



****May 2026 Newsletter****

**Our next regular business meeting will be this Wednesday
May 6th, 2026 at 10:00am**

The Meeting location is the AAA Building 700 Horizon Drive Hamilton,
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The April Newsletter has also been uploaded to the Association's
website on the Newsletter Page.

**The *Executive Session* will be held on Wednesday, May 6,
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
Jacob from Stalker Radar**



Stalker Radar provided an overview of its latest traffic enforcement and data collection technology, including portable radar units and traffic monitoring systems designed to support speed enforcement and roadway safety initiatives. Their equipment offers agencies efficient, accurate tools for both enforcement and data-driven deployment strategies.

Thank you to Stalker Radar for their support.

STALKER RADAR

J-Tech Presentation

J-Tech is a Pennsylvania-based leader in roadway safety equipment, specializing in crash attenuator trucks and advanced work zone protection systems designed to enhance safety for both law enforcement and roadway personnel. Their solutions focus on improving visibility, reducing risk in active work zones, and supporting safe traffic operations during incidents and construction activities.



J-Tech was unable to attend the April meeting and is now scheduled to present at the May meeting.

J-Tech

Rutgers VTC / Civic Eye - PSEE Training Program





Representatives from Rutgers University's Voorhees Transportation Center (VTC), in partnership with Civic Eye Collaborative and the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety, will be presenting at the May meeting regarding upcoming Pedestrian Safety Education and Enforcement (PSEE) workshops.

These workshops are funded through NJDHTS and will be offered at no cost to law enforcement agencies. The training is designed to support officers with practical strategies for pedestrian safety enforcement, community engagement, and data-driven approaches to reducing pedestrian-involved crashes. Agencies interested in hosting or participating in upcoming sessions are encouraged to attend the presentation.

Move over AwaReness Campaign (M.A.R.C.)



Donna Setaro, mother of fallen New Jersey State Trooper Marc Castellano, will be attending the May meeting to provide an update on the **Move over AwaReness Campaign (M.A.R.C.)**. The presentation will highlight recent accomplishments, including a New York Giants public service announcement, as well as current and future initiatives focused on promoting compliance with New Jersey's Move Over Law.

She will also be seeking input and support from NJPTOA members to help expand the program and strengthen ongoing awareness efforts across the state. The June Goal Zero initiative will be dedicated in memory of Trooper Marc Castellano in support of these efforts.

NJPTOA President's Message May 2026

As we move into May, we find ourselves at a critical point in the year for traffic safety, public awareness, and reflection within our profession.

From a statewide perspective, New Jersey continues to trend in the right direction with fatal crash data. Year-to-date in 2026, we are seeing a slight decrease in fatalities compared to 2025, and a

continued reduction from 2024 numbers. While this is encouraging, the reality remains that the numbers are still far too high. Each fatal crash represents a life lost and a family forever changed.

The data continues to reinforce what we already know—most fatal crashes are preventable. Driver inattention, excessive speed, and poor decision-making remain the leading contributing factors. As traffic safety professionals, our mission must remain focused on meaningful, high-visibility enforcement coupled with public education. Our presence on the roadway matters, and the work you do each day directly contributes to saving lives.

May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, a time to remind the motoring public to share the road and remain vigilant. Motorcyclists remain one of the most vulnerable groups on our roadways, and far too often we see speed and inattention contributing to these tragedies.

We are also kicking off the Click It or Ticket campaign, one of the most impactful enforcement initiatives we participate in each year. Seatbelt use remains one of the simplest and most effective ways to reduce serious injury and death in crashes. High-visibility enforcement during this campaign continues to play a critical role in increasing compliance and saving lives.

This month also carries deep meaning for law enforcement as we recognize National Police Week. It is a time to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice and to stand alongside the families who continue to carry that loss each day.

On Saturday, May 9, we mark the beginning of the 30th Anniversary ride of the Police Unity Tour to Washington, D.C. Whether you are riding, supporting as a motor officer, or attending as a surviving family member, this event represents the very best of our profession. We ride to ensure that those who gave their lives in the line of duty are never forgotten.

