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Rockland County Traffic Safety Board announces the purchase of a Driving Simulator to educate local students about the dangers of texting while driving.



The Rockland County Traffic Safety Board (TSB) invites the media and the general public to see a demonstration at the Legislative Chambers located at the County Office Building. It is the intention of the TSB to coordinate with area high schools and bring the portable simulation machine to each and every high school. Students will get a first-hand view on how difficult it is to “text” while driving. The driving simulator mimics the experience of operating a motor vehicle while the student attempts to use a cellular telephone.



There is also a driving while intoxicated module that will be utilized by the STOP DWI Program. This Driving Simulator will also be brought to local police agencies to train officers on emergency vehicle operations.

The funding for this particular machine came from three sources that should be recognized. Rockland County Sheriff Louis Falco was able to obtain money from an asset forfeiture account. This is money that was proceeds of a crime by convicted criminals. The second source came from the Rockland County Legislature. Chairman of the Legislature Tony Earl and head of the Public Safety Committee, Aaron Weider were instrumental in identifying the funding. The full legislature voted unanimously to support this program. The final funding source came from the TSB. The TSB has been fundraising for the past three years. Funding from the general public is essential to making this program a success. The TSB would like to specifically thank and acknowledge the Keiser family for their generous donation.

It is the intention of the TSB to purchase more machines so we can reach more students. The TSB is a not for profit (501c3) organization. If anyone wishes to donate to the Traffic Safety Foundation they can be reached at: <mailto:doug@katzinsurance.com> , by mail - 455 Route 304 Bardonia, NY 10954 or by calling (845) 638-6008.

Sheriff Louis Falco: “Public safety is paramount. If even one student decides not to text and drive after using this machine, then it is all worth it.”

Legislative Chairman Tony Earl: “I have been a long time member of the Rockland County Traffic Safety Board. I am committed to keeping our resident’s safe on the roadways.”

Chair of Public Safety Committee Aaron Weider – “We at the legislature fully support the efforts of the Traffic Safety Board. We are working together to provide more of these machines to get the message out there; “Don’t text and drive.”

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