

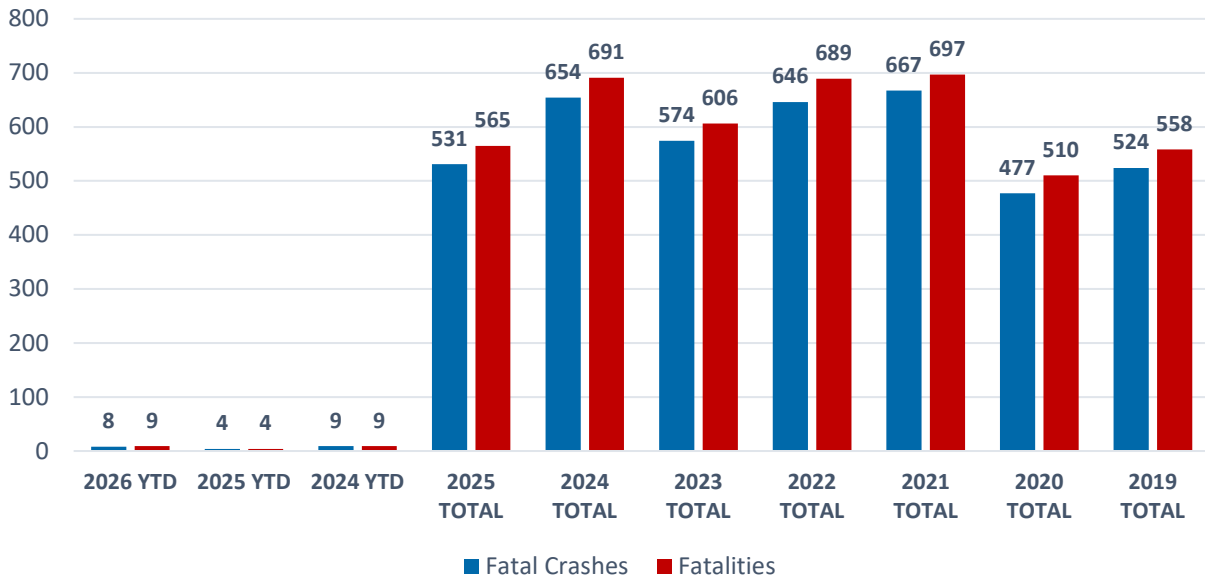


NEW JERSEY

Traffic Safety Bulletin

January 6, 2026

Year to Date — Statewide Fatal Crash Statistics



FATAL CRASHES	
2026	9
2025	4
2024	9
2025 TOTALS	531
2024	654
2023	574
2022	646
2021	667
2020	477

FATALITIES	
2026	9
2025	4
2024	9
2025 TOTALS	565
2024	691
2023	606
2022	689
2021	697
2020	510

- YTD Percentage Change 2025 – 2026: 125.0 (+5)
- TOTAL Percentage Change 2024 – 2025: -55.6% (-5)

Fatal crash data can be viewed as a barometer or measuring stick of the state's overall roadway health. Sustained traffic safety engagement and enforcement decrease the physical, emotional, and monetary victimization of the motoring public due to violent traffic collisions. Please join us in SAVING LIVES and REDUCING INJURIES from traffic crashes.

www.NJSafeRoads.com



— Moving Toward Zero Fatalities —





Farewell to NJSP Colonel Patrick J. Callahan

With gratitude and respect, we thank Colonel Callahan for his distinguished career and unwavering service to the New Jersey State Police and the law enforcement community as a whole. His leadership and commitment to excellence will be remembered. Best wishes in retirement.



NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS MEMORIAL FUND

MEMORIAL | MUSEUM | OFFICER SAFETY & WELLNESS

2025 Year-End Officer Fatalities Report Reveals Law Enforcement Deaths Have Hit 80-Year Low

The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund releases the 2025 year-end fatalities report depicting decreases in all categories.

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Jan. 6, 2026) —The number of law enforcement professionals nationwide who died in the line of duty in 2025 decreased 25% compared to the same time period last year, according to preliminary data provided by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF). **The NLEOMF data shows** that 111 federal, state, county, municipal, and U.S. Territories officers died in the line of duty in 2025, representing a 25% decrease compared to the 148 officers who died in 2024.



