

Onondaga County **Traffic Safety** *Advisory Board*

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Operation Safe Stop

County of Onondaga, New York – On Thursday May 2, 2019 at 10:00AM representatives from the Onondaga County Traffic Safety Advisory Board, NYS Association for Pupil Transportation, Lafayette Central School District along with state, county, city and local law enforcement will be present at the Lafayette Central School District's Transportation Department, 5955 Route 20, Lafayette, NY for a press conference for Operation Safe Stop.

Operation Safe Stop is an educational and enforcement tool used to promote school bus safety. Law Enforcement from across the state on May 2, 2019 will use marked and un-marked patrol vehicles to follow school buses in heavy traffic areas to look for motorists who pass stopped school buses in violation of NYS Vehicle and Traffic Law section 1174, and who speed in school zones. Speed limits in school zones are in effect school days from 7:00AM- 6:00PM unless otherwise marked.

School Bus & Student Safety is a cooperative effort between the bus driver, student and motorist. The bus driver needs to make sure they are following proper loading and unloading procedures. The student is trained to follow state mandated procedures when exiting the bus and crossing the street, and to know the universal signal for danger is the bus horn. The third group is the motorist needing to know the laws of the road when it comes to stopping for school buses with their red lights flashing. Motorists need to stop on divided highways and most importantly on school grounds.

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