



2014

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The Connecticut Law Enforcement Challenge (CTLEC) is a traffic safety awards program that focuses on three major traffic safety priorities: occupant protection, impaired driving, and speeding. The CTLEC is supported by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association (CPCA). Agencies are provided with an opportunity to make a significant difference in the communities they serve through traffic safety activities, ultimately reducing injuries, saving lives and deterring and deterring crime.

## High Visibility Enforcement

High visibility enforcement sends a clear message to the public that law enforcement is serious about traffic enforcement. Combined with paid advertising and/or earned media, high visibility enforcement has been shown to reduce traffic crashes, injuries, and fatalities. It is also known to increase the public's awareness of law enforcement's traffic safety efforts, and deter individuals from participating in high-risk behavior. Law enforcement agencies participate in various high-visibility federal traffic safety campaigns during the year and are encouraged to support sustained high-visibility enforcement activities throughout the year.

## Occupant Protection

**Click It or Ticket** is a national seat belt enforcement mobilization campaign, which focuses on increasing seat belt use and reducing highway injuries and fatalities. Experience has shown that campaigns that incorporate high visibility enforcement efforts can substantially increase safety belt use rates in a very short period of time and heighten the public's interest in its support of positive, prevention-oriented law enforcement efforts.

The **Seat Belt Partnership** is supported by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration and more than 20 private-sec-

tor organizations that are committed to combating the low seat belt use among the nation's commercial motor vehicle drivers. This program provides states with guidelines, educational resources, outreach materials, and public service announcements to execute their own safety belt campaigns. To learn more about this program visit, [www.fmcsa.dot.gov/safetybelt](http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/safetybelt).

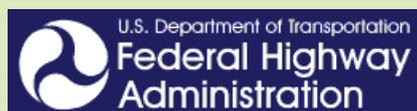


## Impaired Driving

**Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest.** is a year-round national campaign that promotes high levels of law enforcement participation during the Labor Day and December crackdowns. These campaigns include sustained high-visibility enforcement throughout the year, especially during high-risk times, by using sobriety checkpoints where they are permitted, as well as saturation patrols, signage, and other activities that would be highly visible to the driving public.



Through the efforts of high visibility enforcement and better training of prosecutors, law enforcement officers and DUI courts, positive strides are being made in reducing alcohol-related fatalities.



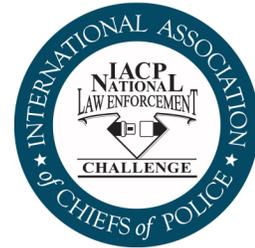
# Award Categories

## Municipal Agencies

### Connecticut Challenge

Categories as follow:

- 1-10 Officers
- 11-25 Officers
- 26-50 Officers
- 51-75 Officers
- 76-125 Officers
- 126-200 Officers
- 201 or more Officers



## Special Categories

1. **Specialized Law Enforcement** — College/University Police, Tribal, etc.
2. **Community Traffic Safety Team of the Year**
3. **Associations & Organizations** — Hospitals, Health Departments, Multi-Jurisdictional Programs, Safety Organizations, etc. (Application must highlight how organization or effort supported law enforcement and traffic safety.)
4. **Connecticut State Police Troop Award** — Presented to the single outstanding troop that conducts proactive, innovative, and effective traffic safety activities. (No statistical data from Resident Trooper towns will be allowed if those towns have entered the municipal category.)

### IACP National Law Enforcement Challenge

State entries will not be automatically judged in the IACP National Law Enforcement Challenge Program.

To be considered in the 2014 Challenge, entries MUST be postmarked by

**May 1, 2015**

*Submit application to:*

Connecticut DOT  
Highway Safety Office  
ATTN: Mr. Edmund Hedge  
2800 Berlin Turnpike  
P.O. Box 317546  
Newington, CT 06131-7546

# Special Awards Categories

Agencies who submit an application can also compete in the special award categories. An agency must submit a full CTLEC application to then be considered for a special award category.

If your agency wishes to apply for a special award, your application must include a separate tab or section for each special award category for which you wish to be considered.

Visit the DOT's Web site to view the "How To" booklet on applying for the special award categories. The booklet will provide you with the necessary information on the steps you need to take to make sure your agency's application is considered for one of these awards.

## Connecticut Challenge

### **Occupant Protection Award**

Applicants will be judged on their notable efforts to promote and enforce occupant protection laws.

