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**Drive Safe Dispatch Newsletter
End of the Month Info
April 2018**

UPCOMING DATES AND HEADLINES...



- * May 11 - DAD-P Materials Due for Packing Day
- * May 16 - Peninsula Drive Safe Committee Meeting, 8:30m, Newport News Police Department Community Education and Outreach Center – Packing Day!
- * May 17 - Motor Carrier Conference Meeting, 9:00, VDOT (building to the left)
- * May 17 – STSC Meeting, 10:30, VDOT (building to the left)
- * May 18-June 1 - Absentee Voting for Board of Directors June Vote Available
- * May 18-20 - Chesapeake Jubilee, Chesapeake City Park, Greenbrier Parkway, Chesapeake
- * May 22-24 - Highway Safety Summit, Founders Inn, Virginia Beach
- * June 5 - General Business Meeting, HRPDC, Room D/E, 12:00 noon
- * June 12 - IDPC Meeting, 1:00, AAA Tidewater Virginia, Training Room #3
- * June 14 - Motor Carrier Conference Meeting, 9:00, VDOT
- * June 27 – CMV Driver Appreciation Day-Peninsula, I-664 Inspection Station

DRIVE SAFE HAMPTON ROADS BOARD OF DIRECTORS...



These two Board Directors currently serve 2017-2019:

- Jim McElligott, Virginia Beach Police Department
- Kate Wilson, AAA Tidewater Virginia

Per the Bylaws: Board Directors shall be elected by the general membership at the annual general meeting in June of each year. The Board of Directors shall number at least five (5) and no more than 11 (eleven) maintaining an odd number. The term of service is to be a minimum of two years with no cap on tenure.

**Thank you to Deb Rocke for her service to Drive Safe HR as the Chairman of the Board of Directors for the last few years. Deb has decided to step down from the Board in June and will not be seeking re-election.

Nominations so far for the incoming 2018-2020 board members include the following:

- * John Fentress, Community Advocate
- * Ruby Gatling, Hampton Health Dept.
- * Scott Wichtendahl, Va Beach Police Dept.
- * Pierre Granger, State Farm

NOTE TO MEMBERSHIP: If you would like to serve on the Drive Safe Board of Directors, please let us know right away.

Drive Safe HR members unable to attend the June General Meeting may vote ahead of time by proxy. Be sure to send your votes in after Friday May 18 and prior to noon on Monday, June 4, to dshr@drivesafehr.org.



Since some of you may not recognize Pierre's name on the ballot for the Board of Directors, but you will most likely recognize his face as he has volunteered for many of Drive Safe's activities, including, but not limited to, the Get It Together Seat Belt Challenge, CMV Driver Appreciation Days, and the Mid-Atlantic DUI Conference.

Here is a little bit of information about Pierre.

Pierre Granger is a retired Naval Aviator with 30 years of service and is now a State Farm agency owner. In addition to owning his small business, he volunteers with numerous organizations supporting combat injured warriors, Brigadoon Civic League, hunter education programs, and of course, our own Drive Safe Hampton Roads. He is married to Sandra Granger and they have 3 adult children.



Make a note...The **2018 Chesapeake Jubilee** is May 18, 19, and 20. Come out and support your fellow members. The Jubilee is held at the Chesapeake City Park, located on Greenbrier Parkway. There will be plenty of music, crafts, and other family fun activities so come on out and support your fellow members.



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! **THANK YOU! We appreciate your support.**

Whether you are a PrimeMember or an Amazon Member:

1. Visit smile.amazon.com.
2. Sign in and choose Drive Safe Hampton Roads Inc.
3. Begin shopping!

Or the quick easy way <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/54-1856349>



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS...



Drive Safe has several upcoming events that will need volunteers from the membership. If you are interested in participating, please let us know.

Packing Day for the Motor Carrier Driver Appreciation Day - Peninsula

Wednesday, May 16, 8:30m, Newport News Police Department Community

Education and Outreach Center

Motor Carrier Driver Appreciation Day - Peninsula

Wednesday, June 27, 8:00am till about 10:00am, I-664 Inspection Station, on the right, just before the Monitor Merrimac Tunnel

Get It Together High School Seat Belt Challenge

Fall 2018 Community Liaisons are needed for the participating high schools. Stake your claim to volunteer at your preferred school.

Need Your Help!



Drive Safe HR is looking for speaker suggestions for the General Business Meetings scheduled for September 18 and December 4. If you have any recommendations, please let us know at dshr@drivesafehr.org.

