

THE MAINE LIAISON



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Maine Bureau of Highway Safety

Summer 2025

On behalf of your law enforcement liaisons, we want to welcome you back to summer. With the past 14 or 15 weekends in a row containing some amount of rainfall, I'm guessing many of you are ready for summer and all that goes with it.

From the Bureau of Highway Safety, we continue to see the number of fatalities on our roadways remain consistent with last year's numbers at this same time, considering the rainy weekend weather pattern we've dealt with. With longer days, favorable weather, and increased traffic from both motor vehicles and motorcycles ahead of us, we in law enforcement will need to work hard to seek the required level of voluntary compliance from our motorists to support ongoing safety on our roadways.

When our men and women in uniform are con-

ducting traffic enforcement work, it might be helpful to share with motorists why patrol function, specifically traffic enforcement, is so vital to safety. The gold standard for this data is NHTSA's "[Countermeasures That Work](#)," a robust guide for State Highway Safety Offices and other professionals to select effective, evidence-based countermeasures for various traffic safety problem areas. The guide covers 10 key areas: alcohol- and drug-impaired driving, bicycle safety, distracted driving, drowsy driving, motorcycle safety, older drivers, pedestrian safety, seat belts and child restraints, speeding and speed management, and young drivers.

Regardless of the specific type of targeted traffic enforcement an Agency conducts, it's high visibility enforcement (HVE) that leads to positive

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TRAFFIC FATALITIES

**Traffic Fatalities through:
July 1, 2025**

72

*comparable prior years through July 1 of respective year

***2024**

***2023**

78

45

***2022**

***2021**

85

61

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driving behavior during and after a campaign. These campaigns continue to be areas the Bureau of Highway Safety can support through NHTSA grant funding by utilizing crash data in your communities.

Over the past few years, many agencies across Maine have replaced BHS-funded details with other federal funding streams that still allowed for traffic enforcement work. If your Agency is interested in seeking BHS grant funds for traffic safety work, please reach out to Jim or me to help with that process.

In closing, we'd like to highlight the ongoing great work that the Maine Chiefs of Police District Two (Cumberland County) under the leadership of Chief John Kilbride, Falmouth Police Department. These law enforcement agencies have joined together for the last several weekends and will continue to do so for the remainder of the summer to conduct RIDE (Regional Impaired Driving Enforcement) details in each Cumberland County

town.

Although RIDE details have historically been funded by BHS, MCOPA D2 has self-funded this rotating weekend event to combat the growing prevalence of operating under the influence cases across Cumberland County. BHS is supporting this work by providing the roadside testing vehicle for Officers to process OUI cases in the field to increase efficiency in the detection and processing of OUIs.

RIDE details were much more prevalent across

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Updates from our AAA Partners:



Save the date:

2025 Maine Driver Education Summit

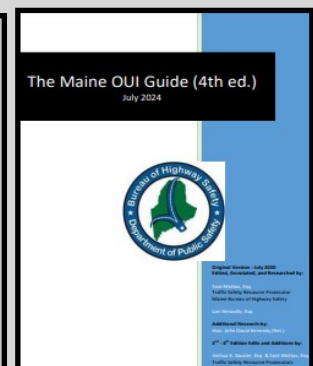
September 3 - Wednesday

Hilton Garden Inn Auburn Riverwalk
Auburn Maine

Register [here](#)



Both the SFST pocket guide and the Maine OUI guide can be obtained for your Agency by reaching out to your LEL's. The Maine OUI guide (4th edition) can be found electronically [here](#).





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PUBLIC SAFETY ADVOCATES

Access our full training schedule by clicking this [LINK](#)

Dirigo Safety's newsletter titled "What's New at Dirigo Safety" can be found [here!](#)

Artificial Intelligence Basics

July 24, 2025 0800-1200 **Price: \$179**
Dirigo Safety LLC
95 Main St
Auburn ME 04210

Public Access to Records FOAA

July 24, 2025 0800-1200 **Price: \$179**
Dirigo Safety LLC
95 Main St
Auburn ME 04210

First Line Supervisor Training

July 22, 2025 0800-1600 **Price: \$279**
Skowhegan Police Dept
51 E. Madison Rd
Skowhegan ME 04976

GREEN LAB– Cannabis impairment detection.

August 7 2025 0800-1700
Dirigo Safety LLC
95 Main St
Auburn ME 04210

Price: FREE for Maine LEO's. Sponsored by OCP. \$600 for non-Maine LEO's. Lunch will be provided.



Updates From

Impaired Driving Enforcement Training Unit



Applications are open for a select number of seats in Maine's next Drug Recognition Expert school, scheduled for February, 2026.