Goal:Zero

Campaign

-Zero:Deaths-

-Zero:Injuries-

-Zero:Crashes-

Goal Zero Statewide Rollout

Next Date: Friday January 16, 2026 from 3-7pm.

January 16, 2026 – The start of Martin Luther King Jr. Day Weekend:

This long weekend typically sees "dense travel patterns" and increased highway congestion as people take short winter trips.

GOAL ZERO REPORTING LINK

For more information, follow the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram, and visit [NJSafeRoads.com](https://www.njsaferoads.com).

Traffic Safety Marketing: Communication Resources

For States, Partner Organizations, and Highway Safety Professionals



DDEF- Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund

Funds are secured upon conviction

Refusal statute is still a problem: Use 39:4-50.4A

Can be used to purchase 9510 breath testing device

Overtime rate for enforcement is not capped at \$70

Over \$5 million in unclaimed/unused funds

Contact Steve Slimowicz at hts.ddef@njoag.gov (609-917-8530)



Contact: William “Will” Yarzab, Street Smart NJ Coordinator

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Investigation Reveals Factors Behind Escalating Pedestrian Fatalities on American Roads

The [Washington Post](#) (11/19, A1, Duncan, Martinez, Moriarty) reported on an “escalating pattern on America’s roads,” noting that “yearly deaths caused by cars and trucks striking pedestrians rose 70 percent” between 2010 and 2023. The surge “largely occurred on roads with a few things in common. They were concentrated on multilane roads, with the largest clusters of deaths occurring on thoroughfares that cut through economically distressed neighborhoods and had fading commercial strips.” The Post’s investigation which “draws on crash data, census records and thousands of pages of police reports,” also revealed that “more people in these areas lack cars and are forced to walk.”



IACP Impaired Driving & Traffic Safety Conference

AUGUST 21-23, 2026
ANAHEIM, CA



The IACP is now accepting workshop proposals for the [Impaired Driving and Traffic Safety \(IDTS\) Conference](#) taking place August 21-23, 2026, in Anaheim, California.

2026 NHTSA Communications Calendar



Scroll through the calendar and click any date for campaign material. Printable PDFs and events calendar are available [here](#).



The 2026 Summit Hub is Now Live!

We are excited to announce that the online Summit Hub for the 2026 NJ Bike & Walk Summit is now available! Visit the 2026 Summit Hub for more information about the event, including registration and sponsorship opportunities!

When: Saturday, March 7, 2026

Where: The Conference Center at the Crowne Plaza Princeton, 900 Scudders Mill Road Plainsboro, NJ 08536. *(Please use 870 Scudders Mill Road the main and closest entrance to the event).*

[Visit the 2026 Summit Hub](#)



Latest News & Articles of Interest

[Click on Links](#)

[N.J. traffic deaths drop 15% in 2025 from 30-year high in previous year](#)

[New Jersey Seat Belt Usage Reaches Nearly 95% Following 2025 'Click It or Ticket' Campaign](#)

[Car crashes through Elizabeth, N.J. school wall, injuring student, official says](#)

[U.S. Traffic Fatalities Fall to Pre-Pandemic Levels—But Big Safety Gaps Remain](#)

[Studies show steady increase in seatbelt usage, less fatal crashes](#)

[California's 'The Bail Project' Spent \\$91M Posting Bond for Defendants Later Linked to Murders](#)

[Officials announce ban on popular Tesla feature linked to over a dozen deaths: 'You're in a box that's on fire and you can't get out'](#)

[New California DUI Safety Laws Take Effect, Extending Ignition Interlock Program](#)

[Nearly 25,000 citations issued at new speed camera near Lewes, Total fines likely over \\$3 million](#)

[N.J. weighs return of traffic cameras, targeting school bus violations first](#)

[Frustration builds after another car slams through this backyard fence in Washington Township, New Jersey](#)

[California man arrested for hit-and-run that killed e-bike rider in Mt. Laurel](#)

[Americans strongly support impaired driving countermeasures, AAA survey finds](#)

