

# Pedestrian safety enforcement results released

Results of the pedestrian safety enforcement campaign in four cities—Detroit, Kalamazoo, Warren, and Lansing—have been released. The campaign ran from Sept. 5-11 in Kalamazoo, and from Sept. 5-11 and Oct. 2-9 in Detroit, Warren, and Lansing. The four cities were selected due to their high number of pedestrian-related traffic crashes.

Between the four cities, 294 citations were handed out and 257 warnings given, with a majority of citations going to motorists and a majority of the warnings going to pedestrians. Officers were focusing on illegal turns, motorists failing to stop at a signal or before a crosswalk, motorists failing to yield to pedestrians, pedestrians not walking on a sidewalk where provided,

and pedestrians not walking facing traffic when on a roadway.

"Education is always our number one goal during enforcements like this," said Michael L. Prince, Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP) Director. "We want all road users to be alert and safe, so that we can see a reduction in pedestrian fatalities and injuries in Michigan."

In 2018, there were 145 pedestrianinvolved fatal crashes, and over the last 10 years, there has been an average of 149 pedestrian fatalities annually.

The enforcement campaign is supported with federal traffic safety funds provided by the U.S. Department of Transportation and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and coordinated by the OHSP.

	Detroit	Lansing	Kalamazoo	Warren	Overall Totals
Motorist Warnings	41	11	5	55	112
Motorist Citations	186	6	0	87	279
Pedestrian Warnings	15	59	11	60	145
Pedestrian Citations	0	0	0	15	15

# Traffic deaths decline nationwide in 2018

For the third year in a row, the number of people killed in traffic crashes nation-

ally has declined. According to the National





Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), there were 36,560 people killed in traffic crashes in 2018, down 2.4 percent from 2017. The 2017 total, 37,473, was .9 percent lower than in 2016. Prior to 2016, there had been two straight years of an increase in traffic deaths.

Speeding-related fatalities and alcoholimpaired-driving fatalities saw some of the biggest decreases in 2018. Also the number of occupants in passenger cars, vans, SUVs, and pickup trucks as well as motorcyclists killed in crashes dropped from 2017. But, pedestrians and bicyclists saw an increase in traffic deaths.

In Michigan, the number of traffic deaths in 2018 was 5 percent lower than in 2017.

The <u>full NHTSA report for 2018</u> is available online.

### Click It or Ticket campaign runs in October

The first of two *Click It or Ticket* campaigns for Fiscal Year 2020 ran from October 17-31. Officers from police departments, sheriff's offices and the Michigan State Police (MSP) reminded people to make safe driving choices as they enjoyed autumn activities. Seat belt enforcement activities were stepped up across the state for the two-week period.

In Michigan, 192 people killed in traffic crashes during 2018 were not wearing a seat belt. October is the second deadliest month, behind only July, for fatalities of those unrestrained in a passenger vehicle in Michigan between 2013 and 2017.

"Wearing a seat belt is the simplest thing you can do to save lives and reduce injuries in a crash," said Michael L. Prince, OHSP director. "When you're out enjoying fall in Michigan it's important to remember to buckle up—every trip, every time, every passenger."

Michigan law requires drivers, front seat passengers

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### Camp 911 teaches U.P. sixth graders about EMS careers

By Jamie Dolan

In 1996, the first clamshell flip mobile phone was sold in the United States, and seat belt use in Michigan reached an all-time high of 70.8 percent. At the same time in southwest Michigan, the OHSP funded a proposal by Jari Pulford of SWM Systems to create a two-day program providing interactive experiences in injury prevention, bystander care, and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) careers to children ages 10-13.

A few years later, Dr. Craig Coccia, an Upper Peninsula (U.P.) neurosurgeon, encouraged Ann Clancy-Klemme, an RN/EMT-P, to bring this type of project to

smoke house evacuation, making a 911 call, and first responder careers.

"Camp opens with a full extrication scene like you would see at a serious crash. The ambulance, a fire truck with the Jaws of Life, as well as police and other rescue personal arrive with lights and sirens and run the drill like a real event. This is a total surprise to the kids and it gets their interest and attention right from the start," Clancy-Klemme said.

"Everything in this program is hands-on emergency care with a "high risk behavior" prevention focus as well. We show them what can happen if they engage in behavdonates all the tents, tables, and chairs every year. Young adult interns with the Michigan Department of Transportation serve as counselors. Dial Help provides team building skills and structure, and law enforcement, fire and rescue, EMS, and medical personnel provide mentorship, education, and support. The Valley Med Flight helicopter does a scene landing and tour.

"There are so many amazing volunteers and we couldn't do it without their dedicated help. Many have been with us since the first camp in '99," Clancy-Klemme said.

