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## Be a fan of Sober Driving this Super Bowl

Football fans across the country will celebrate America's most watched national sporting event, Super Bowl LI, on Sunday, February 5. For many, the celebration will include drinking alcohol. That's why the Division of Highway Traffic Safety and law enforcement officials are teaming up with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) for a special **Fans Don't Let Fans Drive Drunk** reminder to urge all football fans to call the right play on Super Bowl weekend by passing the keys to a sober driver before the drinking begins.

[Super Bowl LI Fact and Tip Sheet](#)



## Drug Recognition Expert Program 2017

In 2016, the sixth and seventh Counties came on board with County DRE Callout programs. Somerset and Hunterdon Counties joined Atlantic, Bergen, Morris, Ocean, and Monmouth by developing a County DRE policy and submitting a grant to DHTS for DRE evaluations and court time. In addition, the New Jersey State Police now have DRE's available to assist with municipal cases where a DRE is needed. This is particularly good news in the Counties where there is no callout program.

Because of the exponential increase in opiate dependency and the fact that many impaired drivers in the last few years have no trace of alcohol, the need for DRE's has never been greater. Please be aware that it is a long training (9 days classroom and several field certification details) and that there is a process for selection of candidates. It starts with an application to the Alcohol/Drug Test Unit at NJSP.

Applications require a sign off from the Officer's Chief or Station Commander, a recommendation from a Certified DRE in good standing, as well as prerequisites such as SFST and ARIDE as well as DWI arrest numbers for four years.

There are three DRE classes scheduled for FY2017.

[FY2017 DRE Application](#)

Take **5 MINUTES** for safety

Find your VIN on your car dashboard, insurance documents or registration.

Use the VIN look-up tool at [safercar.gov](http://safercar.gov) to check for recalls.

If you have a recall, get it fixed for free at your dealer.

**SAFE CARS SAVE LIVES**  
CHECK FOR RECALLS

**NHTSA**

## Safe Cars Save Lives

Protect yourself and the ones you love. Go to <https://www.safercar.gov/Vehicle-Owners/Check-For-Recalls/CheckForRecalls> and enter your vehicle identification number (VIN) to find out if your vehicle is included in any recalls. NHTSA recommends checking for recalls on your vehicle at least twice a year.



[Ice & Snow Informational Palm Card](#)

## SPOTLIGHT

Every day, 28 people in the United States die in an alcohol-related vehicle crash—that's one person every 53 minutes.

[Man in the Mirror Video Link](#)



## IN THE NEWS

- [USDOT Proposes New Guidelines to Address Driver Distraction](#)
- [The Deadliest NJ Counties for Motorists in 2016](#)
- [Our Cars Are Safer. So Why Are Fatal Accidents in NJ Rising?](#)
- [Senate Panel Approves Addiego's "Task Force on Safety in School Transportation"](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS & TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

- Child Passenger Safety Technician Certification Course registration can be accessed thru the link below with course offerings thru July: [CPS Certification](#)
- Save the Date — 13th NHTSA Region 2 CPS Technical Conference — March, 2018
- Distracted Driving — April
- Click it or Ticket — May



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