As always, I encourage each of you to stay engaged, stay visible, and continue to make a difference in your communities. Just as importantly, take care of yourselves and each other. The work we do is demanding, but it is meaningful—and it matters.

Stay safe.

Chief Antonio Ellis

President

New Jersey Police Traffic Officers Association



2026 Statewide Fatal Crash Snapshot

New Jersey's 2026 fatal crash data continues to show steady progress compared to the same point last year. As of April 28, 2026, the state has recorded 149 fatal crashes and 157 fatalities, compared to 154 crashes and 166 fatalities at the same point in 2025. This reflects a 5.4% year-to-date reduction in fatal crashes.

Looking at full-year trends, 2025 ended with 565 fatalities, representing an 18.6% reduction from 2024's total of 691 fatalities. While this sustained progress is encouraging, the continued loss of life underscores the need for ongoing enforcement and engagement.

Fatal crash data remains a key barometer of roadway safety. Continued data-driven enforcement, high-visibility initiatives, and coordinated statewide efforts remain essential to maintaining progress and reducing fatalities on New Jersey roadways.

New Fatal Crash Notification Process Update

The New Jersey State Police Fatal Accident Investigation Unit has fully transitioned to the new Fatal Crash Notification system, available through the NJSP CJIS website at <https://cjis.njsp.org>. The legacy notification link has now been discontinued, and all agencies are required to utilize the updated system moving forward.

The notification link can be accessed through the CJIS website by selecting the “Links” tab, then “NJLETS,” and choosing “Fatal Crash Notification,” or directly at <https://fcts.njsp.org/localEntry.jsp>.

Agencies must ensure that their Garden State Network (GSN) computers are properly configured with the required HOSTS file entry: 10.111.253.144 fcts.njsp.org. Departments should coordinate with their IT personnel to confirm this configuration is in place and remains permanent.

As a reminder, all fatal crashes must be reported to NJSP FAIU within 24 hours. If agencies are unable to access the system, a rough draft NJTR-1 should be emailed to faiu@njsp.gov, and FAIU will enter the crash and provide a case number.

For assistance, agencies can contact the NJSP Fatal Accident Investigation Unit at 609-882-2000 ext. 2037/2038 or faiu@njsp.gov. For CJIS access issues, contact Tara Rockhill at tara.rockhill@njsp.gov.

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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 Memorial Enforcement Campaign - Patrolman Robert T. Tobias

Goal Zero Statewide Rollout

**Next Date: Sunday May 17th, 2026 from 3-7PM
(Timeframe is flexible)**

Sunday, May 17, 2026, marks a statewide Goal Zero enforcement effort honoring Manchester Township Patrolman Robert T. Tobias, who was tragically struck and killed in the line of duty on May 17, 1975, during a motor vehicle stop on State Highway 70.

Agencies are encouraged to participate in this unified day of enforcement and remembrance by focusing efforts along State Highway 70 within their area of responsibility. While the recommended operational hours are 1500-1900, agencies may adjust deployment times based on staffing and operational needs.

This campaign reinforces our shared mission of zero fatalities, zero serious injuries, and zero impaired drivers, while honoring the legacy of a fallen officer through meaningful, high-visibility enforcement.

GOAL ZERO REPORTING LINK

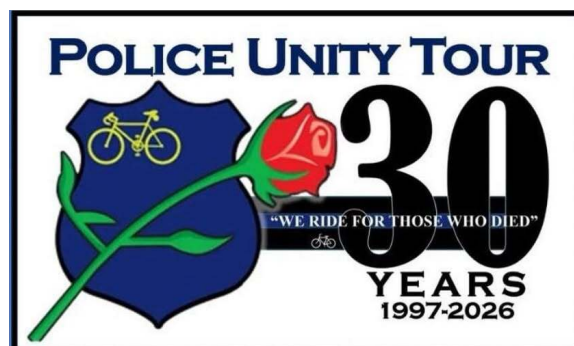


National Police Week

May 10 - May 16, 2026

National Police Week is a time to honor and remember law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. Observed annually in May, this week brings together officers, families, and communities from across the country in Washington, D.C. to pay tribute to those who gave their lives in service.