After two decades, the inaugural sixth



the region. Along with Judy Pruner, an Emergency Medical Technician, and Jerry Primeau, EMT-P and owner of Mercy EMS, the small but intrepid group planned the first *Camp 911* program that is now an institution in Houghton County.

For the past 21 consecutive summers, approximately 80 students from Keweenaw and Houghton counties—who are either entering or leaving the sixth grade—spend two full days learning the practical skills needed if they are first at the scene of an emergency, such as how to control bleeding and the correct way to apply a splint to a broken bone. In addition, they learn about wilderness survival,

iors that can injure their brains, such as not wearing helmets or seatbelts, and touch on adolescent drug or alcohol use. We allow them to touch a real brain and teach them how to assist someone who may have injuries to the neck or spinal cord."

Since its inception, the *Camp 911* program in Houghton County has relied on private businesses, public agencies, and an army of helpers.

Clancy-Klemme said there are between 30-40 volunteers involved. U.P. Health Systems and Aspirus Health Care each are the base financial support and take turns bringing in lunch and two snacks for everyone. Superior Equipment and Events



graders are all grown up.

"As I understand it, part of the reason this camp was started downstate was to be an avenue for kids to get interested in a career as a first responder," Clancy-Klemme said. "Our list of former camp graduates now boasts adult nurses, EMTs, police officers, and even a canine handler for the MSP."

After two busy days, there is just one hurdle left before the sixth graders are ready for their new responsibilities as trained responders.

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and passengers 15 and younger in any seating position to be buckled up. The fine and associated costs for not wearing a seat belt is \$65. Children must be in a car seat or booster seat until they are 8 years old or 4'9" tall, and children under 4 years old must be in the back seat.

In Michigan, the seat belt usage rate stands at 94.4 percent. The national seat belt use rate in 2018 was 89.6 percent.

The OHSP coordinates the Click It or Ticket effort which is supported by federal traffic safety funds. Results from the enforcement campaign will be available later this year. The next Click It or Ticket campaign will run May 11-31, 2020.

#### PARTNER PROFILE

### **Prevention Network**

Created in 1983 and operating as its own organization since 1993, the Prevention Network's mission is to prevent youth drug abuse and other risk behaviors in Michigan. The Prevention Network coordinates five programs: Parenting Awareness Michigan, Michigan Higher Education Network, Michigan Coalition to Reduce Underage Drinking, Community Connections, and the Ingham Substance Awareness and Prevention Coalition. Funding for these programs comes through grants, foundations, and private contributions. The Prevention Network also hosts a variety of trainings and events throughout the year. A full schedule can be found here.



We Take Prevention Personally

Michigan's network to support and expand community substance abuse prevention.

Ken Dail has been executive director of the network since 2008. There is a staff of eight and a nine-person board of trustees for the network. The Prevention Network is located in Lansing, and can be found online at www.preventionnetwork.org.



Ian Grossman of the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators speaks at the 2019 State Motorcycle Safety Administrators conference in Grand Rapids. More than 200 people attended the four-day national summit on motorcyclist safety.

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"The graduation is important," said Clancy-Klemme. "Camp ends with a rescue relay race that parents and family members are invited to attend."

Upon graduation, each camper is presented with a helmet, smoke alarm, T-shirt, and an emergency first aid kit. Lastly, they are presented with a certificate of completion, and acknowledgment of their hard

"We wrap up the day celebrating with a decorated cake and ice cream," said Clancy-Klemme. "The Camp 911 program teaches skills that can save lives, so not only is this milestone significant for each student, but also for the members of the communities in which they live."

For more information about the Houghton County Camp 911 program, contact Ann Clancy-Klemme at AClancyKlemme@gmail.com.

Jamie Dolan is the Northern Michigan Program Manager for the OHSP.





### What Move Over means in Michigan

By Kinga Canike and Ken Stecker

The third Saturday in October is National *Move Over* Day. The purpose behind the day is to raise awareness for the law that requires drivers to move over a lane when passing certain vehicles on the side of the road. Michigan has had a *Move Over* Law for many years now, but it was expanded in February 2019.

The expansion is the result of a growing concern for the safety of road workers. Every year, dozens of Michigan road construction workers are injured or killed on the job. In 2016, there were almost 5,000 work-zone crashes in Michigan, resulting in 17 fatalities and 75 serious injuries.

First responders also continue to face some of the greatest hazards from speeding motorists. In one week alone in February 2019, three separate incidents involving the move over law occurred in the metro Detroit area. In one incident, a state trooper was taken to the hospital after his patrol car was struck while parked in the center median of I-696 in Novi. In two other separate incidents that occurred on the same day, a law enforcement officer was struck twice and a state trooper's vehicle was hit while parked on the Lodge (M-10) Freeway.

