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ADAM J. BELLO
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

100 DEADLIEST DAYS



Monroe County STOP-DWI Coordinator, Lindsay Tomidy, joined law enforcement and AAA at a press conference to discuss the start of the “100 Deadliest Days” in Monroe County.

The “100 Deadliest Days” is the period between Memorial Day and Labor Day when fatal teen crashes increase dramatically.

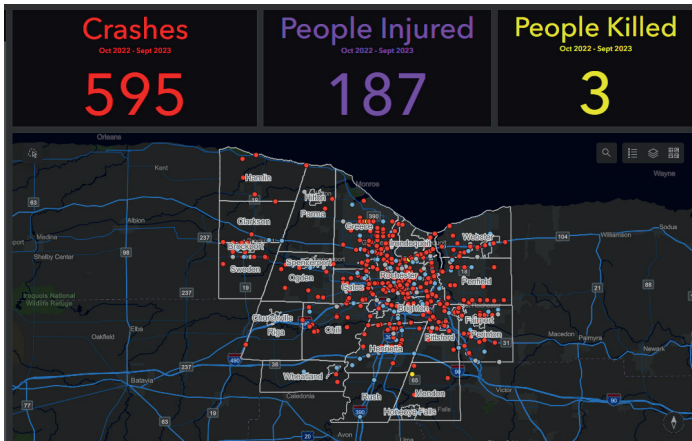
AAA coined the phrase after examining troubling data regarding fatal crashes among teen drivers. Nationwide, 6,697 people died in teen driver-related summertime crashes over a ten-year period from 2013 to 2022. That is nearly half of the total number of those killed in teen-driver crashes for the entire rest of the year in that span. In 2022 alone, 707 people were killed in such deadly crashes. The 2022 figure is a 10 percent increase over pre-pandemic figures from 2019.

In New York State, 13 people were killed in crashes involving teen drivers in summer of 2022. And 151 people were killed in teen driver crashes during the “100 Deadliest Days” over the ten-year span from 2013 to 2022. 151 people killed during summer months over the ten-year span equates to a summertime average of 15 deaths. It’s a dramatic increase from 274 people killed over the course of nine non-summer months over the ten-year period.

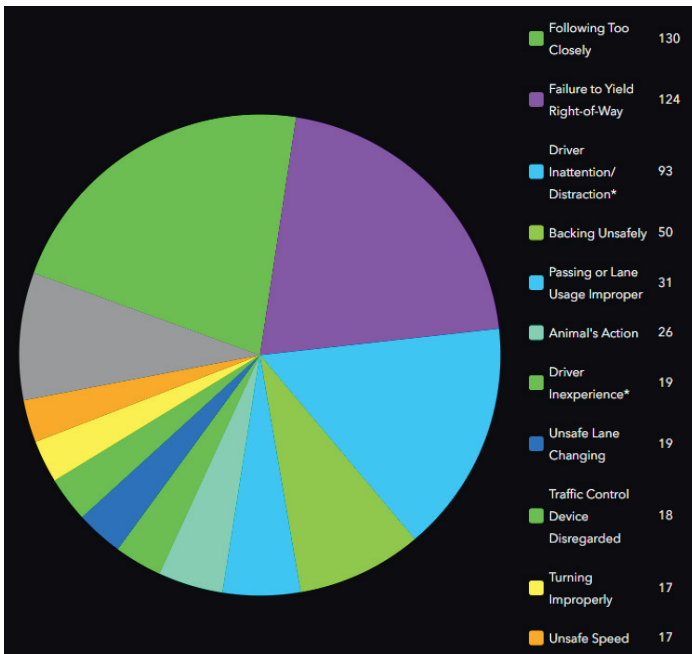
“Young drivers in high school and college look forward to the summer season and await newfound freedom with a break from school,” said Mike Formanowicz, driver training manager at AAA Western and Central New York. “AAA urges parents to talk to their young drivers about traffic safety and serve as good role models as well. Putting the phone down behind the wheel is a great example.”

Due to their inexperience, teen drivers are at a higher risk of crashes.

