

April 2018 NYSACOP GTSC Law Enforcement Liaison Report

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“Traffic Tuesdays-The National Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutors (TSRP) Webinar Series”: As part of the ongoing TSPR training initiative entitled **Traffic Tuesdays**, the next scheduled webinar on Tuesday April 10, 2018 from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. (EST) will feature a presentation on **“How to Use Courtroom Technology in Prosecuting Vehicular Homicides and Other Traffic Related Cases”**. This webinar will consist of an introduction to the basic tools used when utilizing technology in the courtroom (e.g. PowerPoint, Sanction litigation software, Camtasia screen capture software). The webinar will also cover best practices for the effective use of litigation technology and recent noteworthy cases on the use of technology in argument, prosecutor error, and ethics. The webinar’s presenter will be Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor, Patrick Muscat.

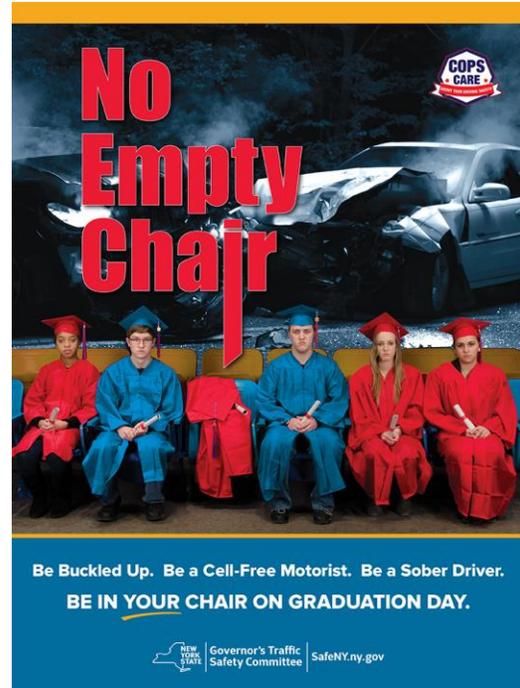
There is no cost to attend this webinar but you must register in advance; the link to register is: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3608252305361225986>.

After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing instructions on how to join the webinar. To ensure that you are able to log on, please register *at least 4 hours in advance*. Also, please make sure you retain the confirmation email sent to you. Please be careful to enter your email address correctly. **You will not be able to join the webinar if you do not receive a confirmation email.** If you will be unable to attend this webinar at the scheduled time but would still like to watch it, please go ahead and register as indicated. Everyone who is registered will receive a link to the recording of the webinar regardless of whether they attended.

If you have any questions or need any assistance registering for the webinar, please feel free to contact Kenneth Stecker at steckerk@michigan.gov or Kinga Canike at canikek@michigan.gov.

“April 12 – 16, 2018 - National Distracted Driving Enforcement Campaign”: In conjunction with April’s National Distracted Driving Awareness Month, the Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee will participate in its enforcement campaign taking place April 12-16, 2018 entitled: **“U DRIVE. U TEXT. U Pay”**. Plans are underway by GTSC to host a press event in Saratoga Springs, NY to kick-off this enforcement initiative on April 11th. Participation by law enforcement partners is optional however encouraged with high visibility, stepped-up enforcement of cell phone and texting violations to coincide with this NHTSA sponsored initiative. You may charge officer overtime for distracted driving enforcement activities as your approved 2018 GTSC Police Traffic Service budget allows. NHTSA has also developed a robust social media strategy designed to raise public awareness about the consequences of texting and driving. Please visit <https://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/get-materials/distracted-driving/u-drive-u-text-u-pay/peak-enforcement-kit> for information on this mobilization and for other resource materials. We look forward to your agency’s participation and support of this campaign and please feel free to contact your GTSC Program Representative or any of the GTSC Law Enforcement Liaisons with questions you may have.