Key events include the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Candlelight Vigil on May 13, 2026, and the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service on May 15, 2026, both serving as powerful reminders of the sacrifices made by members of our profession. This week reinforces the continued commitment of law enforcement officers to protect and serve their communities.



Police Unity Tour - 30th Anniversary Ride

The Police Unity Tour marks its 30th anniversary this year, continuing its mission of honoring fallen officers and supporting the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial and Museum. Riders from across the country will participate in this multi-day cycling event, traveling to Washington, D.C., arriving during National Police Week.

The Unity Tour serves as a powerful tribute, raising awareness and funds while bringing officers together in remembrance of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. The 30th anniversary ride highlights three decades of dedication and unity within the law enforcement community, culminating with riders arriving in Washington, D.C. on May 12, 2026, ahead of the week's memorial events.



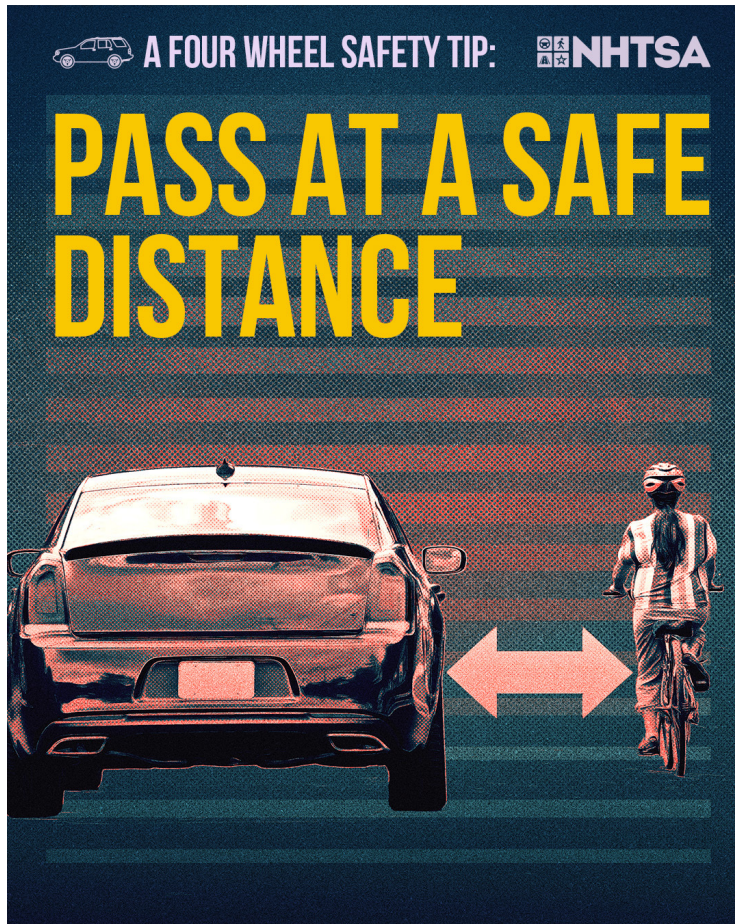
Vehicular Heatstroke Prevention

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.



National Bicycle Safety Month

May 1 - May 31, 2026

May is recognized as National Bicycle Safety Month, an opportunity to promote safe riding practices and increase awareness for both bicyclists and motorists. As warmer weather brings more cyclists onto New Jersey roadways, this campaign emphasizes the shared responsibility of all road users to prevent crashes and injuries.

Bicyclists are reminded to follow traffic laws, ride predictably, and remain visible, while motorists should stay alert, yield appropriately, and provide safe passing distance. Increased education, awareness, and enforcement during this period aim to reduce bicycle-related crashes and improve roadway safety statewide.

Primary Message: **Share the Road — It's Everyone's Responsibility.



Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month

May 1 - May 31, 2026

May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, a timely opportunity to increase messaging for both motorcyclists and drivers as warmer weather brings more riders onto the road. This campaign reinforces that motorcycle safety is everyone's responsibility, encouraging drivers to look twice, share the road, and remain alert for motorcycles.