100 DEADLIEST DAYS



Number of persons in Monroe County killed or injured in motor vehicle crashes involving drivers ages 16-20 from October 2022-2023. All data in this dashboard was provided by the Institute for Traffic Safety Management and Research (ITSMR).



Contributing factors reported for drivers ages 16-20 in police reported crashes from October 2022-2023. All data in this dashboard was provided by the Institute for Traffic Safety Management and Research (ITSMR).

According to AAA, various factors, such as driving with passengers, significantly impact road safety. Teen drivers are particularly vulnerable to increased crash risks when accompanied by other teen passengers. Risks can be further compounded by driving at night due to reduced visibility, driver fatigue, and the presence of impaired individuals on the road. It is crucial to acknowledge that excessive speed plays a pivotal role in crashes involving both teenagers and adults. Teenage drivers must adhere to designated speed limits, while parents should lead by example and coach young drivers on adjusting speed for weather, road conditions, and traffic. Numerous teens acknowledge engaging with their mobile phones and in-car infotainment systems while driving, despite the evident risks involved. It is recommended parents set limits and enforce rules to prevent distractions.

Adolescents frequently encounter challenges in obtaining sufficient sleep, leading to difficulties with drowsiness. It is vital to acknowledge that drowsy driving poses a comparable hazard to driving under the influence of alcohol, with teenagers being particularly vulnerable to this risk. Prioritizing adequate rest for all drivers is imperative to promote road safety. These statistics were sourced from the Institute for Traffic Safety Management and Research (ITSMR). For further insights on road safety, please visit the AAA website at exchange.aaa.com/safety/teen-driver-safety/.

School Bus Safety



In a significant move to ensure the safety of students, Greece CSD, Monroe County's second largest school district has joined Hilton CSD, East Irondequoit CSD, Webster CSD and BOCES 1 in partnering with BusPatrol and Monroe County Department of Public Safety (DPS) to employ the use of cameras to deter drivers from passing buses that are loading and unloading students.

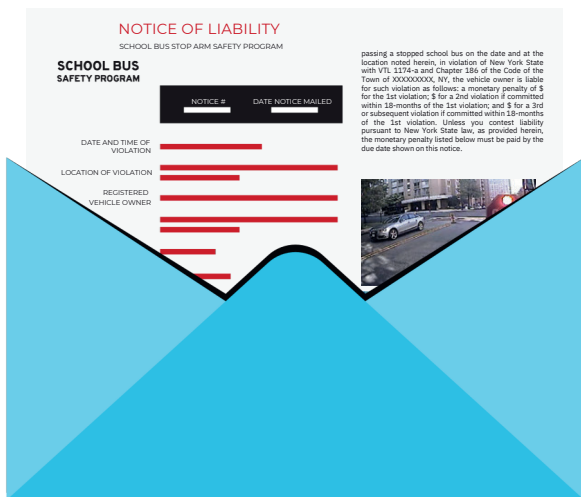
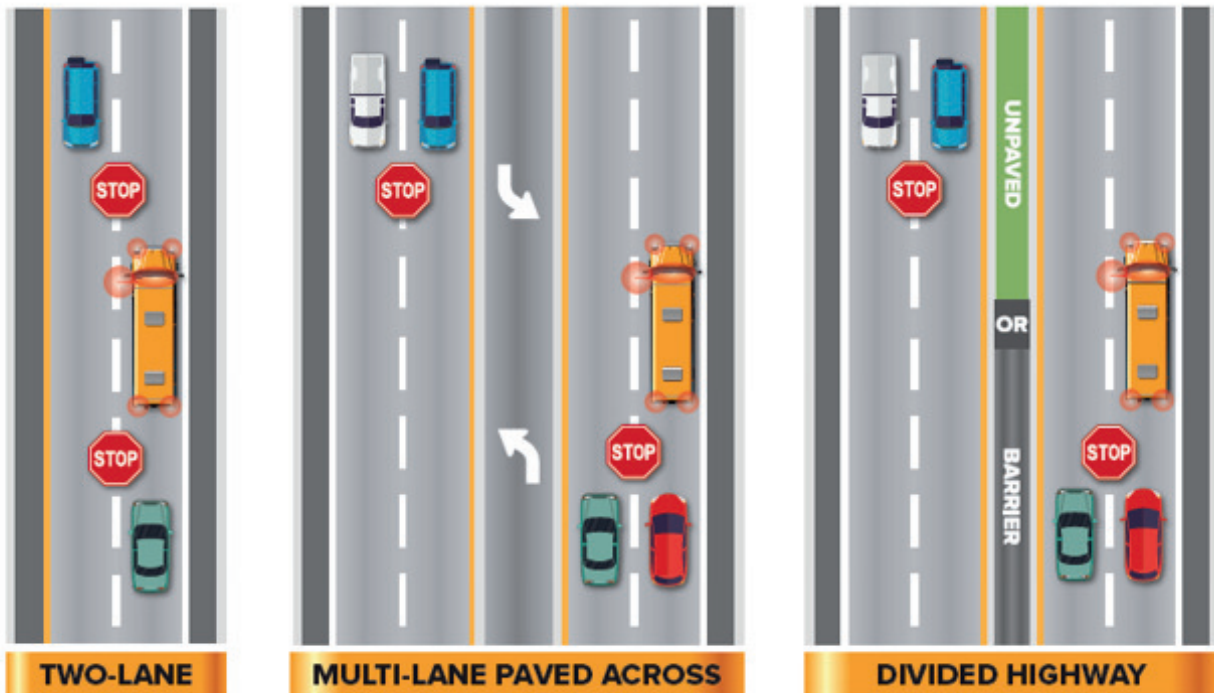