### **Impaired Driving Award**

Applicants will be judged on their year-round efforts to detect and apprehend impaired drivers and to address impaired driving through policies, officer training, and public information and education.

### **Speed Awareness Award**

Applicants will be judged on their efforts to address the problem of speeding, through enforcement, public education, and officer training.

### **Child Passenger Safety Award**

Applicants will be judged on their efforts to promote and enforce child passenger safety in their jurisdiction.

### **Underage Alcohol Prevention Award**

Agencies will be judged on their efforts to address the problems of underage drinking and of drinking and driving by those under the legal drinking age.

## National Challenge Only

### **First Time Entry**

The "Rookie of the Year" Award will be presented to an agency that is entering NLEC for the very first time. This award is open to all first-time entries, regardless of category.

### **Technology Award**

Applicants will be judged on their efforts in enhancing traffic safety using new and/or innovative technology, with an emphasis on Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS). *Examples: traffic management/command and control; communications, navigation and surveillance (CNS) technologies; and crash data collection technology.*

### **Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Award**

Agencies will be judged on their efforts to promote and enforce occupant protection laws for commercial vehicle drivers and their overall comprehensive education and enforcement programs for commercial vehicles. *(NOTE: If you wish to apply for this award, please also fill out the additional application on the next page. Applicants who apply for this award must include this additional application to be considered for the award.)*

### **Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Award**

Agencies will be judged on their efforts to promote and enforce bicycle and pedestrian safety in their jurisdiction.

### **Clayton J. Hall Memorial Award**

This special award, honoring the memory of Clayton J. Hall, a highway safety leader who helped develop the Law Enforcement Challenge concept and many other innovative safety programs, is presented annually to the law enforcement agency that submits the most comprehensive traffic safety program. All agencies entered in the 2012 National Law Enforcement Challenge will be considered for this award, provided that they have not won this award in the last five (5) years.

# Challenge Evaluation Criteria



## ***Policy & Guidelines***

Applicants must provide a copy of their policies and guidelines for safety belt use within the agency as well as enforcement policies and guidelines for safety belt, child passenger safety restraints, impaired driving, and speed.

## ***Training***

Outline the training conducted/received during the year in each of the following areas:

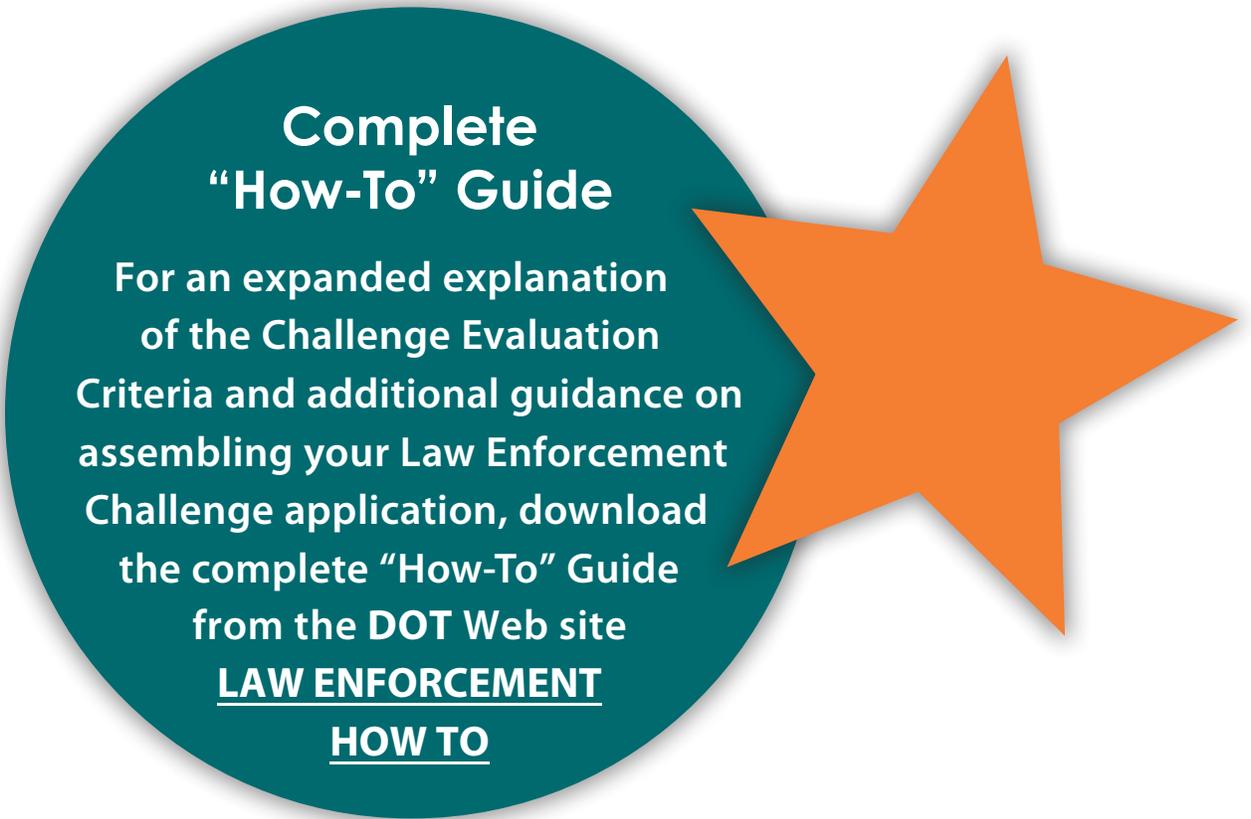
- **occupant protection;**
- **impaired driving;**
- **speed enforcement;** and,
- **other overall comprehensive traffic safety training.**