Motorcyclists are reminded to ride responsibly, avoid speeding, wear proper protective gear, use a DOT-compliant helmet, and never ride impaired.

Primary Message: Motorcyclists' Safety Is Everyone's Safety.



Click It or Ticket

May 11 - May 31, 2026

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's "Click It or Ticket" campaign is a high-visibility enforcement initiative focused on increasing seat belt use during one of the busiest travel periods of the year leading into Memorial Day. Law enforcement agencies nationwide will conduct targeted enforcement and public education efforts to ensure drivers and passengers are properly restrained.

Seat belts remain one of the most effective ways to reduce serious injuries and fatalities in crashes. This campaign emphasizes strict enforcement and reinforces that failure to buckle up will result in citations.

Primary Message: Click It or Ticket.

2026 Highway Traffic Safety Events Calendar

NHTSA 2026 Communications Calendar



NJDHTS TRAFFIC OFFICERS MEETING

May 2026

njsaferoads.com



2026 Federal/State Grant Reporting Cycle	Uniform Coordinated Effort May	Sound Off: Proactive Education and Enforcement												
Past Due – Federal: Q2 Progress Report - 4/15/26 Q2 Reimbursement Request - 4/30/26 State Pedestrian Safety Enforcement & Education Fund 2026 Grants - All Reporting - 6/15/26 Distracted Driving Crackdown: Progress Report - 5/15/26 Reimbursement Request - 5/30/26	National Enforcement Campaign – Occupant Protection Click It or Ticket (May): Project Period 5/18/26 – 5/31/26 “Buckle Up Click It Or Ticket” Seat Belt Talking Points 	Buckle Up! In 2024, nearly half (47.8%) of all motor vehicle occupants fatally injured in crashes were not wearing their seatbelt during the crash (NJSP). NJSACOP: Traffic Safety Message (video) Resources for PP&E Efforts: TMAs and Statewide Non-Profit Organizations (ex. BIANI, Safe Kids)												
Monthly (May and June) Initiatives - Traffic Safety Marketing NHTSA Vehicular Heatstroke Prevention – 5/1/26 – 9/30/26 – May 1 is Heat Stroke Prevention Day. “Prevent Hot Car Deaths. STOP. LOOK. LOCK.” National Bicycle Safety Month – 5/1/26 – 5/31/26 – “A Two Wheel Safety Tip: Always Wear Your Helmet”. NJDHTS Bicycle Safety Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month – 5/1/26 – 5/31/26 - Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month – “Motorcyclists’ Safety is Everyone’s Safety”. NJDHTS Motorcycle Safety Fourth of July Campaign (Drunk Driving) - 6/29/26 – 7/5/26 - “Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving”. Fourth of July Campaign (Drug-Impaired Driving) – 6/29/26 – 7/5/26 – “If You Feel Different, You Drive Different”.														
Grant Opportunities and Information - HTS State Pedestrian Safety Enforcement & Education Fund 2026 grant activity should end by May 31. - 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 updated Law Enforcement Grant Accountability Standards for Federally Funded Grants.														
Reminders/Updates AASHTOWare Safety Crash Database access: send email to DOT-BTDS.Numeric@dot.nj.gov, include name and email address to associate with account. Include the subject line “NJDHTS User Request” to ensure prompt account approval and creation. - Promote Seat Belt Enforcement (May and June) and Pedestrian Safety Enforcement (June). - Distribute Click It Or Ticket and Pedestrian Safety palm cards; please contact staff if needed. - Utilize <i>Staying Safe In the Car</i> Brochures English / Spanish. - Post appropriate messages on variable message boards throughout town, including “Look for Motorcycles”. - Boost DHTS social media throughout month. NJDHTS Safe Passage pamphlets available for all Traffic Safety Partners.														
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The link below will take you to the PDF referenced above. To access the embedded, clickable links within the document, you must open the PDF using 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 MAY 2026

NJDHTS APRIL 2026

Highlights from the April NJPTOA Meeting

Key outcomes from the April 1, 2026 NJPTOA General Membership Meeting included:

