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Brrr, It's Cold Out There...

Drive Safe Dispatch Monthly Info January 2016

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

Rich Jacobs, Drive Smart Virginia
Scott Wooten, Capital Concrete, Inc.



Don't forget!! When you make a purchase from Amazon, 05% of the purchase will be donated to Drive Safe Hampton Roads. Just instead of shopping directly on Amazon, shop through **Amazon Smile**. It will ask you what charity. Type in **Drive Safe Hampton Roads**. That's it! Easy!!

Focus on Safety – Winter Driving <http://www.safercar.gov/WinterDrivingTips>
Some Important Emergency roadside items that can help you stay safe until help arrives:

- Hazard triangle (with reflectors) or road flares
- First aid kit
- Jumper cables
- Windshield scraper and brush
- Spare tire
- Blankets and extra warm clothing
- Cell phone and charger
- High-calorie, non-perishable food
- Water
- Road salt or cat litter to help with tire traction
- Brightly colored distress sign or "Help" or "Call Police" flag
- Candle/matches, lighter, and/or flashlight
- Tarp for sitting or kneeling in the snow for exterior work like a tire change



Make a note...The **Chesapeake Jubilee** is May 20, 21, and 22, 2016. Volunteers will be needed.



WANTED

Old, Used, Borrowed and Abused Child Safety Seats

Is your safety seat:

- ★ over eight years old?
- ★ from a yard sale or thrift store?
- ★ involved in an accident?



Safety seats that are old, used, borrowed or abused may harm your child in a crash.

During the month of **February 2016**, drop off that old seat at any location below for a

\$5 REWARD*

2016 DROP-OFF LOCATIONS:

** Limit two seats per person*

- Walmart Supercenters (Select Locations)
- AAA Offices in Hampton Roads

Please remove the harnesses and straps from the child seats prior to delivering them to the drop-off locations.

For more information call (757) 498-2562

The Old, Used, Borrowed & Abused Child Safety Seat Round-up is presented by



Boomerang Recovery • Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters

DMV: Highway Safety Office • Hoffman Beverage Co.

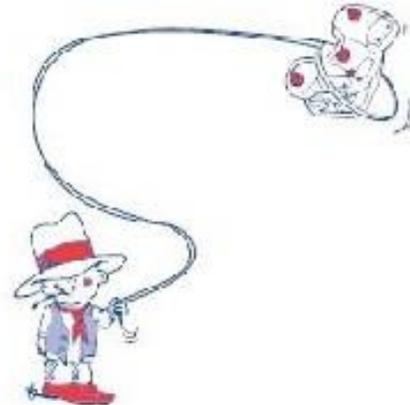
Waste Industries • West Service Center Inc. • WVEC- ABC 13



2016 Old, Used, Borrowed and Abused Child Safety Seat Round-Up Drop Off Locations

Walmart Supercenters

- 2448 Chesapeake Square Ring Road, Chesapeake, VA 23321
- 1521 Sam's Circle, Chesapeake, VA 23320
- 201 Hillcrest Parkway, Chesapeake, VA 23322
- 632 Grassfield Parkway, Chesapeake (Sw), VA 23322
- 1900 Cunningham Drive, Hampton, VA 23666
- 12401 Jefferson Avenue, Newport News, VA 23602
- 6111 Jefferson Avenue, Newport News, VA 23605
- 1170 North Military Hwy., Norfolk, VA 23502
- 7530 Tidewater Drive, Norfolk, VA 23505
- 1098 Fredrick Blvd., Portsmouth, VA 23707
- 6259 College Drive, Suffolk, VA 23435
- 657 Phoenix Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23452
- 2021 Lynnhaven Parkway, Virginia Beach, VA 23456
- 1149 Nimmo Parkway, Virginia Beach, VA 23456
- 4821 Virginia Beach Blvd., Virginia Beach, VA 23462
- 2601 George Washington Memorial Hwy., Yorktown, VA 23693



AAA Tidewater Locations

AAA Tidewater Virginia Corporate Office
5366 Virginia Beach Blvd.
Virginia Beach, VA 23462

Virginia Beach Service Center
296 Kings Grant Rd.
Virginia Beach, VA 23452

Chesapeake Service Center
111 Kempsville Rd.
Chesapeake, VA 23320

Norfolk Travel Center
Palace Station Shopping Center
Ghent 330 W. 22nd Street, Suite 101
Norfolk, VA 23517

Suffolk Center
3529 Bridge Rd.
Suffolk, VA 23435

Hampton
1520 Aberdeen Rd.
Hampton, VA 23666

Newport News
733 J Clyde Morris Blvd.
Newport News, VA 23601

Williamsburg
6517 Richmond Rd.
Williamsburg, VA 23188

Child Passenger Safety: Safety Seat Checks...

