, 2026.

[Registration Link](#)



Practical Traffic Engineering for Police Spring 2026

Dates: 10/8, 10/15", 10/22, 10/29, 11/5, 11/12*

**Location: Rutgers LLC - 3 Rutgers Plaza, New Brunswick, NJ
08901 (Room 150 | Room 232")**

Times: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM | 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM*

Instructors: Eric Heitmann, Michael O'Hara, Derek DiStaso, Frank Pumphrey, Antonio Ellis, Ken Drost

Sponsored by the New Jersey Police Traffic Officers Association (NJPTOA) and the Center for Government Services, Practical Traffic Engineering for Police Officers (PTEPO) is a 25-hour course offered every semester since 2014 and designed for the real-world responsibilities of traffic officers.

The course provides practical instruction in traffic engineering principles as they apply to roadway safety, giving officers the tools needed to identify, evaluate, and address a wide range of traffic-related conditions within the municipalities they serve. Officers gain working knowledge of applicable sections of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), evaluate traffic control devices, and identify problem areas within their communities. As part of the curriculum, each officer completes a traffic study, developing hands-on experience in data collection, analysis, and formulating recommendations to improve safety through traffic calming measures, signage and pavement markings, speed management, signal operations, and other engineering-based solutions.

The course also emphasizes effective communication with engineers, municipal officials, and planning boards, enabling traffic officers to clearly present findings and support safety-driven improvements within their own jurisdictions.

[Click here to register now!](#)



Upcoming 2026 Rutgers Training

[CAIT Website](#)

Any questions, contact: Dave Maruca at dem200@soe.rutgers.edu



RUTGERS-NEW BRUNSWICK
Center for Advanced Infrastructure
and Transportation
School of Engineering

NJTR-1 Crash Form Course Refresher

Multiple Dates & Locations
(All courses run from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm)

March 27, 31

May 14, September 25, 2026
Virtual

April 02, 2026

Passaic County Police Academy
214 Oldham Rd.
Wayne, NJ

April 23, 2026

Monmouth County Police Academy
2000 Kozlowski Rd.
Freehold, NJ

May 05, 2026

Gloucester County Police Academy
1400 Tanyard Rd.
Sewell, NJ

May 07, 2026

Ocean County Police Academy
659 Ocean Ave.
Lakewood, NJ

May 26, 2026

Middlesex County Fire Academy
1001 Fire Academy Dr.
Sayreville, NJ

May 28, 2026

Union County Police Academy
1776 Raritan Rd.
Scotch Plains, NJ

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

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

The course reviews common NJTR-1 errors for both passenger and commercial motor vehicle crashes and offers methods to improve the quality of data that safety colleagues rely on.

The NJ Crash platform has been legislated and must be used by all police departments and/or their vendors in the State of New Jersey. NJ Crash software functions and applications will be discussed.

Registration:

This is a free class but you must register at the link below:

<https://cait.rutgers.edu/events/>



This course is offered free of charge thanks to funding and support from the New Jersey Division of Traffic Safety. For more information, contact David Maruca, CAIT Project Manager, at dem200@soe.rutgers.edu.

Register for September 25th Course



In-Person:

**Middlesex County Fire
Academy
1001 Fire Academy Drive
Sayreville**

**October 13, 2026
8a-2p**

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

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

Virtual:

**December 11, 2026
8a-2p**

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

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

Registration The course is free, but registration and class sign-up is required at:

>> [NJTIM.org](https://njtim.org) >>



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

Register Here



Updated Kean University Crash Investigation Training

The New Jersey statewide crash investigation training program administered through Kean University has transitioned to a new two-course model designed to better align training with modern investigative practices, officer workload, and progressive skill development.

The former two-week Basic Crash Investigation and two-week Advanced Crash Investigation courses have been restructured into:

Fundamentals of At-Scene Crash Investigation

This one-week (40-hour) course replaces the previous two-week Basic Crash Investigation. It is designed as an entry-level, at-scene focused program that emphasizes evidence recognition, documentation, measurement, crash dynamics, human factors, and legally defensible investigative practices. The course concentrates on proper evidence preservation at serious-injury and fatal crashes, ensuring critical information is accurately captured for later analytical or reconstruction-level review.

Technical Crash Investigation and Vehicle Dynamics Analysis

This two-week (80-hour) course replaces the former Advanced Crash Investigation and serves as the Crash Analyst-level program. The course is math- and science-intensive and bridges the gap between at-scene investigation and full traffic crash reconstruction. Students are introduced to the physics and mathematical principles used to analyze crash evidence, estimate vehicle speeds and movements, and evaluate avoidability and potential criminal factors.

