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City of Summit Hosts Facebook Live Q&A on E-Bike and E-Scooter Safety

SUMMIT, NJ, October 2, 2025 – The City of Summit recently hosted a live Facebook Q&A session focused on e-bike and e-scooter safety, featuring Summit Police Officer David Kotiga and Paul Mickiewicz, Program Manager for the New Jersey Bike and Walk Coalition. The discussion was geared toward parents who have purchased or are considering purchasing e-scooters or e-bikes for their children.

Mickiewicz stressed the importance of helmets, noting “it’s not a matter of if they will fall, but when,” underscoring that a properly fitted helmet can be the difference between a minor accident and a serious injury.

During the session, Kotiga and Mickiewicz addressed the dangers of modifying or swapping out batteries for more speed, differences between buying e-bikes online versus in a certified store, the speed potential of e-bikes and the differences between Class I, II, and III models, unsafe behaviors observed locally among both children and adults riding e-bikes and e-scooters, and state helmet laws and local ordinances.

In spring 2025, the Summit Common Council passed a [new ordinance](#) regulating e-bikes and e-scooters in town. E-bikes and e-scooters are prohibited on all sidewalks in Summit. Traditional bicycles are not permitted on sidewalks in the Central Retail Business District, and officials urge children to walk their bikes on those sidewalks for safety. Helmets are required by New Jersey state law for all riders under the age of 17.

Officer Kotiga emphasized that enforcement of the ordinance is active and ongoing: “Police are enforcing the ordinance and traffic laws, and we will impound e-bikes and e-scooters when the rider is in violation. Parents have to come pick up a minor’s e-vehicle after 24 hours,” he said. Kotiga also appealed directly to parents to make sure they go over safety regulations with their children and to avoid purchasing more powerful batteries that alter a bike’s classification and speed.

As part of Summit’s ongoing effort to enhance safety education and encourage safe behaviors, Officer Kotiga will also be presenting an assembly on e-bike safety for all middle school students on October 3.

The discussion also highlighted the new Union County [executive order](#) prohibiting e-vehicles in county parks, including Briant Park in Summit.

Mickiewicz strongly recommended that all young riders complete the [Teen E-Bike Training Course](#), a program designed to build responsible riding habits and improve road safety.

“The safety of our youth is a top priority,” said Officer Kotiga. “Parents play a critical role in making sure their children not only wear helmets but also understand the rules of the road and the risks involved with these powerful devices.”

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The City of Summit and Summit Police Department will continue to share resources and educational opportunities to help parents and children make safe decisions when using e-bikes and e-scooters.

The Q&A can be viewed on the City of Summit [YouTube channel](#) and [Facebook page](#).

For more information, visit www.cityofsummit.org/bikesafety or follow the [City of Summit](#) and [Summit Police Department](#) on Facebook for upcoming safety events and updates.

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