



# LAW ENFORCEMENT BULLETIN



## CROSSING GUARD SAFETY PROGRAM RESOURCES

August typically marks the start of the new school year for New Jersey's law enforcement agencies. While children hurry to squeeze in more vacation time, traffic safety officers rush to inspect school zones and train crossing guards. The position of School Crossing Guard continues to be one of the most dangerous occupations in local government. Over the last decade, the accident rate for crossing guards has increased by 65%. The Safety Director wants to inform our members of the new and updated risk control resources to assist them and their officers in preparing for the coming school year.

### [MEL Safety Institute School Crossing Guard Resources](#)

Each year should begin with a review of the town's Crossing Guard Program, including a survey of established posts, a process to determine if additional posts are necessary, a review of existing policy and procedures, planning for the annual training program, and a robust process for effectively training newly hired Crossing Guards that minimally meets the required New Jersey training standards for new Crossing Guards (40A:9-154.2).

The updated resources available on the MEL School Crossing Guard Webpage include:

- Sample Crossing Guard Policy
- Sample Crossing Guard Job Description
- Sample Medical Examination Requirements
- Sample Review - Crossing Guard Program and Posts
- Sample Crossing Guard Training Agenda – New Employees
- Sample Crossing Guard Training Agenda – Existing Employees (Agency leaders should consider utilizing this training agenda for this year for all guards)
- Sample Crossing Guard Sample Job Safety Observation Report
- Guidance in establishing a Citizen Advisory Committee
- Conducting a Public Awareness Campaign – Sample Media Release
- Numerous Training and Community Awareness Videos
- Additional Resource Considerations



## Their Safety Starts With Your Safety

Being a crossing guard is the most dangerous job in municipal government. Staying safe means dressing to be seen so your directions are followed.

**STOP paddle with handle\***



**Baseball or uniform hat with badge**



**Consider a whistle**



**Badge with municipality name and ID number**



**ANSI Type R, Class 2 or 3 vest or coat**



**Sturdy, closed-toed shoes**



**\* Best Practice:**

Reflectorized Stop Paddle should be used during times of limited or low visibility.