Monroe County hopes that expanded participation will continue to shift driver behavior and enhance awareness of the importance of safe driving around school buses. DPS School Bus Video Specialists continue to see many drivers who exercise caution, slow down, and stop for school buses. We thank these drivers for their awareness and attempt to create a safe environment for our children to enter and exit the bus.

While many drivers do their part to protect our children, some drivers try to “beat the reds.” This is the practice of accelerating past a slowing or stopped school bus that has flashing amber lights, in an effort to pass the bus before the red lights activate and the stop-arms (side-mounted stop signs) extend. This practice not only endangers the children entering or exiting the bus, it also jeopardizes the safety of those who have safely slowed or stopped in anticipation of the school bus stop.

Do not try to beat the reds! It is simply not worth a child's life.

School Bus Safety. Know When to Stop!



As a reminder, all traffic near a loading/unloading school bus must stop. Traffic on the same roadway must stop regardless of direction of travel. Registered owners of vehicles that illegally pass a stopped school bus in a participating school district will receive a citation by mail. The citation fine starts at \$250 and is collected by Bus Patrol.



Saturday Hope Festival BIKE RODEO



On Saturday May 18, 2024, the Department of Public Safety partnered with Rochester Hope at St. Michael's Church on North Clinton Avenue to host its annual Bike Rodeo. The event included challenging obstacle courses to test bicycling skills, helmet safety checks, and a bike raffle giveaway. It was a huge success! We extend a special thanks to Delta Sonic for donating the bikes, the Salvation Army and all the volunteers who dedicated their time to assist!

Rochester Hope is a not for profit that was born in October 2022 to bring caring hands to the heart of our city. They are convinced that every human being has a dignity that nothing and no one can take away, and that if we encounter one another as sisters and brothers we will discover this dignity that unites us and find ways to tear down the imaginary walls that divide us. We all grow and are affirmed in our worth and dignity when we allow ourselves to encounter one another and serve one another. No human being should lack what they need to lead a dignified life and grow into their full potential and all human beings should be offered opportunities to serve others and in this way discover their true self and true joy and it is our responsibility and our privilege to come together as a community to make sure both of these needs are met for all (inclusion) independent of their zip code, race, gender, etc.