Michigan's *Move Over* Law is contained in MCL 257.653. The original section of the law is in section a. It deals with emergency vehicles such as police, fire, and EMS, and states as follows:

(1) Upon approaching and passing a stationary authorized emergency vehicle that is giving a visual signal by means of flashing, rotating, or oscillating red, blue, white, or amber lights as permitted by section 698, the driver of an approaching vehicle shall exhibit due care and caution, as required under the following: a) On any public roadway with at least 2 adjacent lanes proceeding in the same direction of the stationary authorized emergency vehicle, the driver of the approaching vehicle shall proceed with caution, reduce his or

her speed by at least 10 miles per hour below the posted speed limit, and yield the right-of-way by moving into a lane at least 1 moving lane or 2 vehicle widths apart from the stationary authorized emergency vehicle, unless directed otherwise by a police officer. If movement to an adjacent lane or 2 vehicle widths apart is not possible due to weather, road conditions, or the immediate presence of vehicular or pedestrian traffic in parallel moving lanes, the driver of the approaching vehicle shall proceed as required in subdivision (b). b) On any public roadway that does not have at least 2 adjacent lanes proceeding in the same direction as the stationary authorized emergency vehicle, or if movement by the driver of the vehicle into an adjacent lane or 2 vehicle widths apart is not possible as described in subdivision (a), the approaching vehicle shall proceed with due care and caution and reduce his or her speed by at least 10 miles per hour below the posted speed limit, or as directed by a police officer.

The expanded version is contained in section b of MCL 257.653. It states as follows:

(1) Upon approaching and passing a stationary solid waste collection vehicle, a utility service vehicle, or a road maintenance vehicle that is giving a visual signal by means of flashing, rotating, or oscillating amber lights as permitted by section 698, the driver of an approaching vehicle shall exhibit due care and caution, as required under the following: a) On any public roadway with at least 2 adjacent lanes proceeding in the same direction of the stationary solid waste collection vehicle, utility service vehicle, or road maintenance vehicle, the driver of the approaching vehicle shall proceed with caution, reduce his or her speed by at least 10 miles per hour below the posted speed limit, and yield the right-of-way by moving into a lane at least 1 moving lane or

2 vehicle widths apart from the stationary solid waste collection vehicle, utility service vehicle, or road maintenance vehicle, unless directed otherwise by a police officer. If movement to an adjacent lane or 2 vehicle widths apart is not possible due to weather, road conditions, or the immediate presence of vehicular or pedestrian traffic in parallel moving lanes, the driver of the approaching vehicle shall proceed as required in subdivision (b). b) On any public roadway that does not have at least 2 adjacent lanes proceeding in the same direction as the stationary solid waste collection vehicle, utility service vehicle, or road maintenance vehicle, or if the movement by the driver of the vehicle into an adjacent lane or 2 vehicle widths apart is not possible as described in subdivision (a), the approaching vehicle shall proceed with due care and caution and reduce his or her speed by 10 miles per hour.

The law expanded this year to cover more stationary vehicles on the side of the road. In addition to emergency vehicles, it now also applies to the following:

- Road service vehicles such as tow trucks
- Road maintenance vehicles
- · Utility service vehicles
- Garbage trucks

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NTSB calls for national safety standards for limos

The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) is calling for new national requirement for seating and seat belt systems on limousines, citing evidence gathered in investigations of crashes in New York, Illinois, and New Jersey.

The NTSB's <u>Safety Recommendation</u> <u>Report</u> recommends the NHTSA require lap/shoulder belts for each passenger seating position on all new vehicles modified to be used as limousines. It also requires seating systems in these vehicles to meet

minimum performance standards to ensure their integrity during a crash.

A 2018 crash of a stretch limousine in New York left 20 dead, including the driver and 17 passengers. One person was killed and six injured in a 2016 limo crash in Illinois, and a 2014 crash in New Jersey killed one and severely injured comedian Tracy Morgan.

In Michigan, you are not required to wear a seat belt when riding in the back seat of a limo.





Applications for the 2019-20 Strive for a Safer Driver (S4SD) campaign are due November 14. For more information, visit www.michigan.gov/S4SD.



### What's Ahead

#### **NOVEMBER 2019**

- 7 Senior Mobility and Safety Action Team meeting. Horatio Earle Learning Center, 7575 Crowner Drive, Dimondale, 1:30 p.m.
- 12 Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Action Team meeting. Horatio Earle Learning Center, 7575 Crowner Drive, Dimondale, 9 a.m.
- 12 Traffic Safety Engineering Action Team meeting. Horatio Earle Learning Center, 7575 Crowner Drive, Dimondale, 9 a.m.
- 20 Drivers Age 20 and Younger Action Team meeting. Horatio Earle Learning Center, 7575 Crowner Drive, Dimondale, 10 a.m.