Parents and caregivers can receive free hands-on help from a Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician to learn how to install their safety seat, by visiting a Safety Seat Check Station or a Safety Seat Check Event. The car seat installation experience is an interactive one and takes 20-30 minutes, depending on the car seat and the vehicle. Parents and caregivers will be asked to complete a form prior to checking your safety seat for proper installation, fit for your child, expiration, and recalls. <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/livewell/programs/cps/checks.html>



NHTSA Vehicle Recall Safety Campaign

NHTSA manages vehicle safety recalls, sets vehicle safety standards, and requires automakers to recall vehicles that have safety defects or do not meet those standards. If your car has a recall, get it fixed - it could save a life. Also, check your car for recalls at least twice a year, and sign up to receive alerts about new recalls at: safercar.gov/checkforrecalls

The organization needs YOUR help!



Time to step up to the plate and become invested in your organization. **Nominations** are needed for positions on the Board of Directors as well as for the slate of officers – President and Vice President. We typically try to balance the President and Vice President positions so that one person is from the Peninsula and one person is from the Southside. Please let Kathy know if you are interested or if you would like to nominate someone.

National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) releases its Most Wanted List...

<http://www.nts.gov/safety/mwl/Pages/default.aspx>

The Most Wanted List represents the NTSB's advocacy priorities. It is designed to increase awareness of, and support for, the most critical changes needed to reduce transportation accidents and save lives. Reducing fatigue-related accidents, disconnecting from deadly distractions, strengthening occupant protection, and ending substance impairment in transportation are among the NTSB's advocacy priorities for the year.

TextNinja!

Breaking the dangerous habit of texting while driving can be difficult for new and old drivers alike, but TextNinja helps to do so in a simple, positive manner. With a free Android app available now, and an iPhone version coming this Spring, TextNinja aims to provide families with a working solution that will help turn safe driving into a constructive social trend.



This lean tech startup, based in Chicago, focuses on accuracy, simplicity, community, and the power of positive incentives. The solution, one part app, one part “connected car,” is specifically designed to engage teenage drivers and foster communication and a healthy relationship between teens and parents.

For more information on the TextNinja solution, to sponsor a free Campaign for Awareness, or to take the TextNinja Challenge and start driving text-free today, visit www.text.ninja.

REMINDER... Please join us for the upcoming General Business Meeting. Feel free to invite a colleague or a friend.



Mark Your Calendar For
Drive Safe Hampton Roads'
General Business Meeting and Presentation

March 1, 2016

SAVE THE DATE!

Please join us for the Drive Safe Hampton Roads General Business Meeting, Tuesday, March 1, 2016, 12:00 Noon
Newport News Police Department Headquarters Community Room
9710 Jefferson Ave, Newport News, VA 23605

Presenter: Kelli England Will, PhD, LCP, CPST
Car Safety Now: Evidence-based Strategies for Booster, Tween, and Teen Audiences

For more information: dshr@drivesafehr.org or voicemail (757) 498-2562



App a Cab

Did you know....

App a Cab is a smart phone Taxi Booking App for Hampton Roads with over 25,000 registered users and growing. It is a free download and available on iPhone, Android, and Windows devices. App a Cab dispatches Yellow Cab of Norfolk, Yellow Cab of Hampton, Yellow Cab of Newport News, Norfolk Checker Taxi, Black and White Cabs of Norfolk, Black and White Cabs of VA Beach and Chesapeake. These taxi companies own 300 vehicles, and have

the only wheelchair accessible taxis in the region.

Here are things about these taxi drivers that you might not know...

* Taxi drivers get fingerprinted background checks at the police department before they can drive.

* Drivers must also take the National Safety Council's Defensive Drivers Class before they start, and are required to take the course every 2 years after.

* Driver's DMV records are checked every 6 months and each driver must sustain 0 or better points on their record.

For more info got to www.appacab.us.



Traffic Safety Facts: 2014 Crash Data Key Findings

Source: NHTSA, November 2015

In 2014 there were 32,675 people killed in motor vehicle crashes on U.S. roadways. An additional 2.3 million people were injured in crashes in 2014. There were 6.1 million police-reported crashes in 2014. Seventy-two percent of these crashes involved only property damage--no one was injured or killed in the crashes. Alcohol-impaired driving fatalities accounted for 31% of total fatalities--9,967 alcohol-impaired-driving fatalities in 2014. In 2014 there were 9,262 people who died in speeding related crashes (28% of all fatalities). Distracted and drowsy driving accounted for 10% and 2.6% of fatalities respectively. A PDF of the full fact sheet may be accessed here: www-nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov/

CVSA reveals 2015 Operation Safe Driver results

Source: Fleet Owner, January 6, 2015

The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) has released the results of its 2015 Operation Safe Driver campaign— a seven-day campaign conducted Oct. 18-24 last year by 2,789 law enforcement officials at 706 locations across the U.S. and Canada. Law enforcement officers pulled over 21,012 commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers and passenger vehicle drivers or motorists during Operation Safe Driver, the group said, along with 19,480 North American Standard Roadside Inspections. According to the report, motorists speed significantly more than CMV drivers, with motorists issued a warning or citation for speeding 27.3% of the time versus 9.3% for CMV drivers. The percentage of warnings and citations issued to CMV drivers for failing to obey traffic control devices increased from 2.5% in 2014 to 3.85%, and the percentage of motorists issued warnings and citations for alcohol possession/use/under the influence in 2015 was 0.57%, down from 1.7% in 2014. The percentage of warnings and citations issued to CMV drivers in 2015 for failure to use seat belts reached 5%, up from 2.8% in 2014, while it increased to 8.5% for motorists in 2015 versus 4.1% in 2014. To see the full article, go to: fleetowner.com/