Saturday Hope Festival BIKE RODEO





TRAFFIC SAFETY Board & STOP-DWI *Award Luncheon*



On April 11, 2024, the Monroe County Traffic Safety board, in collaboration with the Monroe County STOP-DWI Program, hosted its annual Award Luncheon to recognize individuals who have significantly contributed to enhancing road safety for both drivers and pedestrians within Monroe County. This event took place at the Shadow Lake Golf and Racquet Club in Webster, NY. Gratitude is extended to Monroe County Executive Adam Bello, Public Safety Director Richard V. Tantalo, Principal Central Police Administrator Kristina Daugherty, Traffic Safety Specialist Jean Triest, and STOP-DWI Coordinator Lindsay Tomidy for their invaluable contributions and hard work. Here is the list of the 2024 winners!

TRAFFIC SAFETY Board & STOP-DWI Award Luncheon

TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD CERTIFICATES OF MERIT AWARD WINNERS

OFFICER ELLIOTT CAVE
BROCKPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT

DIRECTOR DAVID RICHARDSON
GREECE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

OFFICER ISAAC LENHARD
GREECE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHARLES JOHNSON
MONROE COUNTY LAW DEPARTMENT

ADRIENNE GREEN
MONROE COUNTY OFFICE OF
THE EXECUTIVE

DEPUTY NICOLE PAGANO
MONROE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

JAMES FAIRCHILD
MONROE COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

**OFFICER JAMES THUERCK &
OFFICER ALDO DIBISCEGLIE**
ROCHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

DEB HIBBARD
WAYNE CENTRAL TRANSPORTATION



COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD WINNERS

FARASA BROWN
COMMUNITY ADVOCATE

OFFICER ANTHONY PEDICONE
ROCHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

JIM POND LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNER

ADA RAYMOND BENITEZ
MONROE COUNTY DISTRICT
ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

MARK TUOHEY JR. AWARD WINNER

CHIEF MARK CUZZUPOLI
BROCKPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT



TRAFFIC SAFETY Board & STOP-DWI *Award Luncheon*



STOP-DWI CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

OFFICER EVAN BLODGETT
BROCKPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT

**SERGEANT MARTIJN VERBAKEL,
OFFICER CURTIS MILLER &
OFFICER ZACHARY TROUT**
GATES POLICE DEPARTMENT

OFFICER KATELYN BRADO
GREECE POLICE DEPARTMENT

OFFICER LOUIS BUDUSON
IRONDEQUOIT POLICE DEPARTMENT

**DEPUTY TIMOTHY MURPHY &
DEPUTY GERALD LUDWIG**
MONROE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

**TROOPER JAMES BUONAUGURIO,
TROOPER JUSTIN STATT &
TROOPER TIMOTHY BROOKS**
NEW YORK STATE POLICE

**OFFICER AMANDA HUGHES &
OFFICER COREY LAWHORN**
OGDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

**OFFICER JASON HOROWITZ,
OFFICER JEREMY MILLSPAUGH &
OFFICER KAITLYN WALEK**
ROCHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

**LIEUTENANT MICHAEL JOHNSON &
OFFICER MICHAEL PETRITZ**
SUNY BROCKPORT POLICE
DEPARTMENT

**SERGEANT TIMOTHY BREWER,
OFFICER MATTHEW GUMINA &
OFFICER JOHN CENEVIVA**
WEBSTER POLICE DEPARTMENT



TRAFFIC SAFETY Board & STOP-DWI Award Luncheon



STOP-DWI PROGRAM AWARD WINNERS

SMALL AGENCY APPRECIATION
EAST ROCHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEDIUM AGENCY APPRECIATION
BRIGHTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

LARGE AGENCY APPRECIATION
GREECE POLICE DEPARTMENT

COORDINATOR'S CHOICE AWARD

OFFICER EVAN BRUCKEL
IRONDEQUOIT POLICE DEPARTMENT

TOP COP AWARD WINNER

DEPUTY ERIN BEACH
MONROE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

LEADERSHIP AWARD WINNERS

OFFICER JOSEPH BONACCI & OFFICER JASON LATHROP
ROCHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

LIEUTENANT DENNIS SCHULTZ
SUNY BROCKPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT



Traffic Safety Fair

The Monroe County Office of Traffic Safety, in conjunction with The Monroe County STOP-DWI Program, is firmly committed to ensuring the safety of our roads and fostering robust ties with our community through collaborative efforts with local schools. Each spring, we collaborate with our partners from law enforcement agencies and local organizations to participate in several traffic safety fairs and crash reenactments on the grounds of local high schools and colleges. These events serve as invaluable learning platforms for young drivers to understand the ramifications of both safe and unsafe traffic behaviors. Our dedicated team members interact with students through a variety of methods to engage a diverse audience. We explore vital topics such as the dangers of distracted and impaired driving.



