

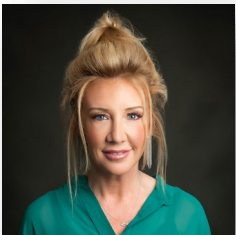


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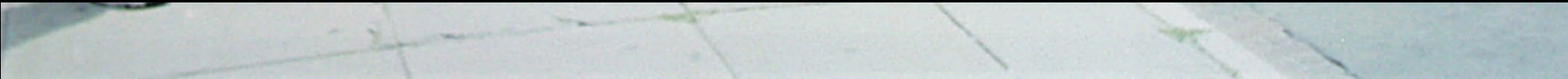
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# NEW YORK STATE GOVERNOR'S TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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# SCHOOL BUS SAFETY FACTS

- According to the New York State Association of Pupil Transportation (NYAPT):
  - There are more than 50,000 school buses in New York State
  - School buses transport over 2.3 million children to and from school each day
  - An estimated 50,000 motorists pass stopped school buses with red lights flashing each school day
- According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA):
  - School buses are the safest vehicle on the road
  - Students are about 70 times more likely to get to school safely when taking a school bus instead of traveling by car

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- Highway Safety Act of 1966 –

An act to provide a coordinated national highway safety program through financial assistance to the States

- Goal –

Reduce traffic accidents and deaths, injuries and property damage



## GRANT PROGRAMS

- **Child Passenger Safety**

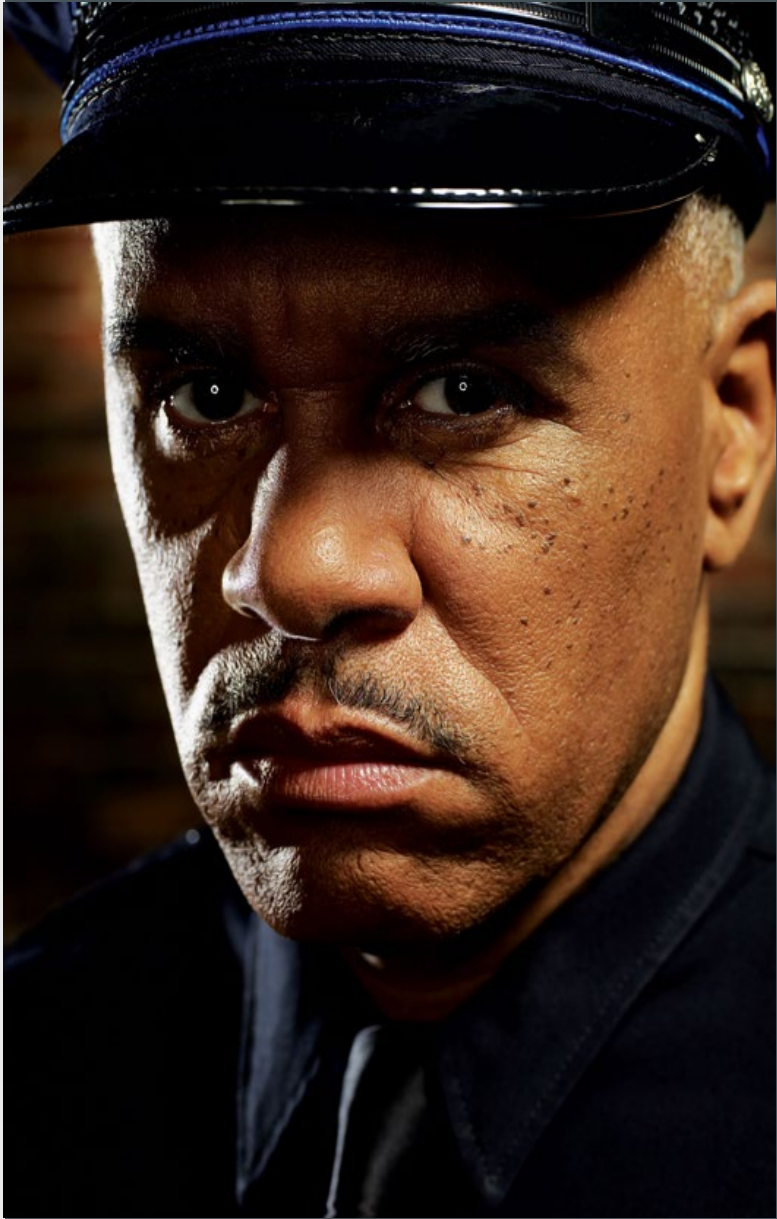
*Mini grants – fitting stations, awareness classes, check events, low-income education & distribution programs*

- **Highway Safety Grants**

*Highway safety programs – motorcycle safety, distracted driving awareness, pedestrian/bicycle safety, teen driver safety, older driver safety, school bus safety*

- **Police Traffic Services**

*Traffic safety enforcement – speeding, aggressive driving, distracted driving, seat belts, passing a stopped school bus*



## Operation Safe Stop

- Education and enforcement program to create awareness about the dangers of passing stopped school buses
- This year: Thursday, April 28, 2022



# NEW YORK STATE SCHOOL BUS SAFETY LAWS

## BASIC OVERVIEW

- Section 1174(a)
- It is illegal to pass a stopped school bus with red lights flashing
- Must stop when:
  - Approaching from the front
  - Overtaking from the rear
  - On public and private roads
  - On divided and multilane highways
  - On school grounds

# PENALTIES

By Conviction	Minimum Fine	Maximum Fine	Possible Imprisonment
First Conviction	\$250.00	\$400.00	Up to 30 days
Second Conviction (within 3 years)	\$600.00	\$750.00	Up to 180 days
Third or Subsequent Convictions (within 3 years)	\$750.00	\$1,000.00	Up to 180 days

## NEW YORK STATE SCHOOL BUS SAFETY LAWS

### DEMONSTRATION PROGRAMS

- Section 1174-a
- School Bus Stop Arm Cameras
  - County, city, town or village-wide
  - Must be in coordination with a school district
  - Cost falls onto county, city, town, or village
  - Monetary penalties of \$250-\$300 for vehicle owner

THANK YOU!

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**NYAPT**

# Passing Motorist

**Continued Threat to our Student Passengers**

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NYAPT**

# Statistics

NYAPT survey's -  
50,000 illegal  
passings each  
school day

Stop arm  
camera data

Last fatality in  
New York - 1999  
- New Rochelle

28 PM fatalities  
since 1960

Near misses still  
happen

# Causes



Distraction



Hurried pace of our society



Lack of knowledge of the law



# Penalties

- ▶ 1174 violations
  - ▶ First offense - \$250-\$400 fine and/or 30 days in jail
  - ▶ Repeat offenders – up to \$1000 fine and up to 180 days in jail
  
- ▶ 1174A Violations
  - ▶ First offense - \$250 fine
  - ▶ Repeat offenders - \$300 fine within 18 months



# Education is the Key



Stop arm camera programs



Operation Safe Stop - April 28, 2022



Heightened media attention



- ▶ Commit to Zero Passing Motorist Fatalities
- ▶ Commit to minimizing distraction
- ▶ Learn stop for school bus law
- ▶ Education
- ▶ Increase targeted enforcement

What Can You  
Do?

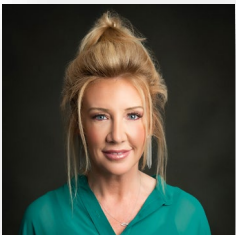
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