- Continued positive trend in statewide fatal crash data, with emphasis on maintaining high-visibility enforcement as traffic volumes increase with seasonal changes
- Recognition of the 25th anniversary of John's Law and encouragement for agency participation in HERO Campaign initiatives
- Coordination and support for upcoming statewide initiatives, including the April 9 Distracted Driving kickoff and April 14 Goal Zero joint enforcement operation
- Discussion of forming and re-engaging legislative and case law committees to monitor and provide input on traffic safety legislation
- Updates on training opportunities, including crash investigation, drone operations, and NJTR-1 refresher courses
- Grant funding opportunities highlighted, including distracted driving, pedestrian safety, and Click It or Ticket initiatives
- Reminder of transition to the new NJSP Fatal Crash Notification system and importance of electronic crash reporting compliance

- Regional updates including upcoming meetings, training events, and continued support for Goal Zero enforcement efforts

Full Meeting Minutes

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

Password: **njptoa**



Upcoming 2026 Rutgers Training

CAIT Website

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



Dates & Locations:

April 27 – May 1, 2026

Burlington County Emergency
Services Training Center
53 Academy Drive
Westampton, NJ 08060

June 08-12, 2026

Burlington County Emergency
Services Training Center
53 Academy Drive
Westampton, NJ 08060



This is a free five-day hands-on course that provides the students with the source material to pass the FAA Remote Pilot written examination during the first two days. This certification is required to be a Public Safety Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) Operator. As part of this course, students will be provided testing simulation to prepare for taking the FAA Part 107 Remote Pilot Certification exam.

The remaining three days will provide the student with the necessary training to successfully process a crash or crime scene using aerial photogrammetry with FARO Zone 3D Expert/Pro software. This course consists of classroom lecture and hands on work projects as well as field exercises. Each attendee is required to have his or her own laptop computer with certain specifications for the training. UAS aircraft will be provided for use. Successful completion of the Crash Reconstruction portion of the course provides 24 ACTAR CEU's.

Read the prerequisites on the CAIT Website to see if you are eligible to be considered for admittance to the course.

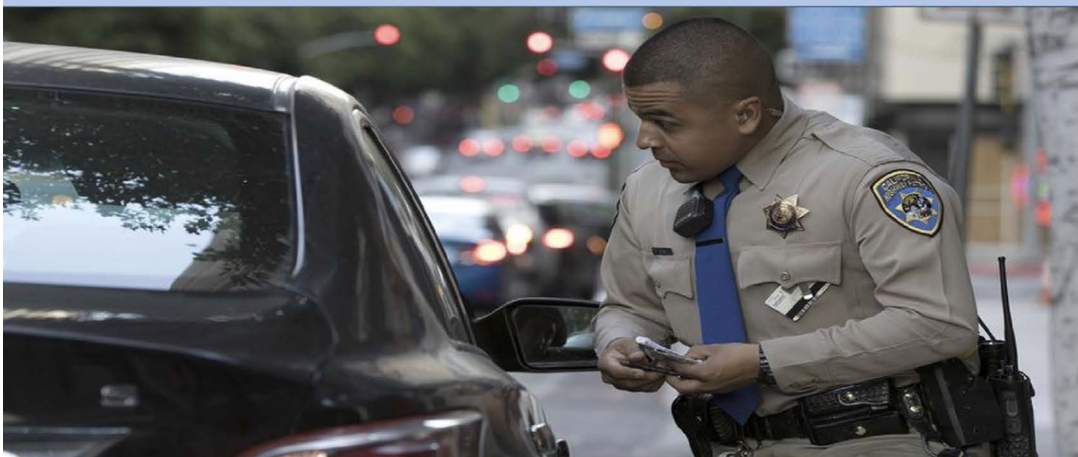
Registration: <https://cait.rutgers.edu/events/>



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

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Traffic Enforcement & Engagement Acuity



Enhancing Public Safety Through Professional Interactions

Dates & Locations:

February 20, 2026 (8a-4p)

Ocean County Police Academy
659 Ocean Avenue
Lakewood, NJ 08701

February 27, 2026 (8a-4p)