“No Empty Chair” Teen Driving Safety Campaign – April 23-27, 2018: Each year thousands of high school students across New York State look forward to attending their prom and graduation ceremony. For parents, siblings, educators and the community, these memorable moments become meaningless when a child dies in a car crash. Regrettably, this scenario repeats itself all too often and law enforcement is tasked with making the difficult “knock on the door” and family notifications. In our efforts to reduce these tragedies the Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee (GTSC) launched the “No Empty Chair” educational campaign in 2014. The theme is to symbolize the missing high school senior on graduation day. To complement ongoing teen driver educational efforts, GTSC is encouraging law enforcement to once again participate in the "No Empty Chair" safe teen driver enforcement initiative during the week of April 23 - 27, 2018. Enforcement details should be conducted in locations near high schools whenever possible. Officers should also be vigilant for Graduated Driving License (GDL) violations throughout the duration of the campaign. GDL tip cards for law enforcement are available for download at: <http://safeny.ny.gov/SRO-Toolkit/publications.html>.



Please consider assigning patrols to focus on a different traffic safety threat each day of the week. Dedicated overtime enforcement details to participate in this initiative is reimbursable under your FFY2018 Police Traffic Services (PTS) grant.

April 23-27, 2018

- **Monday - April 23, 2018** **Speeding in School Zones**
- **Tuesday - April 24, 2018** **Seatbelts/Child Restraints**
- **Wednesday - April 25, 2018** **Cell Phone Use and Texting**
- **Thursday - April 26, 2018** **Operation Safe Stop – School Bus Safety**
- **Friday - April 27, 2018** **Underage Drinking and Impaired Driving**

A key element to keeping teens safe is education. Law enforcement agencies that have School Resource Officers (SRO’s) or a presence at high schools within your jurisdiction are also encouraged to conduct outreach this week and throughout the prom and graduation season. Educational materials are available on the GTSC Young Driver Toolkit website using the link <http://www.safeny.ny.gov/SRO-Toolkit/default.html>. Posters for schools, law enforcement agencies and other areas that teens frequent are also available. Please enlist the support of school administrators, local traffic safety partners and other community stakeholders to raise awareness and help keep this year’s prom and graduation season enjoyable for teens and their families.

“Operation Safe Stop Education and Enforcement Day (OSS) – April 26, 2018”: This statewide education and enforcement initiative will take place on Thursday, April 26, 2018. Your targeted efforts are the cornerstone of this special school bus safety enforcement program and participation is strongly encouraged as part of the GTSC Police Traffic Services (PTS) grant. The OSS Reporting Form to report your activity is located on the Law Enforcement Partners’ Page of the GTSC website at <http://www.safeny.ny.gov/lawEnf.htm#oss>. Stay tuned for additional information and details on county and regional press events to kick off this awareness and enforcement initiative that will be coordinated by Traffic Safety Boards and the New York Association for Pupil Transportation (NYAPT).

“Practical Guidelines for Motorcycle Safety & Enforcement Training”: On April 12, 2018 at the Verdoy Fire Department in Latham, NY GTSC will be sponsoring its one-day Practical



Guidelines for Motorcycle Safety & Enforcement training program. The goal of the training is to introduce law enforcement to national and state specific motorcycle safety and enforcement issues in effort to reduce the number of deaths and injuries from motorcycle related crashes. The course is instructed by a team of subject matter experts from the New York State Police, Town of Colonie Police Department and NYS Association of Chiefs of Police. The training announcement with an online registration link has been distribution through DCJS ePages and various other networks. Please contact GTSC Law Enforcement Liaison Nick Macherone at dominick.macherone@dmv.ny.gov, or GTSC Program Representative Aubrey Feldman at aubrey.feldman@dmv.ny.gov if you wish to have an announcement forwarded to you or your agency.