Why This Change Matters

- Improves efficiency by focusing Basic-level training on at-scene evidence handling

- Establishes a clearer progression from investigation to analysis
- Better prepares officers for advanced reconstruction training
- Preserves investigative quality while reducing time away from agencies

The training calendar is administered by the New Jersey State Police, Highway Traffic Safety Unit, in conjunction with the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety (NJDHTS). Any questions can be directed to the Program Coordinator, DSG Paul Applegate #6774, by phone at (732) 439-0529 or by e-mail at Paul.Applegate@njsp.gov.

PLEASE NOTE: Again for 2026, the registration links for each individual course will only go active 90 days prior to the start of the course.

NEW Classes Added, Click Link Below

Fundamentals of At-Scene Crash Investigation

Technical Crash Investigation and Vehicle Dynamics Analysis

RADAR INSTRUCTOR REFRESHER

**GLOUCESTER COUNTY POLICE
ACADEMY**

ROWAN COLLEGE OF SOUTH JERSEY

1400 TANYARD RD. SEWELL, NJ 08080

DECEMBER 15, 2026

ROOM 310 POLICE ACADEMY BUILDING

8:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.



This half-day course is required for radar instructors once every three years. Prior to their expiration date during the third year of certification, instructors must attend this class. Radar instructors will no longer receive notification of when they are due for recertification. All Radar instructors are responsible to attend this class to receive their instructor certification renewal.

Instruction: Academy Staff

Fee: \$-0-

[Register Here](#)

A confirmation will be mailed (Not emailed) to your chief or training officer. No registrations will be taken by phone, but if you have any questions, please call Sue Rothfuss at (856) 415-2266 or Donna Sentell at (856) 468-5000, ext. 6491

Advance Your Career

NJ Traffic Safety Specialist (TSS) Certification

The New Jersey Traffic Safety Specialist (TSS) Certification Program (Levels I & II) is a free, voluntary statewide recognition program designed to acknowledge sworn New Jersey law enforcement officers who have demonstrated advanced training, experience, and proficiency in traffic safety and highway enforcement. The program promotes professional development and recognizes officers who have achieved elevated standards in traffic safety enforcement across New Jersey.

TSS Level I is open to actively employed sworn officers in good standing who have completed the police academy, possess required certifications (Speed Detection Device and Standard Field Sobriety), and have at least three years of patrol/traffic experience. Applicants must also earn 30 elective points through approved training, education, military service, or traffic-related achievements. Supervisor approval and documentation of all coursework and certifications are required.

TSS Level II builds upon Level I and is intended for officers with advanced expertise in traffic safety. Applicants must first obtain Level I certification, have at least six years of patrol/traffic experience, complete an additional 30 elective points (separate from Level I), and possess advanced credentials such as Crash Reconstruction, ACTAR certification, Drug Recognition Expert (DRE), or Police Traffic Engineering training. Level II applicants must also hold an instructor certification and submit a written traffic study or project for review.

To obtain a fillable PDF electronic version of the TSS-1 or TSS-2 applications, email Michael Tullio, TSS Program Coordinator, at Mtullio@kean.edu

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Follow the links below for more details and the application for TSS Level 1.

New Jersey TSS Level-1 Application

TSS Approved Course List

TSS Program Marketing Packet

NHTSA Posts New NOFOR for Innovative Traffic Safety Enforcement (ITSE) Grant Program

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has posted a new discretionary Notice of Funding Opportunity, the Innovative Traffic Safety Enforcement (ITSE) Grant Program (Funding Opportunity Number NHTSA-693JJ926R000024-FY26), with an estimated \$20,000,000 in total program funding across up to 10 awards (award range: \$500,000–\$20,000,000, no cost-sharing match required). Eligibility is unrestricted. The application closing date is September 1, 2027.

The program's primary intent is twofold: (1) to develop innovative traffic safety enforcement programs that demonstrably reduce motor vehicle crashes tied to risky driving behaviors, and (2) to ensure those programs are repeatable and scalable so law enforcement agencies nationwide can adopt them. NHTSA has also indicated it will prioritize projects that align with DOT's broader mission and current executive-branch priorities.

[Click here for full details.](#)

The Accreditation Commission for Traffic Accident Reconstruction

ACTAR accreditation represents the internationally recognized professional standard for traffic accident reconstruction, demonstrating verified competency,



ethical compliance, and advanced expertise in crash investigation and analysis.

Apply for Accreditation

Officer Down Memorial Page Reminder

The Officer Down Memorial Page honors law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice. NJPTOA encourages all members to remember our fallen heroes and reinforce the importance of officer safety every day.

Officer Down Memorial Page



End of Summer. Extra Traffic. Stay Alert.

Michael O'Hara

Executive Director,
NJPTOA

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