Morris County Police Academy
500 West Hanover Ave.
Morris Plains, NJ 07054

March 13, 2026 (8a-4p)

Middlesex County Fire Academy
1001 Fire Academy Drive
Sayreville, NJ

April 17, 2026 (8a-4p)

Passaic County Police Academy
214 Oldham Rd.
Wayne, NJ

April 24, 2026 (8a-4p)

Gloucester County Police Academy
1400 Tanyard Rd
Sewell, NJ 08080

May 01, 2026 (8a-4p)

Monmouth County Police Academy
2000 Kozloski Rd
Freehold, NJ 07728

May 15, 2026 (8a-4p)

Burlington County Emergency Services Center
53 Academy Drive
Westampton, NJ 08060

May 29, 2026 (8a-4p)

Rutgers CAIT
100 Brett Road
Piscataway, NJ 08854

This program was developed in collaboration with the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety (DHTS) and is hosted by the Rutgers Center for Advanced Infrastructure and Transportation (CAIT). This comprehensive full-day course is designed to advance traffic safety initiatives through enforcement and professional engagement with the motoring public.

The course content is structured to examine the nuanced components of a traffic stop, beginning with a detailed analysis of officer acuity relative to the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Code. Participants will learn to accurately identify violations, select appropriate and safe locations for conducting stops, and effectively communicate necessary information to dispatch while adhering to departmental protocols and the law.

Key aspects of the traffic stop process include safe vehicle approach tactics, the importance of professional engagement with motorists to address infractions, and the legal rights of both officers and motorists during these encounters. The curriculum will also cover strategies for managing interactions with motorists who wish to lodge complaints or contest issued summonses, highlighting the importance of thorough documentation of each encounter and the preparation for credible courtroom testimony.

The instruction will be delivered by experienced Traffic Safety Officers and a municipal prosecutor from a multi-jurisdictional background, underscoring the paramount importance of professional and fair practices within law enforcement traffic safety functions.



Registration: cait.rutgers.edu/events/



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



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and Transportation
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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.



Virtual:

March 05, 2026

8a-1p

In-Person:

June 26, 2026

8a-1p

***Burlington County
Emergency Services
Training Center
53 Academy Dr.
Westampton, NJ 08060***

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.

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 is required at BOTH of the following

websites: <https://cait.rutgers.edu/events/> >> 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 dcm200@soe.rutgers.edu





All classes run from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

May 19-21, 2026

Middlesex County Fire Academy
1001 Fire Academy Drive
Sayreville, NJ 08872

June 16-18, 2026

Virtual

COURSE DETAILS

This course is taught by experts from law enforcement, regulatory agencies, and the legal sector and is open to law enforcement personnel only. For information and to register:

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

Hosted by Rutgers Center for Advanced Infrastructure and Transportation (CAIT), this three-day course—developed exclusively for law enforcement—covers approved methods for teaching work zone traffic control courses.

Experienced law enforcement professionals can greatly impact road safety by becoming work zone traffic control instructors. However, NJDOT requires that these teachers receive training before they teach others. The course prepares participants to teach work zone safety guidelines with topics in MUTCD protection standards and typical long-term and short-term state road work activities. It is conducted in three full-day sessions.

Participants who successfully complete the course will be eligible to serve as police work zone safety instructors for their agencies and will be provided with work zone safety training materials.



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



RUTGERS
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Work Zone Safety Awareness for Local Police

Dates & Time:

April 21, 2026

May 27, 2026

8a-12p

Location:

Webinar

Registration:

Course is free for all New Jersey enforcement personnel. Contact Dave Maruca, CAIT Project Manager, at dem200@soe.rutgers.edu with any questions. Registration is required at: cait.rutgers.edu/events/



This course was developed with support from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety (DHTS). Hosted by Rutgers Center for Advanced Infrastructure and Transportation (CAIT), this half-day course covers work zone safety awareness topics for law enforcement officials.

Whether you're new to the force or a veteran officer, there will be times when you're assigned to enforce safety laws in work zones for long-term or short-term projects. There is no room for error when working next to traffic, so it's important for officers controlling traffic in work zones to understand and comply with MUTCD work zone safety standards.

