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## Drive Safe Dispatch Monthly Info November 2016

### Upcoming Dates and Headlines...



- \* December 1 – Conference Committee meets at VDOT at 9:00am
- \* December 2 – John T. Hanna Nominations Extended Deadline – easy online submission [http://www.drivesafehr.org/hanna\\_form.shtml](http://www.drivesafehr.org/hanna_form.shtml)
- \* December 2 - Holiday Bag materials DUE
- \* Peninsula Drive Safe Committee meets on Wednesday, December 7, 8:30am at the Newport News Police Department Community Education and Outreach Center, 10188 Warwick Blvd. This is a Holiday Bag Distribution Packing Day. 1500 bags need to be packed. Please come and volunteer an hour or two.
- \* December 9 - Materials DUE for Driver Appreciation Day-Southside.
- \* December 19 - Driver Appreciation Day-Southside held at the 264 Old Toll Plaza.

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Don't forget to utilize **Amazon Smile!!!** When you make a purchase from Amazon, 05% of the purchase will be donated to Drive Safe Hampton Roads. Remember Drive Safe HR when shopping this holiday season!

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**FACT:** During the Thanksgiving holiday weekend in 2014 (6 p.m. on Wednesday, November 26, to 5:59 a.m. on Monday, December 1), 341 passenger vehicle occupants were killed in traffic crashes across the nation. Tragically, 50% of those killed were not buckled up at the time of their fatal crash.

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- \* Save the date for the John T. Hanna Awards for Excellence in Traffic Safety on Wednesday, February 22, 2017.
- \* Register for the Virginia Specialized Transportation Safety and Management Conference coming Thursday, April 27, 2017.

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**DID YOU KNOW?** Lifesavers National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities is being held in Charlotte, NC in 2017 (Mar 26-28). Lifesavers is the premier U.S. highway safety meeting dedicated to reducing the tragic toll of deaths and injuries on our nation's roadways. Register by Jan 20 for the best rate. <http://lifesaversconference.org/registration/>

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When the chilly temperatures of winter set in, **will your vehicle be ready** for the cold? If you live in a part of the country that experiences inclement weather, such as heavy rain, snow and ice, are you prepared to drive in those conditions? Planning and preventative maintenance are important year-round...but especially when it comes to winter driving.

<http://www.safercar.gov/Vehicle-Owners/Resources/Winter-Driving-Tips>

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**From Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO)**

Congestion Levels and Travel Times Increase on Many Area Roadways  
By Keith Nichols, Principal Transportation Engineer

HRTPO recently released the *Volumes, Speeds, and Congestion on Major Roadways in Hampton Roads* draft report. The report includes average weekday traffic volumes for major roadways in Hampton Roads for the years 2010-2015, average roadway travel speeds, and peak period roadway congestion level information.

<http://www.hrtpo.org/news/article/november/22/2016/congestion-levels-and-travel-times-increase-on-many-roadways/>

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NHTSA's **SaferRide app** will help keep drunk drivers off our roads by allowing users to call a taxi or a friend and by identifying their location so they can be picked up.

The app is available for Android devices on Google Play, and Apple devices on the iTunes store. <http://www.nhtsa.gov/link/saferide/>



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**FACT:** According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 35,092 people were killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes in 2015, and 29 percent (10,265) of those fatalities died in a crash where involving a driver with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) over the limit of .08. That same year, 840 people lost their lives in drunk-driving-related crashes in the month of December alone.

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**Summary of Motor Vehicle Crashes (Final)**

Source: NHTSA Occupant Protection and Distracted Driving Update, October 2016

The number of police-reported motor vehicle crashes, by crash severity, for the 10-year period 2005 to 2014 shows a downward trend and is most pronounced with respect to crashes of the highest severity—fatal crashes declined by 24% over that decade. However, the total number of police-reported traffic crashes increased from 2011 to 2012, from 2012 to 2013, and by 6.6% from 2013 to 2014. This latest increase is driven by the 7.9% increase in property-damage-only crashes—crashes in which there were no injuries to occupants or non-occupants during the crash. The number of non-fatal injury crashes increased from 2013 to 2014 by 3.6%. To view the publication, go to: <https://crashstats.nhtsa.dot.gov/Api/Public/ViewPublication/812263>

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## Pre-Holiday Season Drunk Driving Prevention

November 25-December 11, 2016

The holiday season is right around the corner. As we prepare for festivities with family and friends, NHTSA wants to remind all drivers that it's dangerous to drive after drinking. For campaign materials from NHTSA's Traffic Safety Marketing, go to:

<https://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/get-materials/drunk-driving/holiday-season-2016>

## Holiday Season Drunk Driving Prevention

December 14, 2016-January 1, 2017

Every holiday season, lives are lost due to drunk drivers. For campaign materials from NHTSA's Traffic Safety Marketing, go to: <https://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/get-materials/drunk-driving/holiday-season>.

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## Number of drivers Aged 15 to 20 years involved in Alcohol-Related Fatal Crashes Down 48% Since 2005

Alcohol involvement includes a fatal crash in which a driver had a BAC of .01 g/dL or higher. A driver is considered to be alcohol-impaired when the driver's BAC is .08 g/dL or higher. In 2014, 26 percent of the young drivers 15 to 20 years old who were killed in crashes had BACs of .01 g/dL or higher; 21 percent had BACs of .08 g/dL or higher, as shown in Table 5. Thus, of the 451 young drivers killed who had alcohol in their systems, 366 (81%) were at .08 g/dL or higher (past the legal driving limit for those legally permitted to consume alcohol)

<https://crashstats.nhtsa.dot.gov/Api/Public/ViewPublication/812278>

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**MADD Around VA: Dec. 6** - Virginia Beach Candlelight Vigil, Founders Inn and Spa, 5641 Indian River Rd., Virginia Beach, 7pm.

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### “Meet and Greet”

This month, the focus is on one of our new members...

Kaitlyn Mondejar, MPH

Kaitlyn Mondejar joined Drive Safe HR in March 2016. Kaitlyn works as a Research Assistant at the Eastern Virginia Medical School Department of Pediatrics Community Health & Research. She attended EVMS for 2 years and has worked in the Pediatrics Department for over a year. Motor vehicle safety plays a big role in the work she does at EVMS and she wanted to join a community focused organization where she could learn more and network with others in the field. On a personal level, Kaitlyn loves taking her dog Teddy to the park. You can reach Kaitlyn at [mondejka@evms.edu](mailto:mondejka@evms.edu).

Welcome Kaitlyn!

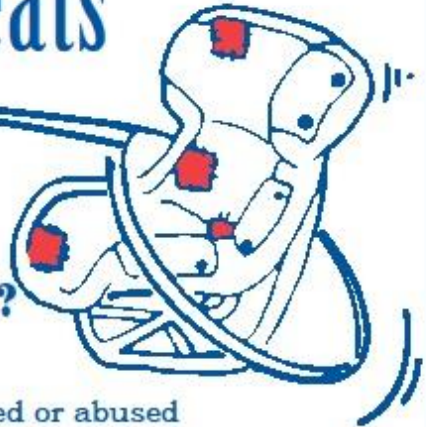
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# WANTED

## 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 2017**, drop off that old seat at any location below for a

### \$5 REWARD\*



#### 2017 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*



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**Drive Safe and Buckle Up!!  
Every Trip, Every Time!**