When officers make an arrest for operating under the influence, and a breath test indicates it's not just alcohol causing impairment, Maine's DREs are called in to evaluate the person. DREs can identify a category of drug(s) that the person is impaired by, and also identify many medical conditions that some times look like impairment.

This course isn't easy; in fact, it's probably the most academically challenging course offered at MCJA. The application process isn't easy, either. Students will need to submit a supplemental application, answering information about their experience and training in OUI enforcement, obtain letters of reference, and submit their two most recent OUI arrest reports. From there, the DRE advisory committee will select a number of applicants to interview, and select students to attend the classroom portion of training. That list of selected students must then be approved by the Commissioner of Public Safety.

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TSRP Talk:

News & Current Events

TSRP TALK: RESOURCES
Joshua Saucier, Assistant TSRP
June 25, 2025

This article is intended to introduce you to the resources tab of the Maine TSRP page. While your Maine TSRPs are ready and available to help you with any impaired driving related question, we also try to post information and resources that may be of use to you. Where we do that is on [TSRP page](#) of the Maine Bureau of Highway Safety's website. The current items found under the resources tab on that page include the following:

The Maine OUI Guide: This should be a staple resource for anyone involved in OUI investigation or prosecution. The Maine OUI Guide was created in 2020 by TSRP Scot Mattox and Lori Renzullo (then legal intern, later attorney and ADA, and formerly police officer and MDEA agent), with edits by retired Judge David Kennedy. It has been continually edited and updated, and it strives to include OUI relevant case law and information using a step-by-step or topic-by-topic approach.

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Need access to free NHTSA social media images and content for all NHTSA Campaigns? Try the newly updated Traffic Safety Marketing web page line [here](#).

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Chemist Corner

MAINE CDC-DHHS:

HEALTH & ENVIRONMENTAL TESTING LABORATORY:

FORENSIC CHEMISTRY SECTION: TOXICOLOGY

The next two pages are most current list of Intoxilyzer instruments across the State of Maine. Each location is primary determined by the number of OUI subject tests throughout the course of a year. This data is reviewed by a team comprised of BHS and HETL members with the goal of placing an Intoxilyzer in a location that supports OUI enforcement and detection. If you have any question about the the Intoxilyzer program, contact James Willis or Patrick Hood at BHS.

Maine DPS- Bureau of Highway Safety Supported Breath Alcohol Testing Instrument (Intoxilyzers) Locations June 2025

Androscoggin SO	Model 8000	Lisbon PD	Model 8000
Aroostook SO	Model 8000	Livermore Falls PD	Model 8000
Ashland PD	Model 8000	Madawaska PD	Model 8000
Augusta PD	Model 8000	Newport PD	Model 8000
Baileyville PD	Model 8000	Oakland PD	Model 8000
Bangor PD	Model 8000	Ogunquit PD	Model 9000
Bar Harbor PD	Model 8000	Old Orchard Beach PD	Model 9000
Bath PD	Model 8000	Old Town PD	Model 8000
Biddeford PD	Model 9000	Orono PD	Model 8000
Boothbay Harbor PD	Model 8000	Oxford SO - Bethel	Model 8000
Bridgton PD	Model 8000	Oxford SO - So Paris	Model 8000
Brunswick PD	Model 9000	Oxford PD	Model 8000
Bucksport PD	Model 8000	Piscataquis SO	Model 8000
Buxton PD	Model 8000	Portland PD	Model 9000
Calais PD	Model 8000	Presque Isle PD	Model 8000
Camden PD	Model 8000	Rangeley PD	Model 8000
Caribou PD	Model 8000	Rumford PD	Model 8000
Carrabassett Valley PD	Model 8000	Sabattus PD	Model 8000
Cumberland PD	Model 9000	Saco PD	Model 9000
Dexter PD	Model 8000	Sanford PD	Model 9000
Dover-Foxcroft PD	Model 8000	Scarborough PD	Model 9000
East Millinocket PD	Model 8000	Skowhegan PD	Model 8000
Eliot PD	Model 9000	So. Berwick PD	Model 9000

Chemist Corner

MAINE CDC-DHHS:

HEALTH & ENVIRONMENTAL TESTING LABORATORY:

FORENSIC CHEMISTRY SECTION: TOXICOLOGY

Fairfield PD	Model 8000	So. Portland PD	Model 9000
Fort Fairfield PD	Model 8000	Somerset SO Jackman Sub Station	Model 8000
Fort Kent PD	Model 8000	Somerset SO Jail Madison	Model 8000
Franklin SO	Model 8000	Topsham PD	Model 8000
Freeport PD	Model 9000	Waldo SO	Model 8000
Fryeburg PD	Model 8000	Waldoboro PD	Model 8000
Gardiner PD	Model 8000	Washington SO	Model 8000
Gorham PD	Model 9000	Waterville PD	Model 8000
Gouldsboro PD	Model 8000	Wells PD	Model 9000
Hancock SO	Model 8000	Westbrook PD	Model 9000
Holden PD	Model 8000	Windham PD	Model 9000
Kennebunk PD	Model 9000	Winslow PD	Model 8000
Kittery PD	Model 9000	Winthrop PD	Model 8000
Knox SO	Model 8000	Yarmouth	Model 9000
Lewiston PD	Model 8000	York PD	Model 9000
Lincoln PD	Model 8000	York County SO	Model 9000
Lincoln SO (TBRJ)	Model 8000	Troop E (Bangor)	Model 8000

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Here's the good news - The equipment and tuition is paid for, thanks to our continuing partnership and support from the [Maine Bureau of Highway Safety](#).

DREs are integral to Maine's impaired driving enforcement efforts, and are often called upon for their expertise. They are truly making a difference, and making our communities safer.

Applications open June 17 - August 8th, 2025

Interviews and candidate selection - August, 2025

DRE Classroom: February 17 - 27, 2026

In-state green lab training: March, 2026, Dates TBD

Out of state field certifications: March 17 - 21st, 2026

Applications can be found online here:

<https://www.maine.gov/dps/sites/maine.gov.dps/files/inline-files/DRE%20School%20Supplemental%20App%202025.docx>

The Bureau of Highway Safety *Coordinators*

UPDATES

FROM

Grant Funded Equipment

Just a reminder that if you have BHS grant funded equipment that is no longer in service at your agency but is in good working condition, we can take that from you and offer it to agencies across the State at no cost. Please reach out to Jeremy.Morin@maine.gov for any questions.

Forensic Phlebotomy

The most current on call list of trained FP professionals can be found [HERE](#).

Next Forensic Phlebotomy class is scheduled for 10/6/25 thru 11/9/2025. In-person labs will be Nov. 12, 13, and 14.

For more information about the Forensic Phlebotomy program, please contact Kasey.Theriault@Maine.gov.

Maine BHS 2025 National Child Passenger Safety Certification Trainings



Training Date & Time: July 21-24, 2025 ~ 8:00AM-5:00PM Lunch provided!

Training Location: EMCC Rangeley Hall 268 Sylvan Road Bangor, ME 04401

Course ID Number: ME20250131178

Training Date & Time: August 19-22, 2025 ~ 8:00AM-5:00PM Lunch provided!

Training Location: Knox County EMA 301 Park Street Rockland, ME 04841

Course ID Number: ME20250131179

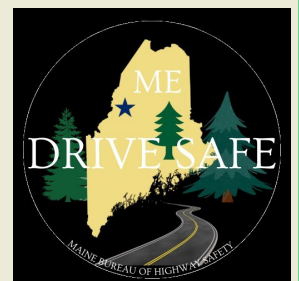
Certification Cost (Paid directly to Safe Kids Worldwide): \$95

To register for these trainings, please go to <https://cert.safekids.org/>

FMI: Maine Bureau of Highway Safety at 207-626-3840 or by email at erica.davis@maine.gov

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our State pre-COVID-19. This is a mission BHS would like to support across the State as staffing levels grow. Please reach out to either Jim or me to continue the discussion about reinstating this program.



TSRP Talk continued:

Cannabis Violations Visual Chart: This resource was created by TSRP Mattox to assist Maine law enforcement officers in determining whether they could stop a vehicle or person for their use or possession of cannabis. Each column reflects a category of laws and age group while each row reflects an action related to cannabis. It should be noted that the “Operating a MV Under the Influence” column is intended to ask, “May the person operate a motor vehicle under the influence of cannabis?” For more information on this chart, please read the related article, found under the relevant articles tab, titled “Cannabis Violations and Highway Safety.”

Suggested Cannabis Impaired Driving Investigation Techniques for SFST Trained Officers: This useful document relates to the “Cannabis Studies: What Traffic Safety Professionals Need to Know” class offered by Maine’s TSRPs. In the document, TSRP Mattox combines roadside investigations with lessons from scientific studies to guide officers in detecting cannabis impairment.

Vehicular Manslaughter: This document is a checklist of sorts used by prosecutors when assisting with fatal crash investigations; it is intended to help ensure a thorough investigation. It is invaluable and was developed by ADA Pat Mador. Everyone involved in traffic safety should familiarize themselves with this document, know where to locate it, and use it in all fatal crash investigations.

