

# VERMONT GOVERNOR'S HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM

Monthly Newsletter

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## Click It or Ticket Border to Border 2017 Report Out

Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> marked the end of another *Click It or Ticket* campaign, and the 16<sup>th</sup> year that Vermont law enforcement has participated in this national enforcement mobilization. On the first day of the campaign, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, Vermont law enforcement also participated in the Border-to-Border initiative by conducting a joint press conference with our partners from New York State.

A total of 41 municipal police departments and 2 town constables participated in this year's campaign, along with all 10 VSP barracks, 14 county sheriffs' offices, the DMV, and the UVM Police. These agencies collectively devoted more than 6,000 hours of high visibility enforcement time to the campaign, contacting more than 17,000 vehicles during the 2-week period. A total of 476 tickets were issued for seatbelt violations along with another 69 tickets for child passenger seat violations. Another 5,000 tickets were issued for various other moving violations and police made 215 criminal arrests for offenses including numerous DUI's and DLS's, Negligent Operation, etc. While this may sound like a lot of activity, these numbers actually represent a significant decline in activity compared to previous years' campaigns. The next CIOT campaign will take place November 22-26, however Vermont law enforcement agencies conduct ongoing occupant protection enforcement year-round. ***Buckle Up. Every Trip. Every Time.***



## Advanced Driver Training Event

Coming to Essex Junction 07/19+07/20 2017

*Ford Driving Skills for Life Program Addresses Critical Factors that Influence Teen Crashes*

A Free, hands-on half day of driver training that focuses on the issues and obstacles drivers face that cause crashes including vehicle handling, hazard recognition, speed and space management, and distracted and impaired driving. A key part of the instruction focuses on newly licensed drivers making better driving decisions. In addition to warning about the dangers of impaired and distracted driving through Ford's drugged and drunk driving suits, the Summer Tour will feature new virtual reality training tools to help new drivers navigate traffic circles, pedestrians and bicyclists.

According to the Vermont Governor's Highway Safety Program, there were 32 drivers age 20 or younger involved in fatal crashes from 2012 to 2016.

"FDSL is a unique opportunity for newly licensed and permitted teens and their parents as it is only offered every few years in our state," said Allison Laflamme, Acting Chief of the Vermont Governor's Highway Safety Program. "This program provides a hands-on, driver training opportunity that complements our DMV driver education programs and GHSP teen education programs. Participants and their parents will be learning safe driving habits and that their Choices Matter when it comes to making good driving decisions. Younger driver safety is Critical Emphasis Area #5 in the VT Strategic Highway Safety Plan and this program is one of many educational opportunities that we will be offering to provide essential skills to our new drivers. The GHSP at the Vermont Agency of Transportation is funded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and with all of our partners we are proud to offer this free event." Contact [Evelyn McFarlane](#) for more information

Need materials for your agency's Website or Social Media page? Visit the [Traffic Safety Marketing](#) website, NHTSA's official media resource for Highway Safety Professionals.

## From the 2017 NHTSA Campaign Calendar

July is National "[Vehicle Theft Prevention Month](#)"

**Remember to Always Secure Your Vehicle**

IN THE U.S., a vehicle is stolen every **45 SECONDS**



Vehicle theft is serious business.

- Passenger cars make up about 75 percent of all stolen vehicles.
- About 42 percent of all stolen vehicles are never recovered.

### [Heatstroke Prevention 2017](#)

Primary Message  
"Act Fast, Save a Life"



### Our Mission Statement

*Working toward the goal of "Zero Deaths" by promoting highway safety awareness through education and enforcement, thereby reducing crashes, saving lives, and improving the overall quality of life for those using Vermont's roadways.*

## This Month's Issue

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## Car Accidents Remain a Top Child Killer, and Belts a Reliable Savior

The most common cause of death in children under the age of 15 is unintentional injury, and the most common cause of unintentional injury is car accidents.



Between 2010 and 2014, 2,885 children died in motor vehicle accidents nationwide — an average of 11 children a week. That number excludes pedestrians, those who died in motorcycle or bicycle accidents, and those who died riding in an unenclosed

cargo area or trailer.

Most of the children who died were not wearing seatbelts — nationwide, 43 percent were unrestrained or improperly restrained. Another 15 percent were sitting inappropriately in the front seat, and 13 percent were riding in cars driven by somebody under the influence of alcohol. Click [here](#) to read the remainder.

**SAVE** the **DATE** **NOVEMBER 8, 2017**  
THE HILTON, BURLINGTON, VT



5TH ANNUAL MEETING & CONFERENCE

## LEVERAGING TECHNOLOGY TO IMPROVE HIGHWAY SAFETY

Address highway safety issues with professionals in education, engineering, enforcement, and emergency services

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### 2017 Vermont Teen Driver Educator Summit

Vermont DMV, in coordination with the GHSP, will host the *2017 Teen Driver Educator Summit* at the Rutland Holiday Inn Conference Center on July 27th, 2017. This year's theme, "Education – Enforcement – Engineering - EMS → Zero Deaths" This year's summit will include current Legislative Updates, Engage Your Magic, Jonas Cain, Motivational Speaker, DMV Enforcement – Traffic Stops, Roundtable presentation with fellow driver educators to learn about classroom, observation, and behind the wheel activities, and Outside Activities (Rutland Regional Ambulance, Tire Safety, and Drive Electric Car Demo).

Registration will begin at 8:00, lunch will be provided onsite, and there will be an outdoor display put on by EMS crews and DMV. Contact Nancy Andrus, at (802)-828-2114 or email her at [Nancy.Andrus@vermont.gov](mailto:Nancy.Andrus@vermont.gov) for more information or to register.

### States Should Consider the Risk of Marijuana-Impaired Driving as New Research Links Legalization to Crash Increase

Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA)

WASHINGTON, D.C. - [New research from the Highway Data Loss Institute](#) (HLDI) reinforces the need for states to consider the risk of marijuana-impaired driving as they move toward liberalizing marijuana laws. HLDI insurance claims data links legalizing recreational marijuana to an increase in motor vehicle crashes. Specifically, the first three states to legalize recreational marijuana had a combined effect of 3% more collision claims than their neighboring states after introducing retail sales.

Click [here](#) to read the remainder of this article at [GHSA.org](http://GHSA.org).

### Deaths on Vermont Roadways

Year	Deaths
2012	77
2013	71
2014	44
2015	57
2016	62

**28 Deaths** as of July 11th, 2017

**Motor Vehicle Crash Facts:**  
[June 6, 2017 - June 12, 2017](#)  
[June 13, 2017 - June 20, 2017](#)  
[June 20, 2017 - June 27, 2017](#)

### New bicycle safety added to Mass driver's manual

BOSTON (MassDOT) – The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) has announced that the MassDOT Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) added several new key guidelines to the Massachusetts Driver's Manual (Driver's Manual) this year as part of an ongoing effort to promote road safety by educating bicyclists and motorists to be aware of their actions as they travel. Today, MassDOT also announced it has produced a video educating drivers how to exit a vehicle to prevent "dooring" cyclists.

Read the remainder of this article at Boston [News 22 - WWLP.Com](#)



[MyCarDoesWhat.org](http://MyCarDoesWhat.org) is a national campaign to help educate drivers on new vehicle safety technologies designed to help prevent crashes. These technologies range from increasing the stability and control of cars to providing warnings about crash threats to automatically intervening to avoid or reduce the severity of a crash. [NSC.org](http://NSC.org)

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