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Dear fellow members:

In 2013, several members at the annual meeting brought up the idea of membership dues for Drive Safe Hampton Roads. As many of you know, much of our financial support comes from grants and corporate donations. Obtaining support through grants and corporate donations is important to the financial sustainability of our organization. However, competition for these grants and donations is tough and we are faced with reduced funding from these sources. Grant funds often come with stipulations and requirements that limit our ability to purchase needed items. While we continue to seek funding from these sources, we are also looking for additional types of resources that may be available. This situation was discussed at the Annual Board of Directors meeting in May 2013. Instead of mandatory dues, the decision was made to ask each member for a minimum yearly voluntary contribution of \$25.

Since that decision was made, the organization has had some success in receiving voluntary contributions from members. At the annual meeting in 2014, a discussion took place where the board was asked to consider reducing voluntary contributions from members from \$25 to \$10. It was felt that reducing the minimum voluntary contribution to \$10 that more members would be able to help out the organization, thus increasing the treasury of the organization. We all realize that times continue to be tough for all of us, and we ask that you continue to look at your own situation and determine if you can make the donation to help the organization.

We do ask, regardless of your decision, that you consider donating your time or donate items that can be sold in our EBay program to raise funds. The hope is that these additional funds will give us the flexibility to help meet the financial needs of the organization.

If you wish to make a membership contribution, Drive Safe HR does have a PayPal account set up for donations via our web site, <http://www.drivesafehr.org/>. All donations are tax deductible. Upon receipt of a donation, Kathy Raymond will send you a letter noting this tax deductible donation.

If you have any questions, please let us know.

Debra Rocke
Chairman, Board of Directors, Drive Safe Hampton Roads

If you decide to go the mail-in check route, please make the check out to Drive Safe Hampton Roads. Note on the check that this is a donation and the name of the member. Checks may be mailed to the following address:

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