This program will cover the interaction between construction personnel, law enforcement, and road users at work sites, key differences between NJDOT and local road work projects, and legal responsibilities. Participants who successfully complete the course will be more knowledgeable regarding safety needs in work zones.

This course does not replace the Traffic Control Coordinator (TCC) course or the Police Work Zone Train-the-Trainer course. For more information on TCC state requirements and other course offerings, visit cait.rutgers.edu.

Police Work Zone Safety Refresher Training

Virtual:

June 25, 2026
8a-12p

Registration:

Course is free for all New Jersey law enforcement personnel. Contact Dave Maruca, NJ LTAP Project Manager, at dem200@soe.rutgers.edu with questions on this course.

This course was developed with support from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety

Hosted by the New Jersey Local Technical Assistance Program (NJ LTAP) at Rutgers Center for Advanced Infrastructure and Transportation (CAIT), this half-day course is a refresher that covers work zone safety awareness topics for law enforcement officials.

Whether you're new to the force or a veteran officer, there will be times when you're assigned to enforce safety laws in work zones for long-term or short-term projects. There is no room for error when working next to traffic, so it's important for officers controlling traffic in work zones to understand and comply with MUTCD work zone safety standards.

This course provides a review of the 2023 Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) and includes a brief overview of federal changes, worker safety considerations, sign placement, and special considerations for local and state roadways.

This course is intended for law enforcement officers who have previously completed the 3 or 4-day Police Work Zone Safety Train the Trainer program or the 1-day Work Zone Safety Awareness for Local Police workshop; it is not an alternate to the Traffic Control Coordinator Refresher course.

This course does not replace the Traffic Control Coordinator (TCC) course or the Police Work Zone Train-the-Trainer course. For more information on TCC state requirements and other course offerings, visit cait.rutgers.edu/events/

Rutgers Executive M.A. in Criminal Justice Program - Scholarship Opportunity

Rutgers University's School of Criminal Justice has launched a new Executive Master of Arts in Criminal Justice program designed specifically for working professionals in the field. This flexible, practitioner-focused program is delivered primarily online and can be completed part-time in approximately five semesters.

The program features a 30-credit curriculum, world-class faculty, and two in-person workshops each semester that provide real-world case studies, networking opportunities, and engagement with national leaders in criminal justice. Students may also pursue specialized certificates in areas such as Financial Crimes, Data Analysis & Statistics, and Spatial Analysis for Public Safety and Security.

To support the program's inaugural cohort, Rutgers is offering a \$3,500 scholarship to the first 20 students who enroll. Interested applicants should note the July 1, 2026 application deadline.

Executive Master's in Criminal Justice

DEVELOP THE LEADERSHIP SKILLS TO SUCCEED IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE CAREERS

The **Rutgers School of Criminal Justice** Executive MA Program equips practitioners to lead their organizations with agility, efficiency, and strategic foresight.

In a complex public safety environment, practitioners must act as strategists and change agents to make the communities they serve safer.

Featuring world-renowned faculty, this intensive 20-month program unites experienced leaders across the criminal justice field to strengthen data-driven decision-making and apply evidence-based best practices through real-world scenarios.



TUITION FEE BENEFIT
US\$3,500

Available to participants who commit
on or before July 1, 2026

ON-CAMPUS EXPERIENCE



One-day weekend workshops
— start and end each semester



Learn alongside criminal justice executives
from diverse organizations



Live online sessions with
world-renowned faculty & peer discussion



APPLICATION DEADLINE
MAY 1



Two letters of recommendation are required
in addition to other application documents
(unofficial transcript, resume, essay, and
personal statement).

The Executive MA track is distinctive in that it brings together experienced leaders from across the criminal justice field to strengthen their capacity to become more strategic, data-driven leaders within their organizations.

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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.

Fundamentals of At-Scene Crash Investigation

Technical Crash Investigation and Vehicle Dynamics Analysis



ADAS for Crash Reconstructionists

➔ **Class Description:**

Advanced Driver Assistance Systems for the Crash Reconstructionist equips investigators with the knowledge and practical experience needed to understand how modern driver assistance technologies impact crash investigations. As ADAS features become increasingly common in today's vehicles, investigators must understand how these systems function and influence crash scenarios.

