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## PRESS RELEASE

### CLINTON COUNTY'S TRAFFIC DIVERSION PROGRAM

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**Plattsburgh, N.Y.** – Clinton County District Attorney Andrew Wylie announced today the official unveiling of Clinton County's Traffic Diversion Program (TDP). The Traffic Diversion Program is an educational recidivism reduction program.



The TDP was approved by the Clinton County Legislators on February 12, 2020 by Resolution # 133. A motorist who is issued a ticket for an eligible offense(s), such as Speed in Zone, Stop Sign – Red Light violation, Unsafe Lane Change, Cell Phone, etc., and does not have a prior V.T.L. history within the last 18 to 24 months will qualify to participate in the T.D.P. Any qualified motorist will take an online traffic safety awareness class. Upon successful completion of the program, the motorist's traffic ticket will be dismissed, avoiding points and other penalties associated with traffic ticket(s), the motorist may also receive a reduction in their vehicle insurance premiums, and at the same time reduce the likelihood that they will re-offend. There is a \$200.00 fee charged to participate in the T.D.P. that is payable at the time of application.

Clinton County District Attorney's Office will continue to allow a motorist to participate its Traffic Reduction Program that has been in existence since 2006. This program allows a motorist to apply for a reduction of their U.T.T. and receive a reduction to a violation with less or no points. There is no application fee charged to participate in the Traffic Reduction Program. A motorist will be responsible for payment of any court imposed fine(s) and surcharge(s) and may receive points on their license.

Lastly, a motorist does not have to participate in either the Traffic Diversion Program or the Traffic Reduction Program to dispose of their Uniform Traffic Ticket. A motorist has the right to enter a plea of guilty to the Uniform Traffic Ticket and have the court impose any fine and surcharge allowable by law, or the motorist may request a trial on the Uniform Traffic Ticket.

A motorist is entitled to discovery related to the issuance of a Uniform Traffic Ticket pursuant to Criminal Procedure Law article 245.

For more information about a motorist's options to dispose a Uniform Traffic Ticket in Clinton County, visit the Clinton County District Attorney's website page at [www.clintoncountygov.com/da/traffic-violation-options](http://www.clintoncountygov.com/da/traffic-violation-options)

**DISCLAIMER:** ONE OR MORE TOWN/VILLAGE TRAFFIC COURTS IN CLINTON COUNTY MAY NOT AGREE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TRAFFIC DIVERSION PROGRAM, IF A TOWN/VILLAGE COURT DOES NOT AGREE TO DISMISS THE UNIFORM TRAFFIC TICKET FOLLOWING SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE TRAFFIC DIVERSION PROGRAM, THE CLINTON COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE WILL DECLINE TO PROSECUTE.