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Dear Members of New York's Traffic Safety Community:

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) recently released injury and fatality statistics for 2013 showing a national decline from 2012. This is very encouraging news; however, the loss of even one life on our highways is one too many. In New York, we too have seen a steady decline with 2014 ranking as one of the safest years on record. New York State has made tremendous progress in making our streets and highways safer for the millions of motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists who travel our streets and highways each day. These results are indicative of the time and effort that our partners at the state and community level put into traffic safety.

The traffic safety community, in partnership with state and local leaders, has implemented some of the toughest laws and successful programs that have helped us to attain our goal of safer roadways for everyone. Examples include strengthening the provisions of Leandra's Law by implementing new safeguards to keep drunk drivers off New York's roads, implementing regulations designed to keep dangerous drivers with a history of repeat alcohol or drug-related driving convictions from being relicensed and increasing the penalties for driving while distracted.

In order to maintain New York's role as one of the nation's leaders in traffic safety, our efforts must continue. The Governor's Traffic Safety Committee is again pleased to announce this year's grant opportunities. I encourage you to develop innovative programs in your communities to help us dramatically reduce the number of injuries and fatalities on our roadways.

Traffic safety initiatives undertaken at the local level and funded by Governor's Traffic Safety Committee (GTSC) grants have contributed to our efforts to reduce all types of crashes including alcohol related, motorcycle, pedestrian, bicycle, and large truck. The implementation of programs that educate the public on the dangers of drowsy, impaired, distracted, and aggressive driving and rely on the enforcement of traffic safety laws continue to make New York a national leader in highway safety.

Your sustained efforts and dedication to highway safety are to be commended and recognized for the valuable contribution made toward making New York a safe state in which to travel, work, and live. Together, we will maintain our strong commitment to making our State's roadways safer for all.

Please see the attached grant application document and contact your GTSC Highway Safety Program Representative at (518) 474-5111 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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Assistant Commissioner

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Governor's Traffic Safety Committee



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STATE OF NEW YORK GOVERNOR'S TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE 2016 GRANT PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS AND APPLICATION INFORMATION

I. Structured Programs - Child Passenger Safety and Police Traffic Services:

Child Passenger Safety (CPS) - These grants will continue to support child passenger safety activities: fitting stations, training and education programs, child passenger safety check events and car seat distribution programs for low income families.

Police Traffic Services (PTS) - The Federal Fiscal Year 2016 Police Traffic Services (PTS) grant program will provide funding to law enforcement agencies to conduct traffic enforcement. In addition to having a current mandatory seat belt use policy in place for police officers of the department, participation in the national Click it or Ticket seat belt enforcement mobilization is required. This program will also fund agencies to conduct traffic enforcement details based on the crash data of their local jurisdiction, with the goal of impacting motorist behavior and improving traffic safety within their communities.

The incentive funding for these structured programs is limited. The Governor's Traffic Safety Committee (GTSC) may not be able to fund all of your initiatives. Applicants may request up to the maximum grant amount of \$40,000 for CPS

and up to \$46,000 for PTS. There is no minimum request amount.

II. General Highway Safety Grants - Programs for local, state and not-for-profit agencies:

The highway safety grant application for local, state and not-for-profit agencies is available to address a particular highway safety problem in their jurisdiction. This proposal requires applicants to submit a narrative outline of the problem with supporting data, details of the proposed activities with milestones and an evaluation plan.

Proposals must address one of the program areas included in the state's Highway Safety Strategic Plan. Program areas considered for the general Highway Safety Grant funding include: occupant protection; traffic enforcement; motorcycle safety; traffic records; community programs; programs that impact our younger drivers or older drivers; bicycle safety; pedestrian safety; roadway safety and impaired driving.

In 2016, our impaired driving program goals will focus on statewide projects that provide training, equipment and programs to enhance

state agencies' initiatives to support the efforts of the county STOP-DWI programs. We anticipate that available federal funding will once again not be increased this year so we encourage our applicants to submit complete, detailed and data-supported proposals.

Highway Safety Strategic Plan

Every year the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee prepares the Highway Safety Strategic Plan (HSSP). This plan is the road map for traffic safety professionals in the state and is based on issues and strategies identified by GTSC member agencies, other state and local agencies, law enforcement agencies and not-for-profit organizations. The HSSP can be found online at www.SafeNY.ny.gov/hsdata.htm. We invite you to contact the GTSC if you have suggestions for the HSSP.

Problem Identification

Since successful programs are data driven, we encourage you to use the ticket and crash data reports that the GTSC has provided for each county. They are available on our website at www.SafeNY.ny.gov/hsdata.htm. These reports should be used to supplement your local data as you develop your problem identification statements for applications and to evaluate your existing programs and initiatives.

Application Procedure

Not-for-profit agencies must register with and be pre-qualified in the New York State Grants Gateway before submitting a GTSC grant proposal. Proposals received from not-

for-profit applicants that have not registered and are not Prequalified in the Grants Gateway on the proposal due date of 11:59 PM on 5/15/15 cannot be evaluated. Such proposals will be disqualified from further consideration. If you need assistance with Grants Gateway enrollment or enrollment in GTSC's eGrants, contact the GTSC.

Applications must be submitted using the GTSC eGrants system. The due date for Child Passenger Safety and Police Traffic Services grant applications is May 15. CPS and PTS applications submitted after May 15 will not be considered. Applicants must submit their proposals by changing the status of their completed 'In Process' proposal to 'Submit' on or before May 15. General Highway Safety Grant applications are also due May 15th; however, if federal funds are available, a second round of general Highway Safety Grant applications may be considered. September 1 is the deadline for the second round of applications, if applicable.

General instructions for preparing grant applications are included in the eGrants system. If your agency does not have a Project Director currently enrolled in eGrants, contact the GTSC for guidance. Frequently asked questions, an overview of the requests for proposals, application and review process can be found online at www.SafeNY.ny.gov/egrants/default.html. Additional information on eligibility requirements can be found on <http://SafeNY.ny.gov/egrants/rules.htm>.

If you have any questions or need any assistance preparing your grant application, please contact your GTSC Highway Safety Program Representative at (518) 474-5111 or (518) 474-5777.

The Governor's Traffic Safety Committee administers highway safety grant funding in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments, 49 CFR Part 18; Uniform Procedures for State Highway Safety Programs 23 CFR Part 1200; and Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards 2 CFR Part 200 and according to the guidelines published by the GTSC in the structured applications and the Guide to Preparing a Highway Safety Program applications. Grants are reviewed for approval based on the criteria stated on the application. In general, the review is based in part on past performance, agreement to perform requested activities, significance of problem identified, and rationale of proposed solution.