



Central & Western New York Chapter Onondaga County Traffic Safety Program

New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee (GTSC) awards Federal highway safety grant funds to local, state and not-for-profit agencies for projects to improve highway safety and reduce deaths and injuries due to crashes. The GTSC shares timely and accurate news, information and other resources about traffic safety and provides guidance and coordination of traffic safety activities in NYS through county Traffic Safety Advisory Boards.

Mission

“To foster cooperation and partnership between all involved agencies, including law enforcement and community members, who have a vested interest in the education and

How Can the Traffic Safety Program Help You?

The Onondaga County Traffic Safety Program through the Safety Council is designed to provide free traffic safety presentations, training and programs to local schools, businesses and community organizations. Educational videos, materials and information are available for loan or presentation by certified personnel. Some of the topics include “Walk Alert”, “Willy Whistle”, “Eggbelt”, Winter and Sledding Safety, Aggressive Driving, Distracted Driving interactive activities, “Alive at 25”, Senior Driving, Impaired Driving and Occupant Restraints. Arrangements can be made for child safety seat checks, bicycle helmet fittings and distribution or for Vince and Larry Crash Dummies demonstrations. Call or email the Traffic Safety Coordinator or Educator for more program titles and details.

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OCTSAB Meeting Schedule 2010

Jan. 12	Mar. 2	May 6
Jul. TBD	Sep. 7	Nov. 2

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Current 2010 Scheduled Events

Mar.2.....OCTSAB meeting.....Centro 200 Cortland Street
 Mar. 10.....Bike & Pedestrian Safety.....YMCA Radisson
 Mar. 12.....CPS Technician Update.....Child Care Solutions
 Mar. 18.....Willy Whistle Presentation.....St. Brigid’s School
 Mar. 22.....Willy Whistle Presentation.....Assembly of God
 Mar.24.....Eggbelt Presentation Assembly of God
 Mar.25.....Building Bridges— Cultural Diversity.... Gifford Zoo
 Mar.25.....Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety..... Child Time Center
 Mar. 30.....Motorcycle Safety Training.....SUNY OCC

Onondaga County Bicycle Safety Coalition

The Bicycle Safety Coalition was created in 1989 for the purpose of providing low-cost bicycle helmets to the residents of our county. The Coalition has distributed more than 40,000 helmets since its inception. For more information or to purchase a low-cost helmet call or email the Traffic Safety Coordinator or Educator.

Annual Events and Activities

The Onondaga County Traffic Safety Program activity promotes various traffic safety related educational campaigns throughout the year. Some of the events include the Onondaga County Traffic Safety Advisory Board Recognition Event for community partners, bi-monthly Onondaga County Traffic Safety Advisory Board meetings "Operation Safe Stop", Onondaga County Traffic Safety Fair, Syracuse Nationals, “Walk This Way”, New York State Highway Safety Symposium, and the “Lights On Caravan”. The Traffic Safety Program also participates with various community organizations to provide presentations and educational materials for corporate health and safety expos, schools and church functions.

Traffic Safety Fact: In January 2009 the National Safety Council estimated there were about 636,000 crashes attributable to cell phone use each year. NSC’s new model estimates 28% of crashes were attributable to handheld and hands-free cell phone use and texting.