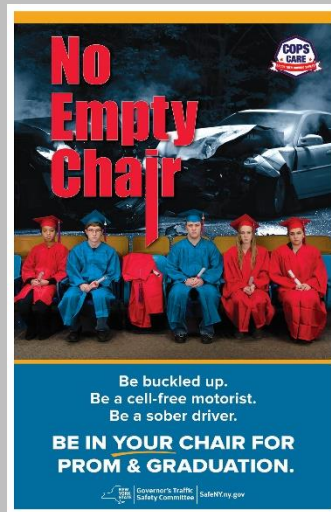


# 2021 “No Empty Chair” Teen Driving Safety Campaign April 19 – April 23, 2021



Each year thousands of high school students across New York State look forward to attending their prom and graduation ceremony. These memorable moments for parents, siblings, educators, and the community become meaningless when a teen dies in a car crash. Regrettably, this scenario happens all too often, and law enforcement is tasked with making the difficult “knock on the door”. To reduce these tragedies the Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee (GTSC) developed the “No Empty Chair” (NEC) campaign symbolizing a missing high school student for the prom or on graduation day. During this five-day initiative (April 19 -April 23) The Village of Mamaroneck Police Department will assign patrols to focus on a different traffic safety threat each day of the week. This is also an opportunity to increase awareness about safe teen driving. Resources to educate and inform drivers ages 16-20 are available at the following link: [Younger Drivers Toolkit | Governor's Traffic Safety Committee \(ny.gov\)](#).

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| <b>Monday, April 19, 2021</b>    | - <b>Speeding in School Zones</b>           |
| <b>Tuesday, April 20, 2021</b>   | - <b>Seatbelt/Child Restraints</b>          |
| <b>Wednesday, April 21, 2021</b> | - <b>Cell Phone and Texting</b>             |
| <b>Thursday, April 22, 2021</b>  | - <b>Operation Safe Stop*</b>               |
| <b>Friday, April 23, 2021</b>    | - <b>Underage Drinking/Impaired Driving</b> |

**\*Operation Safe Stop** is a statewide education and enforcement initiative which targets school bus safety. Did you know an estimated 50,000 motor vehicles illegally pass NYS school buses everyday!