Through expert instruction and hands-on testing at a closed test facility, participants learn how to identify ADAS systems, evaluate their performance, analyze electronic data, and incorporate these technologies into crash reconstruction analysis.

➔ **Register Now**

Dates: Sep. 15 - 18, 2026
Location: Bell Labs Holmdel Complex, 101 Crawfords Corner Rd Holmdel, NJ 07733
Tuition: \$683.33
Agency Contact: Paul Applegate
Paul.Applegate@njssp.gov
registration.nucps.northwestern.edu

➔ **Why Choose Us?**

- Stay ahead of rapidly evolving vehicle automation technologies
- Evaluate how ADAS features perform in real-world crash scenarios
- Develop strategies for incorporating ADAS into crash reconstruction analysis
- Examine current and emerging driver assistance technologies
- Understand regulatory, ethical, and societal considerations related to ADAS
- Strengthen investigative conclusions by incorporating ADAS system performance into reconstruction analysis

➔ **Host This Course**

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**REGISTRATION* goes live at 0800 hours on 06/17/2026*



Injury Biomechanics & Crash Recon



Class Description:

Injury Biomechanics & Traffic Crash Reconstruction explores the physical and physiological effects of crash forces on the human body. This course provides investigators and reconstruction professionals with an in-depth understanding of how injuries occur during vehicle collisions and how those injuries relate to crash dynamics.

Participants examine injury mechanisms, human tolerance to impact forces, and the relationship between vehicle motion and occupant injury patterns. Through lectures and case studies, students learn how to analyze injuries and correlate them with vehicle damage and collision dynamics in crash investigations.



Register Now

Dates: Sep. 28 - 30, 2026

Location: Burlington County Emergency Services Training Center,
53 Academy Drive
Westampton, NJ 08060

Tuition: \$466.66

Agency Contact: Paul Applegate

Paul.Applegate@njsp.gov
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Why Choose Us?

- Understand how crash forces affect the human body during collisions
- Analyze head, neck, spinal, and extremity injury mechanisms
- Examine the role of vehicle safety systems such as seatbelts and airbags
- Learn how injury patterns relate to vehicle motion and crash dynamics
- Apply biomechanical analysis to vehicle-vs-vehicle and vehicle-vs-pedestrian crashes
- Earn 24 ACTAR Continuing Education Units (CEUs)



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Specialty Courses

Pedestrian Safety Enforcement Training Opportunity

A Pedestrian Safety Enforcement training session will be held on Wednesday, June 10, 2026, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Lakewood Township OEM, 1555 Pine Street, Lakewood, NJ 08701. This workshop is designed to help police departments conduct safe, effective, and defensible pedestrian safety enforcement operations within their jurisdictions.

Training topics include New Jersey pedestrian safety laws, the 3E approach to pedestrian safety, location selection, pre-operation evaluation, community outreach, practical operation setup, follow-up, and grant eligibility. The session includes classroom instruction and

outdoor practical application.

Space is limited to 30 seats. Agencies interested in attending should register as soon as possible by emailing Shani Jarvis at sjarvis@aaanortheast.com.



The PSE workshop will enable police departments to conduct PSE operations in their jurisdiction safely and effectively. Topics covered include **NJ pedestrian safety laws, the 3E approach to pedestrian safety** and **requirements to run an effective PSE operation that will withstand judicial scrutiny and minimize public pushback.**

PSE operations entail choosing an appropriate location, pre-operation evaluations and community outreach; safe and defensible operations; effective follow-up; and grant eligibility. The training consists of a classroom presentation (approx. 3 hours) and outdoor real-world practical application (approx. 1 hour).

A training session will be offered on:

Wednesday, June 10, 2026

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Lakewood Township OEM

1555 Pine Street, Lakewood, NJ 08701

To register, please email Shani Jarvis at sjarvis@aaanortheast.com

SPACE IS LIMITED

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

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



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



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