CarFit

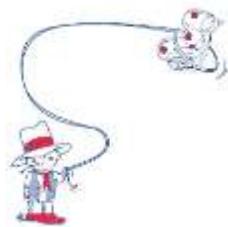


This program offers **adults 55 and older** the opportunity to check how well their personal vehicles “fit” them. Technicians guide participants through a 12-point checklist to correctly adjust mirror positions, the distance between their chest and the steering wheel, and other vehicle features. One-on-one appointments are available. For more information on an appointment or an event, please call AAA Tidewater Virginia at 757-233-3889.



Calendar updates are available at these two links...

<http://www.drivesafehr.org/calendar/2018-Drive-Safe-HR-Calendar-4-23-18.xlsx>
<http://mobile.dudasite.com/site/drivesafehr#2805>



For the 29th consecutive February, Drive Safe Hampton Roads (DSHR) joined forces with their community partners to collect old, used, and potentially unsafe child safety seats. On behalf of the **Old, Used, Borrowed and Abused Child Safety Seat Round-Up**, Drive Safe thanks **community partners: Wal-Mart, AAA Tidewater Virginia, Waste Management of Virginia, Inc., Hoffman Beverage Co., Children’s Hospital of the King’s Daughters, the Virginia Highway Safety Office, and WVEC Channel 13.**

Cinco de Mayo is May 5th this year.



April 26-May 5, 2018 Cinco de Mayo Drunk Driving Prevention

-VAHSO runs a paid media campaign that encourages designating a sober driver featuring a video

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RDoe_lbw-R0&feature=youtu.be

-NHTSA promotes drunk driving prevention

<https://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/get-materials/drunken-driving/buzzed-driving-drunken-driving/cinco-de-mayo>

SaferRide, NHTSA's Mobile App



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.

For Android devices, from Google Play

store: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.nhtsa.SaferRide>

For Apple devices, from

iTunes: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/saferride/id950774008?mt=8>

Did You Know??

One-third of fatal teen auto crashes occur at night. Prom Time is coming up... Drive Carefully!





GET IT TOGETHER HIGH SCHOOL SEAT BELT CHALLENGE (GIT)

Twenty nine local high schools competed in the **2017-2018 Get It Together High School Seat Belt Challenge (GIT)**. *Get It Together* ended with better than 50% of the schools ending the Challenge at over 90% seat belt use and an average increase in seat belt use of 7.3%. Each school put forth a



significant effort to raise students' awareness of the importance of wearing seat belts every time they ride in a vehicle. Winners of this year's *Get It Together Challenge* were announced on March 14 at an awards ceremony held at Old Dominion University. Their efforts not only produced an overall increase in seat belt use, but some schools

increased belt use as much as 25.4% from the start of the Challenge and others showed belt use as high as 99.4% percent at the end of the Challenge.



This year's Get It Together recognition was based on both the number of activity points and a recorded increase in seat belt use over baseline. The **5 Gold Medal winners** (Lafayette High, Woodside High, Heritage High, Norview High, and Landstown High) showed active participation in all categories - pledges, seat belt checks, activities, video; a minimum of 1000 activity points; and improvement in seat belt use over baseline of 16% or greater OR a final seat belt use over 95%. There were 17 Silver Medal winners and 5 Bronze medal winners. Drive Safe Hampton Roads joined with its **community partners - AAA Tidewater Virginia, State Farm™, and DMV: The Virginia Highway Safety Office** - in congratulating all of the *Get It Together* high school participants this year.



All 50 States have "**Move Over**" laws to protect law enforcement officers and other first responders stopped on our Nation's roads. Yet, **many of our drivers are unaware of these laws ...** and traffic-related incidents continue to be the number one cause of death among on-duty law enforcement officers. Therefore, together with our law enforcement partners and State highway safety offices, NHTSA is working to increase awareness of these life-saving "**Move Over**" laws and highlight the need to protect public safety professionals who place themselves at risk to protect motorists. By working with local organizations and raising public awareness of "**Move Over**" laws through earned and social media, you can make a difference and save lives.

Get your new 2018 campaign materials now.

<https://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/get-materials/first-responder-safety/move-over>

A SAD MOMENT IN TIME...

Lillian DeVenny was not only an amazing advocate, but a wonderful person and a strong supporter of Drive Safe Hampton Roads. She worked tirelessly against drunk driving and kept us all abreast of legislation as a member of the DSHR Steering Committee up until 2016. Please hold her family and friends close in your thoughts and prayers as we say goodbye to this amazing woman.



Obituary: Lillian N. DeVenny

Virginia Beach - Lillian Nickell DeVenny passed away on Sunday, April 1, 2018 in Norfolk, VA. She was born in Chesapeake, Ohio, her twin brother lived only a few hours. At 2 weeks old, she and her parents the late Hayes B. & Alice N. Nickell moved to Covington, VA where she grew up. She was an honor graduate of Covington High School and attended Covington Business School and later, Norfolk College. She held Continuing Education Units from Old Dominion University and The University of Puerto Rico where she wrote and presented a paper at a World Conference on Drunk Driving.

