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The NJ Crossing Guard Training & Resources Program provides research-based training and tools for crossing guards and the traffic safety officers who hire, train, and supervise them. School crossing guards assist children in crossing the roadways on their way to and from school, and they model appropriate street skills and behavior for young children. As part of the NJ Safe Routes Resource Center, the Crossing Guard Program prepares crossing guards for their duties and supports them through projects that address pedestrian safety. If you need training and resources for crossing guards in your community, [contact us.](http://www.saferoutesnj.org/contact/)

This State-approved program is supported by the New Jersey Department of Transportation and the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety with funding from the Federal Highway Administration, with additional funding from the New Jersey Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund and support through Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey.

**About –not needed**

**Reports**

Please group the NJ Crossing Guard Training and Resources Program annual reports together, and all other reports together.

**Videos**

Should appear in this order, if this is how they will be displayed:

**Training Videos**

Crosswalk Heroes: Techniques and Tactics for New Jersey Crossing Guards

Spanish Voiceover version

Crosswalk Heroes: Challenging Crossings

Use of the STOP Paddle

Spanish Voiceover Version

The 8 Steps of the Crossing Procedure (not Crossing Guard Procedure)

Spanish Voiceover Version

**For Supervisors:**

Use of the Crossing Guard Post Observation Form

Crosswalk Heroes: Crossing Guard Post Placement Video

Improving School Crossings

**Laws and Guidance**

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*New Jersey Laws and Legislation* about Crossing Guards should appear first

* This document provides laws and legislation concerning crossing guards and supporting crossing guards in the performance of their duties, including N.J.S.A. 40A:9-154.1 through 40A:9-154.4.

Stop and Stay Stopped Law https://www.nj.gov/oag/hts/pedestrian.html#:~:text=The%20driver%20of%20a%20vehicle,is%20being%20regulated%20by%20police

Federal Standards for Crossing Guards

Equipment Tip Sheet for Crossing Guard Supervisors

Community Safety Leadership… - link is gone, just delete

New Jersey Department of Health – new link

<https://www.state.nj.us/health/workplacehealthandsafety/occupational-health-surveillance/njcrossing_guards.shtml>

Move Crossing Guard and Mask Use to Tools

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**Training Program**

New Map - T:\TPI\Crossing Guard Training\MAP CG Supervisor Training\Backup for Training Map\CGT Map Eliot Benman Working File\2021 Training Map\ Crossing Guard Trainings 2021 use this

***Interested in the New Jersey Crossing Guard Train the Trainer class?***

The NJ Safe Routes Resource Center conducts free classes for municipal Police Traffic Safety Officers who hire, train, and supervise crossing guards. The crossing guard train the trainer class assists supervisors with uniform and comprehensive training to help crossing guards perform their duties more effectively and safely.

Online training sessions for police officers and/or crossing guard supervisors will be held in spring 2022. [**Click here for the schedule**](https://www.njcrossingguards.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Crossing-Guard-Train-the-Trainer-flyer.pdf), or contact the NJ Safe Routes Resource Center at srts@ejb.rutgers.edu to be added to our mailing list and we will notify you when the schedule is available.

The Crossing Guard Supervisor Training has been offered since 2013. [**Click here**](https://www.njcrossingguards.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/CG2020Map.pdf) to see a map of communities that have participated.

***Interested in direct, in-person training for Crossing Guards?***

We can bring the training to you!  This fee-based training includes a discussion of traffic laws, gap assessment, proper crossing procedures, uniforms and equipment, expectations and duties and conditions at the post.

This session fulfills the two-hour classroom training requirement set by NJ State Statute.  [Click here to view our Crossing Guard Training Flyer](https://www.njcrossingguards.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/Crossing-Guard-Training-Flyer-3-1.pdf) for more information.

*Until COVID-19 restrictions are lifted, this training is available via webinar.*

***Already attended a New Jersey Crossing Guard Training Program for Supervisors?***

Please refer to the instructions provided to you by email for access to the training material. If you need assistance, please contact the NJ Safe Routes Resource Center at srts@ejb.rutgers.edu or 848-932-7901.

***Interested in Teaching Children Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety?***

If you are responsible for providing safety presentations to children in your community schools and other venues, please visit our [Education webpage](https://www.njcrossingguards.org/education/) for training resources and guidance for teaching pedestrian & bicycle safety in a fun and engaging way.

**Tools**

**NJ Crossing Guard Supervisor Manual**

* NJ Crossing Guard Training Manual – title should change
* Model Municipal Crossing Guard Policy

This model policy was developed as a guide for New Jersey municipalities seeking to adopt a crossing guard policy.  This document can be changed to fit the needs of your community.

Examples of municipal policies in effect in New Jersey:

* + Linden Policy
  + Holmdel Policy
  + Lodi Policy
* Crossing Guard Placement and Gap Assessment (this should link to a separate page)

Many factors contribute to the need for a Crossing Guard at a particular location.  General federal guidance states that “adult crossing guards may be used to provide gaps in traffic at school crossings where an engineering study has shown that adequate gaps need to be created and where authorized by law.”  This guidance can help determine if a particular location requires the use of a crossing guard. Click here for more information.

**New Page - Crossing Guard Placement and Gap Assessment**

The key to post placement is to provide reasons for the determination of post locations (based on specific factors listed below) and to communicate those reasons to those affected, especially if you are decommissioning posts. A written policy really helps with this.

Resources

There are a few resources that might help you determine the need for crossing guards at specific locations:

* Chapter 4 of the School Zone Design Guide which talks about placement and includes a calculation for gap assessment.

