



News from
**Assemblymember
Edward
Hennessey**



Assembly District 3

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Assembly Edward Hennessey Calls on NYS to Build Roads Safer Now; Pass Bill to Strengthen Hit and Run Penalties

Assemblyman Edward Hennessey: “*Our roadways are dangerous; people are getting killed and injured at epidemic levels. It is time to complete our streets and strengthen penalties.*”

WHO: *Assemblyman Edward Hennessey, 3rd AD; Legislator Rob Calarco, 7th LD; Eric Alexander-Vision Long Island; Ryan Lynch-Tri-State Transportation Campaign; Jim Nostrom-Long Island Bicyclists and Runners for Safety; Daniel Flanzig-New York Bicycling Coalition; Mike Polansky-Greater LI Running Club; Carl Heart Cycle Shop; Others*

WHAT: *Press conference a) to call on NYS DOT to invest in Suffolk roads, make them a priority for complete streets projects to protect vulnerable users. b) to address urgent need to strengthen hit-and-run penalties.*

WHEN: *Saturday, March 8, 11am.*

WHERE: *North Patchogue, Long Island, Intersection of North Ocean Avenue (CR 83) and Shaber Rd (north east corner).*

Directions: *LIE to exit 63; exit to North Ocean Ave. Go south on North Ocean. Look for Shaber Rd. after crossing over Woodside Avenue. Intersection/corner will be on your right. Sunrise Highway to North Ocean Avenue Exit. Go north on North Ocean Avenue. Shaber Rd. intersection/corner will be on your left.*

INFO: *Assemblyman Edward Hennessey who sponsored the texting while driving bill and who is on the transportation committee has been a strong proponent of funding roadway and traffic improvements that implement complete streets design to empower and enhance communities. NYS passed a Complete Streets policy August 15, 2011.*

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*Assemblyman Hennessey has also sponsored A7315 which seeks to significantly strengthen penalties for hit and run drivers. Both A7315 and funding complete streets projects make up a several-part approach to build our roadways smarter, make them safer for vulnerable users (pedestrians, bicyclists, runners, mass transportation riders) as well as for motorists of all ages and abilities **and** to deter those motorists who would hit a vulnerable user (pedestrian, runner, bicyclist) or other motorist and flee the scene rather than call for aid.*

CRASH RATES SUFFOLK COUNTY and NYS 2012
(NYS Dept. of Motor Vehicles)

	SC	NYS
Total Crashes:	29,124	294,757
Total with fatal and personal injury:	12,075	124,378
Pedestrian/Motor Vehicle Crashes:	583	15,832
Pedestrians Killed	41	312
Pedestrians Injured	559	15,607
Bicycle/Motor Vehicle Crashes:	396	6,137
Bicyclists Killed	7	45
Bicyclists Injured	388	5,929