

NEW YORK STATE'S GOVERNOR'S TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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GTSC TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMUNITY RESOURCES

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GTSC BACKGROUND

ENABLING LEGISLATION

In 1966 Congress passes the federal highway safety act and thereby creates a program, *“designed to reduce traffic accidents and deaths, injuries, and property damage resulting therefrom”*

NYS Executive Order designates Committee agencies and Chair to carry out activities on Governor’s behalf

Federal Level

- EXCERPT FROM HIGHWAY SAFETY ACT OF 1966 enabling legislation document – Federal Highway Safety program (See Below)
- US Federal Regulations Title 23: Highways - [PART 1300-Uniform Procedures for State Highway Safety Grant Programs](#)

State Level

- EXCERPT FROM NEW YORK STATE EXECUTIVE LAW ARTICLE 16-A (as amended L. 1976) Highway Safety (See Below)
- EXECUTIVE ORDER DESIGNATING THE GOVERNOR’S TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE AS THE STATE AGENCY TO COORDINATE AND APPROVE STATE HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAMS (See Below)
- EXCERPT FROM NEW YORK STATE VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW [ARTICLE 43 County Traffic Safety Boards](#)

COMMITTED TO IMPROVEMENT

The New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee (GTSC) coordinates traffic safety activities in the state and shares useful, timely information about traffic safety and the state's highway safety grant program.

The Committee is comprised of thirteen agencies that have missions related to transportation and safety. The GTSC is chaired by the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles and acts as the state's official liaison with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

THE GTSC TEAM

LEADERSHIP

DMV Commissioner & GTSC Chair: Mark J.F. Schroeder

Deputy Commissioner of GTSC, Investigations & Law Enforcement Support: Owen McShane

GTSC Executive Director: Licet Gaveau

GTSC Director: Justin O'Connor

PROGRAMS

Program Manager

Mary Montimurro

Highway Safety Program Representatives

Aubrey Feldman
Jim Knapp
Robert Lopez
Vanessa Waldron
Jason Maher
Brian DiPalma
Alyssa Reth
Paul Puccio

Child Passenger Safety Program

Aubrey Feldman

Statewide Impaired Coordinator

Renée Borden

State STOP-DWI Program Coordinator

Jim Knapp

LAW ENFORCEMENT LIAISONS

Liaison from NYS Sheriff's Association

Anthony D'Agostino

Liaison from NYS Association of Chiefs of Police

Dan Denz & Frank Galerie

Liaison from NYS Police

Kerra Burns

COMMUNICATION SUPPORT

Director of Public Information

Walter McClure

Public Information Officer

Amanda Bertram

GRANT SYSTEMS SUPPORT

Manager

Robert Ellis

Staff

Brittany Paff

FISCAL

Fiscal Managers

Mary Arthur
Maureen Kozakiewicz

Staff

Philip DiLorenzo
Tamika Parsons
Soon Koo Jung

HIGHWAY SAFETY REPRESENTATIVES

Staff oversee the highway safety programs in the state:

- STOP-DWI/Impaired Driving
- Occupant restraint/Child Passenger Safety
- Pedestrian and Wheel Sport Safety
- Motorcycle Safety
- Teen Driver Safety
- Older Driver Safety
- School Bus Safety
- Traffic Records Management

ALL SAFETY TOPICS

Micromobility

Motorcycle Safety

Drowsy Driving

School Bus Safety

Occupant Protection

Speeding

**Commercial Motor Vehicle
Safety**

Older Drivers

Distracted Driving

Bike/Wheel Sport Safety

Rail Crossing Safety

Slow Moving Vehicles

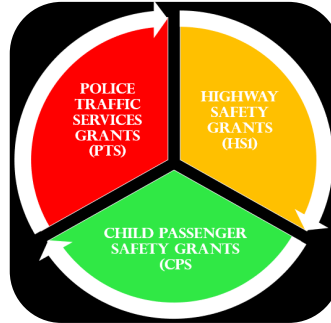
Younger Drivers

Impaired Driving

Pedestrian Safety

Move Over Law

GTSC'S CORE FUNCTIONS



**GRANT PROGRAM
MANAGEMENT
(HS1, PTS, CPS)**



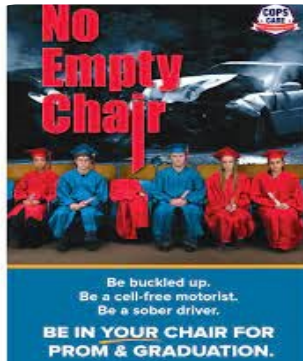
**LAW ENFORCEMENT
TRAINING**



**NYS STOP-DWI
OVERSIGHT**



DRE & ARIDE PROGRAM



**COORDINATION OF
STATEWIDE SAFETY
INITIATIVES**



WORKING COMMITTEES



**ANNUAL TRAFFIC SAFETY
CONFERENCE**



**STATEWIDE PUBLIC
INFORMATION/EDUCATION
INITIATIVES**

GRANT TYPES



GENERAL
HIGHWAY
SAFETY
(HS1)



CHILD
PASSENGER
SAFETY
(CPS)