[Maine targets passenger vehicle violations to improve commercial vehicle safety](#)

[DOT realizes road safety a concern with marijuana rescheduling](#)

[Multiple Vehicle and Motorcycle Recalls Issued by NHTSA](#)



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**Center for Advanced Infrastructure
and Transportation**

School of Engineering

1. Data-Driven Countermeasures for Traffic Safety

February 10-11, 2026 8a-4p Rutgers

(Mine data, submit a 1-year grant to DHTS and employ countermeasures to address a traffic safety concern)

[NJDHTS - Data-Driven Countermeasures for Traffic Safety \(In-person\) - Rutgers CAIT](#)

2. Traffic Enforcement & Engagement Acuity

February 20, 2026 8a-4p Ocean County

(Why we do it, traffic laws, professional conduct, traffic stop procedures, documentation and court room testimony)

[Traffic Enforcement & Engagement Acuity \(In-Person\) - Rutgers CAIT](#)

3. Traffic Enforcement & Engagement Acuity

February 27, 2026 8a-4p Morris County

(Why we do it, traffic laws, professional conduct, traffic stop procedures, documentation and court room testimony)

[Traffic Enforcement & Engagement Acuity \(In-Person\) - Rutgers CAIT](#)

4. Traffic Incident Management

March 05, 2026 8a-1p Virtual

(Crash scene safety)

[NJLTAP - Traffic Incident Management \(Webinar\) - Rutgers CAIT](#)

5. Traffic Enforcement & Engagement Acuity

March 13, 2026 8a-4p Middlesex County

(Why we do it, traffic laws, professional conduct, traffic stop procedures, documentation and court room testimony)

[Traffic Enforcement & Engagement Acuity \(In-Person\) - Rutgers CAIT](#)

6. NJTR-1 Refresher

March 27, 2026 8a-1p Virtual

(Completing the Crash Report Accurately)

[NJDHTS - NJTR-1 Crash Form Refresher \(Webinar\) - Rutgers CAIT](#)

7. NJTR-1 Refresher

March 31, 2026 8a-1p Virtual

(Completing the Crash Report Accurately)

[NJDHTS - NJTR-1 Crash Form Refresher \(Webinar\) - Rutgers CAIT](#)



Fundamentals of At-Scene Crash Investigation

A new one-week class is replacing the two-week Basic Crash Investigation Class

The pilot class is scheduled to be held at the
Morris County Police Academy

February 23 to 27, 2026

For the course syllabus and to register, go to

<https://form.jotform.com/242975471866169>

Technical Crash Investigation and Vehicle Dynamics Analysis

A new two-week class is replacing the Advanced Crash Investigation Class

The pilot class is scheduled to be held at the
Somerset County Emergency Services Training Academy

March 2 to 13, 2026

For the course syllabus and to register, go to

<https://form.jotform.com/242976277850167>



This one-day LASER Speed Enforcement Operator's Course (LIDAR) provides law enforcement officers with both classroom instruction and hands-on outdoor practical exercises.

These courses are sponsored by Laser Technology Inc. (LTI) and is offered at no cost to attending officers.

Scheduled Classes (all classes start at 9:00 am)

February 12, 2026 (Thursday) - Stafford Twp (Ocean County)

March 17, 2026 (Tuesday) - Bridgewater Twp (Somerset County)

[Click here for more details and to register for one of these classes.](#)

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If you have any questions or issues with enrollment, contact Rich Maxwell at richard.maxwell@kean.edu or by cell at (732) 567-7431.



Save the Date

NJ Police Traffic Officers Association Meeting

Date: January 7, 2026 @ 1000

Location: AAA Hamilton, NJ

NJSACOP Monthly Briefing

Date: January 8, 2026 @ 1000

Location: Double Tree 700 Hope Road
Tinton Falls, NJ

If you have any questions, or suggestions for future posts, please do not hesitate to contact the NJSACOP Traffic Safety Team @ mmorris@njsacop.org & wparenti@njsacop.org. Our Statewide Traffic Safety Coalition is constantly looking for new ideas, images, and traffic safety success stories to publicize. Thank you in advance for your efforts in making our roadways safe. **#SafeRoadsNJ**

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