“Commercial Motor Vehicle Awareness Training for Law Enforcement”: The Commercial Motor Vehicle Awareness Training class is a one-day, data-driven enforcement program designed specifically for police officers assigned to patrol duties and other traffic related enforcement assignments. The training course was developed to address the issue of large truck and bus crashes and fatalities resulting from unsafe driving behaviors. The curriculum’s development and instruction has been a collaborative led initiative by the Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee in partnership with the Suffolk County Police Department’s Motor Carrier Safety Section, and the NYS Department of Transportation’s Motor Carrier Compliance Bureau. The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration is also a partner in the training program. The fundamental goal of the training is to provide police officers with the safety and enforcement information needed to handle crashes and traffic violations involving commercial motor vehicles. Regional training locations throughout the state are determined and based on data identifying specific counties overrepresented in commercial motor vehicle crashes. With our first trainings held in February at the City of New York Police Department (NYPD) and in Nassau & Suffolk counties, stay tuned for additional trainings being planned in May and/or June. For details and information on the program contact Liaison Nick Macherone at GTSC at dominick.macherone@dmv.ny.gov or at 518.474-4935.

“May 2018 Buckle Up New York - Click It or Ticket Enforcement Mobilization”: The statewide Buckle Up New York – Click It or Ticket enforcement mobilization targeting **Day & Night** safety belt use will take place May 21st – June 3rd, 2018. Start planning for this initiative and visit NHTSA’s Traffic Safety Marketing page at <http://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/ciot>, a one-stop-shop for the latest communications news, campaign materials, and marketing techniques to maximize your high visibility seat belt enforcement efforts. Here you will also find another valuable tool, the **Products for Enforcement Action Kit (PEAK)**; additional resource materials are also available on the NYSACOP Traffic Programs page at www.nychiefs.org.

On May 21ST from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., the opening day of the BUNY-CIOT enforcement mobilization, we will again look to our New York law enforcement agencies that share or are near borders of neighboring states to participate in the **Border-to-Border Initiative (B2B)**. The purpose of this collaborative endeavor is to bolster law enforcement exposure and participation in the mobilization through a nationwide law enforcement community partnership, and to also increase earned media attention toward our continued Click It or Ticket high visibility enforcement efforts. Additional information and details on the statewide Border-to-Border initiative along with selected locations and contact information for the New York State Police B2B Coordinators will soon be available. You may also consider and plan to host your own Border-to-Border enforcement details in cooperation with other law enforcement agencies in your area at non-designated locations. Learn more about this initiative and how to team up at designated locations across the state with the New York State Police and other law enforcement agencies by contacting any of the GTSC Law Enforcement Liaisons representing the NYS Assn. of Chiefs of Police, NYS Sheriffs Association or New York State Police.

“Empire State Law Enforcement Traffic Safety Conference – May 3 & 4, 2018”: The Empire State Law Enforcement Traffic Safety Conference (ESLETS) is scheduled for May 3-4, 2018 at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel Syracuse in East Syracuse, NY. This is the only traffic safety conference of its kind in the state: **designed by law enforcement - for law enforcement**. Law enforcement officers will be provided with training, skills and knowledge to address current highway safety issues and challenges. The ESLETS Conference is intended not only to inform, but to empower and build a cooperative spirit among all agencies to help us better serve the communities we are sworn to protect. Registration information is posted on the New York State Police Traffic Safety/ESLETS Page at <https://www.troopers.ny.gov/ESLETS/> along with lodging information for attendees at the Double Tree Syracuse. The registration deadline has been extended to **Thursday, April 12th**; hotel reservations must be made before **Thursday, April 5, 2018** to receive the lowered conference rate.

Please visit the Traffic Programs Page on our NYSACOP website at www.nychiefs.org and Law Enforcement Partners Page on the GTSC website at www.safenvy.ny.gov for additional resources materials and traffic safety information. As your NYSACOP LEL I look forward to assisting and hearing from you and can be reached at dominick.macherone@dmv.ny.gov or at 518.474-4935.



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