The interactive table games, driving simulator, law enforcement-led roadside sobriety check simulation, and pedal cart obstacle course provide an engaging experience for students. Their competitive nature compels them to master these games and simulations. Their failure to beat these challenges imparts the importance of attention and reaction time while driving.

Traffic Safety Fair



ROAD TRIP CHECKLIST

During the holiday season, millions of Americans embark on road trips, leading to congested roadways, heavy traffic, and unfortunately, a rise in car crashes. Here's a pre-travel checklist to help ensure a smooth and safe journey for you, your family, and friends.



- ✔ Check your car's performance before heading out (fluids, lights, tire condition, etc.)
- ✔ Get plenty of sleep before driving. Drowsiness is dangerous for all on the road.
- ✔ For longer road trips, it's best to have multiples drivers.
- ✔ Ensure there are no distractions. Keep your attention 100% on the road at all times.
- ✔ Bring an emergency kit with You (flashlight, jumper cables, first-aid kit, water, etc.)
- ✔ Always obey the speed limit. Keep an eye out for traffic signs.
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- ✔ Plan on leaving earlier in the morning.
- ✔ Keep enough distance between you and the car ahead of you.
- ✔ Don't use your phone, not even on hands-free.
- ✔ Account for bad weather and change your driving habits where necessary.

NEXT QUARTER EVENTS



Events are open to the public. We hope to see you there!

Saturday Hope Festival

July 13 | 11am-1pm

869 N. Clinton Ave, Rochester, NY 14605

Penfield Bicycle Skills Rodeo

July 23 | 4pm-7pm

3100 Atlantic Ave, Penfield, NY 14526

Red Wings Camp Day

July 25 | 10am-2pm

Innovative Field, 1 Morrie Silver Way,
Rochester, NY 14608

Parma Summer Smash Event

July 26 | 5pm-8:30pm

1300 Hilton Parma Rd, Spencerport, NY
14559

STOP-DWI Red Wings Night (Ticket Event)

August 2 | 6:45pm-8pm

Innovative Field, 1 Morrie Silver Way,
Rochester, NY 14608

Jordan Health Front Porch Festival

August 3 | 12pm-4pm

Baden Park, Upper Falls Blvd,
Rochester, NY 14605

National Night Out

August 6 | 5:30pm/8pm

1300 Titus Ave, Irondequoit, NY 14617

Brockport Arts Festival

August 10-11 | 10am-5pm

127 Main St, Brockport, NY 14420

Brighton Police Dept. Open House

August 13 | 5pm-8pm

2300 Elmwood Ave, Rochester, NY
14618

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Mendon Library Bike Rodeo

August 17 | 10am-12pm
22 North Main St, Honeoye Falls, NY
14472

Penfield Bicycle Skills Rodeo

August 20 | 10am-1pm
3100 Atlantic Ave, Penfield, NY 14526

Irondequoit Senior Health Expo

August 21 | 9am-12pm
450 Skyview Centre PKWY, # 200
Rochester, NY 14622

Delta Sonic Car Seat Installation Check Event

August 24 | 10am-12pm
990 W. Ridge Rd, Rochester, NY 14615

Mark's Pizzeria Car Seat Installation Check

September 12 | 3pm-6pm
2103 Buffalo Rd, Rochester, NY 14624

Delta Sonic Car Seat Installation Check Event

September 21 | 10am-12pm
1841 Empire Blvd, Webster, NY 14580

City of Rochester Fall Fest

September 28 | 11am-2pm
Parcel 5, 285 E. Main St, Rochester, NY
14604

Halloween at the Market

October 27 | 4:30pm-7:30pm
280 Union St. N, Rochester, NY 14609



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