POLICE
TRAFFIC
SERVICES
(PTS)



2024 GRANT AWARDS

GRANT TYPE	TOTAL GRANT #	AWARD \$	% OF TOTAL
HS1	145	\$48,686,548.00	93%
CPS	169	\$873,774.00	2%
PTS	238	\$2,755,808.00	5%
TOTAL	552	\$52,316,130.00	100%

GRANT AWARD ALLOCATION

RECIPIENT TYPE	2022	2023	2024
STATE AGENCIES	\$16,009,159.00	\$24,539,883.00	\$27,452,262.00
LOCAL GOVERNMENTS	\$8,775,283.00	\$8,278,906.00	\$8,697,088.00
NOT-FOR-PROFIT AGENCIES	\$11,144,117.00	\$15,886,733.00	\$16,166,780.00
TOTAL AWARD AMOUNT	\$35,928,559.00	\$48,705,522.00	\$52,316,130.00
TOTAL GRANTS	522	552	552

GENERAL HIGHWAY SAFETY GRANT (HS1) OVERVIEW

- The highway safety grant application for local, state and not-for-profit agencies is available to address a particular highway safety problem in their jurisdiction. This proposal requires applicants to submit a narrative outline of the problem with supporting data, details of the proposed activities with milestones and an evaluation plan.
- Proposals must address one of the program areas included in the state's Highway Safety Strategic Plan.
- Program areas considered for the general Highway Safety Grant funding include: occupant protection; traffic enforcement; motorcycle safety; traffic records; community programs; programs that impact our younger drivers or older drivers; pedestrian safety; roadway safety and impaired driving.

CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY GRANT (CPS) OVERVIEW

Car seat education, installation, distribution and training.

Child Passenger Safety Technician Certification Training

4-day course consisting of lecture, hands-on skills practice, and a car seat check event.

Technicians/Instructors: Approximately 2,036 throughout the state

CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY 4 SCHEDULES

A

Fitting Stations

Permanent fitting stations designed to educate caregivers about safe transport of children. Typically consists of appointments.

B

Awareness Trainings

Designed to provide technical information to raise awareness of the importance of proper restraints. Purely educational, no seats distributed.

C

Check Events

Designed to educate large groups of people about safe transport of children. Events not limited to appointments.

D

Low-Income Education & Distribution

Designed to provide education and free car seat(s) to caregivers with economic hardships.

CPS FUNDING IS AVAILABLE FOR:

- *Car Seats*
- *Certification/Recertification Fees*
- *LATCH Manuals*
- *Pop-Up Tents*
- *Signs/Stands*
- *Refreshments for Car Seat Check Events*
- *Mileage*
- *CPS Technical Conference Fees*
- *Other Common CPS Items: Scales, Pens, Clipboards, Pool Noodles, Tape Measures, First Aid Kits, Scissors, etc.*

POLICE TRAFFIC SERVICES GRANT (PTS) OVERVIEW

Dedicated enforcement of dangerous driving behaviors and participation in the May seat belt mobilization enforcement wave.

- **Enforcement of violations relating to:**

- Speeding
- Aggressive driving
- Seat belt and child restraint
- Distracted driving
- Pedestrian safety
- Motorcycle safety
- Passing stopped school buses and
- Routine commercial vehicle traffic enforcement

- **Special Enforcement Waves:**

- Click It or Ticket (CIOT)/Buckle Up New York (BUNY) **Mandatory*
- No Empty Chair
- Operation Safe Stop (Passing School Buses)
- Distracted Driver Campaigns
- Speed Awareness Enforcement Mobilization
- Pedestrian Safety Enforcement Mobilization

BUCKLE UP NEW YORK (BUNY) *OCCUPANT PROTECTION*

High Visibility Enforcement Wave

- **In 2023 (May 22nd – June 4th) *14 Days***
 - Over 200 agencies participated
 - 102,264 tickets issued during the BUNY Enforcement Wave.
 - 15,753 tickets for Seatbelt Violations
- **Seatbelt use rate reached a high of 94.22% in 2019**
 - Seatbelt use rate fell to 91.90% in 2022

IMPORTANT GRANT INFORMATION

- Grant projects are funded for a one-year period
- Federal Fiscal Year: **October 1st - September 31st**
- Applications are due **May 1st** and must be submitted through the eGrants system
- eGrants - **<https://trafficsafety.ny.gov/highway-safety-grant-program>**
- Traffic Safety Statistical Repository (TSSR) - **<https://www.itsmr.org/>**
- County Crash Dashboard – **Contact GTSC for Access**

GTSC FUNDED TRAININGS

- ❖ Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE)
- ❖ Drug Recognition Expert (DRE)
- ❖ Practical Guidelines For Motorcycle Enforcement
- ❖ Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) Law Enforcement Awareness
- ❖ Child Passenger Safety (CPS) for Law Enforcement
- ❖ Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Technician Certification
- ❖ Car Fit Technician Certification

WHAT GTSC CAN DO FOR YOU

- Teen Drivers
- Highway Safety Partner Collaboration
- Highway Safety Printed Educational Materials
- Crash Data
- Event Support

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