Provide a narrative about the training your agency conducted/received during the past year. Include the percentage of officers trained in each category. Also include other recent training over the past few years that still may be applicable today (child passenger safety technicians, crash reconstructionists, etc.) Do not include basic academy training or FTO training.

## ***Incentives & Recognition***

Agencies must provide evidence of their participation in a Saved By The Belt program which recognizes motorists involved in traffic crashes who were saved from injury or death because they were wearing their seat belt. Even motorists who were not injured at all should be recognized if the dynamics of the crash show they would have been injured had they not buckled up. Rewards and recognition provide motivation to individuals and agencies and are important elements in recognizing efforts and letting people know that traffic safety is a priority in the community and the agency.

Agencies must provide documentation of recognition of officers who excel in impaired driving enforcement and speed enforcement. Letters of commendation, uniform pins or ribbons, plaques, etc. are examples of recognition. Have your officers been recognized by MADD as top DUI officers?



## **Complete “How-To” Guide**

**For an expanded explanation  
of the Challenge Evaluation  
Criteria and additional guidance on  
assembling your Law Enforcement  
Challenge application, download  
the complete “How-To” Guide  
from the DOT Web site  
LAW ENFORCEMENT  
HOW TO**

# Challenge Evaluation Criteria



## **Public Information & Education**

In this section, agencies should provide detailed information on their efforts to promote the issues of occupant protection, impaired driving, speed enforcement, and traffic safety. Show your creativity in promoting your programs. Provide a narrative of your public information and education activities and of your efforts to publicize highly visible enforcement throughout the year. Tell us what you have done and how you got the message out to the public. Include press releases, newspaper clippings, photos, samples of educational brochures, Web pages, etc. Share your results and provide supporting documentation.

## **Enforcement Activity**

Provide the number of citations issued by your department for the last three years for:

- **safety belt/child safety seats;**
- **impaired driving;**
- **speeding violations;** and,
- **special enforcement efforts.**

## **How Effective Were You?**

The secret to this section is very simple—do the research and find the numbers. This is not only important for completing your application, but the data will help you to evaluate and build your entire traffic safety program. This section can be used as a barometer of how well your agency is doing.

At a minimum, address your traffic program's effectiveness in the following areas—change in safety belt use, change in the number of speed- and alcohol-related fatalities and injury crashes from previous years, and change in the total number of crashes from previous years. Your effectiveness documentation should also include results of some of your enforcement programs.

## **Quality of Submission**

How well did you organize your application? Your submission should follow the order of the application. Is all of the information clearly provided and is it creatively presented? The judges will look at how much effort you expended in preparing your application. *Applications shall not be more than one inch thick. Applications larger than one inch will not be considered for judging. Please do not include any DVDs, CDs, or other electronic information and remember to spell out any acronyms.*

## **NOTE!**

Please Keep a copy of your application. Applications become the property of the DOT and will not be returned to submitting agencies and/or other requestors.