Report: DUI rates drop for those ages 16-25 years

Source: American Academy of Pediatrics, January 6, 2016

Driving under the influence of alcohol or marijuana among 16- to 25-year-olds has declined over the past 12 years, according to a new report. The declines are significant as motor vehicle accidents are the leading cause of death for this age group in the U.S., according to authors from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Roughly 6.6% of 16- to 20-year-olds reported they drove under the influence of alcohol alone in 2014, a 59% drop from 2002. The rate was 18.1% for 21- to 25-year-olds, a 38% drop during the same time period, according to data from SAMHSA's National Survey on Drug Use and Health published in the Dec. 11 *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report* (MMWR) by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Both age groups experienced a 39% decline in driving under the influence of alcohol and marijuana combined. The rates dropped to 1.4% for the younger group in 2014 and 1.9% for the older group. The change in those driving under the influence of marijuana alone was not significant. To see the full article, go to: www.aappublications.org/

Report: Self-Regulation of Driving by Older Adults

Source: AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, December 2015

Abstract: Self-regulation, or the modification of driving by driving less or avoiding challenging situations in response to declining abilities, is increasingly being studied as a way to help older drivers maintain independence and extend the period over which they can safely drive. However, considerable research gaps remain with respect to whether older drivers can accurately adjust their driving in response to their age-related declines, the extent to which older drivers engage in self-regulatory behaviors, the factors affecting self-regulation, and the extent to which it actually improves safety and mobility. The overall purpose of this paper is to report findings from an extensive synthesis of the literature on self-regulation of driving among older adults. The synthesis builds on earlier reviews of the literature by the authors, as well as extends literature findings on specific aspects self-regulation. Download the full paper here: www.aaafoundation.org/

Reminder: The **4th Annual Virginia Distracted Driving Summit** is scheduled for September 29-30, 2016 at the Newport News City Center Marriot. Be sure to stay tuned for more info.

GM has a way to help prevent drivers from forgetting children in the back seat

Source: Business Insider, January 12, 2016

General Motors will introduce a new safety system to remind drivers to check for children in the rear seats, and says that it could eventually develop features to detect forgotten children. The Detroit automaker showed off its 2017 Acadia SUV that includes what it says is an industry-first feature that will alert drivers who had opened the back door at the start of a trip to check the back seat once they get to their destination. The system "does not detect the presence of a child in the back seat but is a simple extra reminder to look in the rear seat on the way out of the vehicle regardless of what may be there," said GM product planning chief Mark Reuss. Between 1998 and 2014, there were an average of 38 U.S. deaths a year in hot cars, according to San Jose State University. To see the full article, go to:

www.businessinsider.com/

Do your subs have their contractors license??

Does this sound like an odd question? It might have been odd in the past, but due to a recent executive order by the Governor, not knowing the answer to this question could cost you both hefty fines and possibly your contractors license. The Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee (JLARC) did a study in 2012 and determined that one third of audited employers in certain industries (of which construction is one) misclassify their employees. By failing to purchase workers' compensation insurance, pay unemployment insurance and payroll taxes, or comply with minimum wage and overtime laws, employers lower their costs up to 40%, placing other employers at a competitive disadvantage. Based on state and national studies, JLARC estimated that worker misclassification lowers Virginia's state income tax collections as much as \$28 million a year. Based on the recommendations of the task force, in 2014, the Governor directed the Department of Labor and Industry to issue a policy memorandum and their Virginia Occupational Safety and Health inspectors to check with contractors during safety inspections to provide proof of their DPOR (Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation contractor's license AND for proof of the DPOR license for any of its subcontractors. So be forewarned that in addition to performing their regular safety inspections, VOSH inspectors are also checking with general contractors and sub-contractors to make sure that all of their employees are properly classified and every general and sub-contractor have a valid Virginia Contractor's license. Make sure that your sub-contractors have a valid Virginia contractor's license or you could subject yourself to an audit, a fine, mandatory training by DPOR, or even the possibility (in cases of gross indifference) to the forfeiture of your license.

Thanks to the Hampton Roads Utility and Heavy Contractors Association for this information.

Sunday, February 7, 2017 - Super Bowl 50!

For drunk driving prevention materials from NHTSA's Traffic Safety Marketing, go to: www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/

March 17, 2016 - Saint Patrick's Day

Drunk Driving Prevention Campaign-Buzzed Driving is Drunk Driving
Sponsored by NHTSA. Campaign materials coming soon at www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov

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Drive Safe and Buckle Up!