



FIRE & EMS MESSAGE



JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER KILLED ON E-BIKE

On September 24, 2026, [Firefighter Close Calls](#) reported on the tragic loss of a junior firefighter. According to police, the A.F. Dobler Hose and Ladder Company (Girard, PA) 17-year-old member was responding to an emergency call on their E-Bike and didn't stop at a stop sign. They hit a sedan on its front right side, ejecting the teen from the E-Bike. They died at the hospital of blunt force trauma injuries.

Fire and EMS agencies with junior or cadet programs are encouraged to consider this new hazard to responding members. When orienting new members, discuss the New Jersey E-Bike Laws. Also, stress the hazards of intersections when responding with E-Bikes, E-Scooters, and other vehicles. Junior members need and deserve the time to make sure they fully understand the new-to-them hazards of responding to emergency situations and the emotions involved.

E-bike and E-Scooter safety requires a whole-of-government approach. Fire, EMS, OEM, law enforcement, public works, recreation, schools, risk management, municipal administration, legal counsel, and other community partners should work together to review agency use, employee training, storage, and lithium-ion battery safeguards. Fire and EMS leaders should read the [MSI Safety Director Bulletin, E-Bike Legislative Changes and Essential Considerations](#), and use it to initiate coordinated planning with local government stakeholders.