**For more information about the Challenge program, or for assistance with your application, contact:**

Edmund Hedge  
Connecticut Law Enforcement  
Challenge Coordinator  
Phone: (860) 594-2386  
[Edmund.Hedge@ct.gov](mailto:Edmund.Hedge@ct.gov)

# 2014 APPLICATION

## Check One:

- Municipal Police (City County, or Town)
- Sheriff
- State Police/ Highway Patrol
- Federal Agency
- Military Police
- University
- Private
- Tribal
- Special Enforcement Agency (DMV, etc.)
- State Association
- International
- Multi-Jurisdictional

## Special Award Consideration:

**CHECK ALL THAT APPLY**  
For each box checked, a separate section must be included at the end of your submission, containing information on why your agency should be considered for this award.

- Child Passenger Safety
- Impaired Driving
- Motorcycle Safety
- Occupant Protection
- Speed Awareness
- Underage Alcohol Prevention

Agency Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: ( ) - \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: ( ) - \_\_\_\_\_  
 Agency Head: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact Name/Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total # of Sworn Personnel: \_\_\_\_\_ Total # of Uniformed Officers working on the street: \_\_\_\_\_

### I. Policy & Guidelines (Agency MUST provide an actual copy of their policy.)

This agency has a written policy:

- \_\_\_ YES \_\_\_ NO requiring officer safety belt use.
- \_\_\_ YES \_\_\_ NO making safety belt and child passenger safety enforcement a priority.
- \_\_\_ YES \_\_\_ NO making speed enforcement a priority.
- \_\_\_ YES \_\_\_ NO making impaired driving enforcement a priority.

### II. Training of Officers (Agency MUST provide a narrative or outline of training completed, along with supporting documentation. Agencies should also discuss recent past training which is still being utilized today — crash reconstructionists, child passenger safety technicians, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_ (#) of officers who received training in 2014 in occupant protection  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (#) of officers who received training in 2014 in impaired driving  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (#) of officers who received speed-related training in 2014  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (#) of officers who received any other traffic safety related training in 2014

### III. Incentives & Recognition (Must provide narrative and supporting documentation with examples.)

This agency participates in:

- \_\_\_ YES \_\_\_ NO Saved by the Belt/Air Bag (officer and/or citizen award programs).
- \_\_\_ YES \_\_\_ NO Officer recognition programs for impaired driving detection and apprehension.
- \_\_\_ YES \_\_\_ NO Officer recognition programs for speed detection and apprehension.

### IV. Public Information & Education

Provide a detailed written narrative of all the public information and education efforts conducted during 2013 to address occupant protection, speed, DUI, and all other traffic safety programs. Include photos, newspaper clippings, press releases, etc. See the How-To Guide for additional information.

### V. Enforcement Activity

Provide a narrative explaining what your agency accomplished during 2013. Also provide the following data for the last 3 calendar years:

Does your state have a Primary Seat Belt Enforcement Law?	YES	_____	NO	_____
Number of Seat Belt Citations:	2012	_____	2013	_____
	2014	_____		
Number of Child Seat Citations:	2012	_____	2013	_____
	2014	_____		
Number of Speeding Citations:	2012	_____	2013	_____
	2014	_____		
Number of Impaired Driving Arrests:	2012	_____	2013	_____
	2014	_____		

Provide the number of Special Enforcement Efforts in 2014 (your narrative must explain what your efforts were):

Impaired Driving Roadblocks: \_\_\_\_\_ Impaired Driving Saturation Patrols: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Seat Belt Enforcement Zones: \_\_\_\_\_ Special Speed Enforcement Details: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other Traffic Enforcement Efforts: \_\_\_\_\_

Please consult the How-To Guide for clarification on what is and what is not a special enforcement effort.

### VI. Effectiveness of Efforts

Provide a narrative of your agency's effectiveness. Include charts, graphs, and other details and documentation on increases or decreases in enforcement, crashes, crash injuries, and fatalities. Your agency should include efforts to target the worst crash locations. How did your agency make a difference in the community?

State's average safety belt use rate in 2014: \_\_\_\_\_ %  
 Jurisdiction's safety belt use rate at the beginning of 2014: \_\_\_\_\_ % ; At the end of 2014: \_\_\_\_\_ %  
 %Percentage of 2014 fatal and injury crashes related to, Speed: \_\_\_\_\_ % ; Alcohol: \_\_\_\_\_ %  
 Total roadway crashes: 2012 \_\_\_\_\_ 2013 \_\_\_\_\_ 2014 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total fatal crashes: 2012 \_\_\_\_\_ 2013 \_\_\_\_\_ 2014 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total injury crashes: 2012 \_\_\_\_\_ 2013 \_\_\_\_\_ 2014 \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATION MUST BE INCLUDED IN SUBMISSION**