Recreation Marijuana – Impacts on Public Health & Safety: This is the latest resource available on the page and was originally developed by Pennsylvania’s TSRP, Nathan Boob (the PA TSRP). In it, the PA TSRP addresses four impacts of cannabis on public health and safety and, by category, discusses related publications. For example, under the impact “Marijuana causes physical harm to recreational users, children, pregnant women, and people subjected to secondhand exposure,” the PA TSRP discusses the impacts of cannabis on working memory while citing a related study.

In addition to these resources and as earlier referred to, articles on various topics can be found under the “Relevant Articles and Essays” tab. Such articles include an introduction and link to a “Cops in Court” video, a discussion of blood evidence in OUI, a discussion of place of last drink data, and more.

We hope that all such resources and article will be useful to you – our traffic safety partners. If you ever have a need or idea for more information or resources, please reach out to us and ask. We will do our best to find or create something to suit your needs.

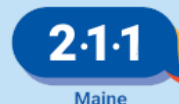
As the weather continues to warm across the State, our roadside testing vehicle (RTV) is ready for use! If your Agency could benefit from the deployment of this fully operational mobile breath testing vehicle, please contact Jeremy.Morin@Maine.gov.



Community Resource Page



Help Me Grow
Maine



A Solution to Help Young Children Shine



Help Me Grow is a central access point designed to connect families to information and services about child development and community resources.

In partnership with 211 Maine caregivers and providers can contact Help Me Grow for additional support. Help Me Grow will listen, link families to services, and provide follow-up to both caregivers and referral sources.

How It Works:

Eligibility

We are available at no cost to all Maine children, birth to eight, and their families/caregivers. Parents can also call for assistance during pregnancy.

Centralized Access Point

We assist caregivers and child health providers in connecting children to the grid of existing community and State resources that can help them thrive, through a "warm hand-off" from families to resources.

Resources

We help support a network of connected service providers, that can effectively serve families in Maine who have a variety of needs.

Developmental Screening

We promote working with families to recognize developmental milestones and utilize the Ages & Stages Questionnaires® (ASQ) to assess development. If concerns are identified in the screening process, we work with families to connect to early intervention professionals for further assessment.

Consider Referring A Family When:

- You are unsure what services a family might be eligible for, but know they need support.
- A family needs additional support navigating next steps in accessing resources (CDS, WIC, etc.).
- A screening needs to be completed, or family needs support completing an online ASQ®.



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About Maine

In partnership with the Maine Bureau of Highway Safety, Choices Matter is a life changing in-school program using personal stories and interactive materials to inspire students to make the right choices both behind the wheel and in life.



Western Maine Wellness Conference

August 18 & 19, 2025 7:45am - 5:00pm

Registration Fees: PD, FD, Dispatch, & EMS - \$50 Significant Others - \$25

Sponsors:

Rumford Police Department
Dirigo Safety
Maine Resiliency Center

Location

Mountain Valley High School
799 Hancock Street
Rumford, ME 04276

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Featured Presenters:



MATTHEW GRIFFIN
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Narcotics, Author, &
Motivational Speaker



DR. BEN STONE
Founder & CEO SIGMA
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SONNY PROVETTO
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Founder/Clinical Director
VT Center for Responder
Wellness



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Founder of First Response
Mental Health &
PeerConnect

Presentation Topics include: Fit for Duty Evaluations, Window of Tolerance, First Responder Relationships, Warrior PATHH, Employee Health, Wellness, and Resilience, ForgeVFR, LE Suicide in Maine, Yoga for First Responders, PeerConnect, Stress First Aid, Inpatient Treatment services, Struggle Well, Spouse Peer Support, Compassionate Leadership, Department Wellness Programs, Financial Wellness, Addiction, Wellness for Retirement, FirstHELP, Work Life Balance, Building Healthy First Responder Families, and more!





Bureau of Highway Safety *In the field*

Several ARIDE classes were conducted this quarter. This ARIDE training was held at Holden Police Department. Topsham Police Department also held a training a few weeks alter. Several dozens of Maine Law Enforcement Officers leave with additional training to aide in the detection of impairment.



On the left is Director Lauren Stewart and her team at the 2025 AAANE Impaired Driving summit. This annual event sponsored by AAA brought together prosecutors, attorneys, law enforcement, chemists, and professional speakers to focus on the ongoing challenges of impaired driving across our State.



Bureau of Highway Safety *In the field*



The picture above is the Rule the Road event that was held on 6/7/2025 at St. Mary's church in Bangor. Rule the Road is a program through Choices Matter aimed at new drivers to cultivate safe driving habits. Over 60 attendees took part in the event that included a serpentine course and mock traffic stop from Holden Police, school bus safety awareness, driving simulators from the Bureau of Highway Safety and Alliance. The photo below is the first RIDE detail in Falmouth conducted on 5/24/2025.