[https://www.njcrossingguards.org/reports/page/2/](https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.njcrossingguards.org%2Freports%2Fpage%2F2%2F&data=04%7C01%7Ccatherine.bull%40ejb.rutgers.edu%7C65f8aa608c094fae646008d984f1ec66%7Cb92d2b234d35447093ff69aca6632ffe%7C1%7C0%7C637686999539357907%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=rqjiXne1I7O8FjEGxxqNSPhw4ige1bJbbFocyLcmVbQ%3D&reserved=0),

* Crosswalk Heroes: Crossing Guard Post Placement Video:

[http://www.njcrossingguards.org/?page\_id=38](https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.njcrossingguards.org%2F%3Fpage_id%3D38&data=04%7C01%7Ccatherine.bull%40ejb.rutgers.edu%7C65f8aa608c094fae646008d984f1ec66%7Cb92d2b234d35447093ff69aca6632ffe%7C1%7C0%7C637686999539367904%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=EqoCjTZTEDZfhBt%2FzV9YwbJQM6Evoi9tOya1tKnpZyQ%3D&reserved=0)

* Placement and Gap Assessment portion of the Crossing Guard Supervisor Manual

[http://www.njcrossingguards.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/Placement-and-Gap-Assessment\_Margins-Formatted21.pdf](https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.njcrossingguards.org%2Fwp-content%2Fuploads%2F2014%2F08%2FPlacement-and-Gap-Assessment_Margins-Formatted21.pdf&data=04%7C01%7Ccatherine.bull%40ejb.rutgers.edu%7C65f8aa608c094fae646008d984f1ec66%7Cb92d2b234d35447093ff69aca6632ffe%7C1%7C0%7C637686999539377898%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=s%2FelQyEbJcE9istYp09xjF4o04LrOEphnW2BQAV52Yc%3D&reserved=0)

Criteria

Crossing guard placement is not only attached to a school but to the pedestrian safety need at a particular location. The following are some considerations:

* + Age of students
  + Width of the street/# of lanes
  + Sight distance
  + Safe gaps in traffic
  + Presence of traffic control devices
  + Speed of vehicles
  + Volumes of traffic & pedestrians
  + Attendance boundary & walk zone
  + Crash history
  + Distance from the school
  + Adjacent land use

Your municipal engineer can be helpful in conducting pedestrian and vehicle counts, but also in looking at the characteristics of potential crossing posts and surrounding infrastructure, or lack thereof, that may make these locations challenging for pedestrians.

Policy

In your crossing guard policy, include a section that describes the process for determining crossing guard post placement. Clarifying in a policy how you determine where crossing guards are placed can help in ensuring that an appropriate process is followed and in addressing comments from the public.

A model crossing guard policy is available as a Word document which you can adapt to your department’s needs. Three municipal policies are available as examples - [http://www.njcrossingguards.org/?p=213](https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.njcrossingguards.org%2F%3Fp%3D213&data=04%7C01%7Ccatherine.bull%40ejb.rutgers.edu%7C65f8aa608c094fae646008d984f1ec66%7Cb92d2b234d35447093ff69aca6632ffe%7C1%7C0%7C637686999539377898%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=xlosEmLyB9Li0fghcr0Kb8UESRklqfU2K6Jo9LARZx8%3D&reserved=0).  Some describe criteria used to identify location for crossing guard posts, and a process for evaluating the need for posts, and inventorying posts. If you have this policy in place, it may make it easier to respond to requests from the public, or to decommission posts because it is clear you are basing the decision on specific criteria.

Assistance with Determining Routes to School

Safe Routes Regional Coordinators from eight Transportation Management Associations (TMAs) throughout New Jersey are ready, willing, and able to offer FREE technical assistance in Safe Routes programs in communities from all 21 counties. Go to the NJ Safe Routes Resource Center website for more information. https://www.saferoutesnj.org/find-your-srts-regional-coordinator/

* Medical Examinations for NJ Crossing Guards

The model medical examination form provides a full description of the physical requirements of the crossing guard position. The medical examination form can be used by doctors to determine an employee’s fitness for crossing guard duties. The medical examination form uses the same language as the job description. This document is in Word format and can be adapted to the needs of your police department.

* Medical Exam form
* Section of Crossing Guard Supervisors Manual
* Crossing Guard Job Description

This model crossing guard job description provides a full description of the physical requirements of the crossing guard position. The job description is intended to assist job applicants in determining if they are suited to the position, and to assist supervising officers in discussing qualifications with prospective employees. The job description form uses the same language as the medical examination form that can be used by doctors to determine an employee’s fitness for crossing guard duties. This document is in Word format and can be adapted to the needs of your police department.

* NJ Crossing Guard Performance Checklist

Crossing guards’ understanding of their role and standard crossing procedures may be assessed through use of the Performance Checklist for New Jersey Crossing Guards.  The Checklist may be used on an annual basis to provide information for retraining sessions.

* Crossing Guard Post Observation Report
  + Video - Use of the Crossing Guard Post Observation Form

**Education**

**Educating students on the safety of walking and bicycling can be an important part of a school district’s curriculum. The curriculum and lesson plans on bicycle and pedestrian safety education can be used in the classroom, camp, or recreation class.**

If you are responsible for providing safety presentations to children in your community schools and other venues, join us to learn how to teach pedestrian & bicycle safety in a fun and engaging way with the materials we provide to you.

The Teaching Children presentations should appear first, followed by three videos describing how to use the material, and then the two videos.

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