Lillian is survived by her husband, John Paul DeVenny, Jr.; a son, John Hayes DeVenny; grandchildren, Jennifer DeVenny and J. Brian Nicewander; five nieces and 3 nephews as well as several great nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her sisters Sarah Rhodes and Vivian Pease, her brothers J.E. and Harry B. Nickell as well as her only daughter, Carrie Leigh, who was killed in 1979 by an intoxicated driver. After this, Lillian and two friends started VIRGINIANS OPPOSING DRUNK DRIVING, a citizens' group to educate the public about the dangers of drinking and driving. It was also an organization to assist the victims and the surviving relatives of these crashes. She and her group attended the General Assembly for many years, fighting to have these laws strengthened in Virginia.

A graveside service was held for Lillian on Saturday, April 7, 2018 at 11:00 am at Alleghany Memorial Park, 7008 Winterberry Ave. in Covington, VA. Condolences may be left for the family at www.altmeyerfh.com.

* Per her family's request, contributions can be made in Lillian's name to Drive Safe Hampton Roads. <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/pilotonline/obituary.aspx?n=lillian-n-devenny&pid=188640976&fhid=14303>

In Memory Of...As one of our members, Marcus White, said, "Many in the Drive Safe movement will remember Lillian...very passionate, organized and friendly".

"What a wonderful woman! Lillian's work and results have and will continue to save lives throughout the Commonwealth. As a person, she was lovely and gracious. I had so many meaningful and fun conversations wither over the years. She was a good and faithful friend as well as a fierce advocate to end drunk driving." ~Mary Ann Rayment

"I am so sorry to hear Lillian's passing away. She was a very avid and passionate fighter against drunk driving. May her soul rest in peace. My condolences to her family and friends and to the Drive Safe family." ~Guzin Akan

"I had the honor of presenting Lillian with the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Military/Civilian Transportation Safety Workshop. Quite an inspiration to all who worked with her." ~Maggie Haley

"So sad to hear about Lillian. She was a true advocate! It always amazed me with the work she did on behalf of safe driving, up to date, comprehensive, and with practical recommendations." ~Toni Cacace-Beshears



DUI IS MORE THAN ALCOHOL. PASS IT ON.

Drug-impaired driving is a problem on America’s highways. Like drunk driving, drugged driving is impaired driving, which means it is dangerous and illegal in all 50 States, Puerto Rico, and Washington, DC. Whether the drug is legally prescribed or illegal, driving while drug-impaired poses a threat to the driver, vehicle passengers, and other road users.

Spread the word about drug-impaired driving and remind all drivers:

If you are impaired by drugs and thinking about driving, pass your keys on to a sober driver.

If you’re impaired, take your car key and Pass It On.

<https://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/get-materials/drug-impaired-driving/campaign-toolkit>

VIRTUAL BAR

Get a closer look at the various effects of alcohol on the human body. Discover the many factors involved in your blood-alcohol concentration (BAC) through the app, Virtual Bar, and find out how different BAC levels affect how you feel. Scroll through an enticing menu to see how long it would take your BAC to return to 0.00 based on your food selection and how much water you drink.

<http://faar.wpengine.com/start-a-conversation/drinking-responsibly/virtual-bar/>



TRAFFIC SAFETY FACTS ANNUAL REPORT TABLES

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has deployed a dynamic and interactive online portal for its annual traffic safety report - Traffic Safety Facts: A Compilation of Motor Vehicle Crash Data from the Fatality Analysis Reporting System and the General Estimates System. The portal can be accessed at: » <https://cdan.nhtsa.gov/TSFTables/TSFAR.htm>

This portal gives users the ability to generate the numerous descriptive statistics about traffic crashes of all severities, from those that result in property damage to those that result in the loss of human life. This portal fulfils a long-standing need to be able to provide the tables in a timelier and easily accessible manner. The portal now incorporates the feature to output the tables in various popular formats (Excel, pdf, etc.) while also providing features to request versions of the tables both at the national and state levels, where applicable. In addition, users can also generate historic versions of the tables.

The data sources for this report are the Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS, 2010-2016) and the National Automotive Sampling System General Estimates System (NASS GES, 2010-2015). Note: NASS GES was discontinued in 2016 and replaced with a new system called the Crash Report Sampling System (CRSS). The 2016 data year is the first data collection year of CRSS and estimates for injury and property-damage-only crash estimates for 2016 will be available soon.

DRIVE SAFE HAMPTON ROADS is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 organization whose mission is to inform and educate the public on traffic safety issues.



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

