

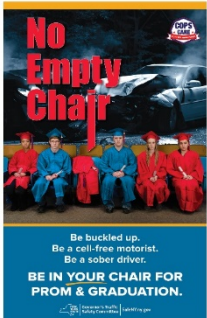


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2022 "No Empty Chair" Teen Driving Safety Campaign April 25th – April 29th 2022

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 25 -April 29) 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 \(ny.gov\).](#)

Monday April 25, 2022
Tuesday April 26, 2022
Wednesday April 27, 2022
Thursday April 28, 2022
Friday April 29, 2022

Speeding in School Zones
Seatbelt/Child restraints
Cell Phone and Texting
Operation Safe Stop*
Underage Drinking/Impaired Driving

***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 every day!

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