#### **DECEMBER 2019**

- 2-6 Older Driver Safety Awareness Week.
- 3 Governor's Traffic Safety Advisory Commission meeting. Horatio Earle Learning Center, 7575 Crowner Drive, Dimondale, 9 a.m.
- 4 Traffic Incident Management Action Team meeting. Horatio Earle Learning Center, 7575 Crowner Drive, Dimondale, 9:30 a.m.
- 18-1/1 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over crackdown.







Michigan State Police (MSP) Colonel Joseph Gasper (left) attended the October OHSP staff meeting. At the meeting, he recognized Northern Michigan Program Manager Jamie Dolan (right) for 20 years with the MSP.



#### TSM Traffic Safety Marketing

# Free national materials available online

The <u>Traffic Safety Marketing</u> website has many different kinds of materials available online for a variety of safety programs. From banner ads to fact sheets, public service announcements and sample social media messages, everything you need to help run a successful education program can be found. Topics range from bicycle safety to teen safety. The *Move Over* Law and prescription drug use are a couple of the newest topics to be included. You can also browse ideas from other states in the idea exchange section.

MSP Spl/F/Lt. Jim Flegel (right) was honored for his dedication to traffic Safety during the September 10 Governor's Traffic Safety Advisory Commission meeting. He served on the commission from October 2013 to June 2019. OHSP Director Michael L. Prince (left) presented Spl/F/Lt. Flegel with a plaque commemorating his service to the commission.

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Under the law, when approaching any of these stationary vehicles on the side of the road, a driver is required to slow down to at least 10 miles below the posted speed limit and move over a lane. If moving over into a lane is not possible due to traffic, weather, or road conditions, the driver must slow down to least 10 miles below the posted speed limit, pass with caution, and give the stationary vehicle as much space as possible.

The law does not require a driver to move over for a stationary vehicle without its lights on, but it is recommended that drivers always pass stationary vehicles on the side of the road with caution and leave as much room as possible. The penalty for violating this law is a civil infraction that carries a \$400 fine and two points on one's driver's license.

It is incumbent that law enforcement officers and prosecutors enforce this law to save the lives of first responders and other individuals working on the side of the road. The Traffic Safety Training Program offers trainings on this law and other violations of the Motor Vehicle Code that have been put in place to make Michigan roads safer for everyone.

For more information on this article and PAAM training programs, contact Kenneth Stecker or Kinga Canike, Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutors, at 517-334-6060 or e-mail at steckerk@michigan.gov or canikek@michigan.gov. Please consult your prosecutor before adopting practices suggested by this article. Discuss your practices that relate to this article with your commanding officers, police legal advisors, and the prosecuting attorney before changing your practice.

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**PAT ELIASON** 

Police Traffic Services Program Coordinator



Pat has been with the OHSP since October 1996, starting as the Occupant Protection Program Coordinator before becoming the Police Traffic Services Program Coordinator in 2002. She has a brother who lives in Tupelo, MS, and two cats, Tristan and Hunter. Tristan is an indoor cat, rescued from the Humane Society three years ago and Hunter is an outdoor cat who lives rent-free in Pat's garage!

## What do you like most about your iob?

I like the variety of tasks and people I get to work with every day.

#### What are your interests or hobbies?

I like to take wildlife photographs, play card games, and look forward to Indiana University Men's College Basketball games.

## What personal achievement are you most proud of?

That I've made it on my own.

What's your favorite vacation spot? So far, my favorite vacation spot has been the Grand Cayman Islands.

# What's something people don't know about you?

I like to play table shuffleboard, and I'm pretty good at it!





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Oct. 2-9	Pedestrian Safety Laws Enforcement	
Oct. 17-31	Click It or Ticket mobilization	
Oct. 20-26	Teen Driver Safety Week social media effort	
Dec. 2-6	Older Driver Safety Awareness Week	
Dec. 18-Jan. 1	Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over crackdown	
Feb. 1-2	Super Bowl social media effort	
March 10-11	Michigan Traffic Safety Summit	

Date	Event	
April 1-15	Distracted Driving Awareness social media effort	
May 11-31	Click It or Ticket mobilization	
June 3-10	Bicyclist Safety Law Enforcement	
July 1-19	Fourth of July <i>Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over</i> crackdown	
Aug. 14-Sept. 7	Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over crackdown	
Sept. 20-26	Child Passenger Safety Week	
Sept. 26 National Seat Check Saturday		







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