

Drive Safe Hampton Roads

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Dispatch – April 2020

UPCOMING DATES AND HEADLINES...



- * April 9 – IDP Committee Meeting, 9:30am, Conference Call
- * April 14 – DSHR Board of Directors Meeting, 12-2pm
- * April 15 – DSHR Committee’s Quarterly Reports due
- * April 21 – CMV Regional Inspection
- * May 5 – CMV Regional Inspection

*** Always check the online calendar for any meeting date and time changes...**

<https://www.drivesafehr.org/events/>

Welcome to our newest Drive Safe HR Member!

Joshua Scully, Air Force

The organization needs YOUR help! Respond NOW.



Time to step up to the plate and become invested in YOUR organization. If you have **submissions for the slate of officers or for the Board of Directors**, please let us know. The current Board of Directors will soon be holding their annual meeting and will determine the slate of officers for 2020-2021.

In accordance with the Drive Safe HR Bylaws, the membership needs to vote on the nominations for the Board of Directors at the June General Business Meeting. The Board of Directors shall number at least five (5) and no more than 11 (eleven) maintaining an odd number. The term of service to be a minimum of two years with no cap on tenure.

CHESAPEAKE JUBILEE 2020 UPDATE

An announcement from Jonathan Turner, IDPC Chairman...



I hope and pray everyone is doing well during these difficult times. I recently received an update about the Chesapeake Jubilee. I am saddened to announce that the Jubilee has been cancelled for this year. While all of us are on break, waiting until all the restrictions get lifted, I would like all of the IDPC committee members to think about what we can do to revive IDPC activities. I would like to

hear everyone's involvement and input. With Palm Sunday and Easter approaching in the next couple weeks, I wish everyone a safe and happy Easter.

HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT THE DRIVE SAFE HR WEBSITE LATELY?

<https://www.drivesafehr.org>

NEW MEMBERS CAN JOIN THE ORGANIZATION VIA THIS LINK:

<https://www.drivesafehr.org/about-us/membership-form/>

CONGRATULATIONS GET IT TOGETHER (GIT) SCHOOLS



Drive Safe Hampton Roads (DSHR) recognized thirty-two local high schools for their participation in the Get It Together Seat Belt Challenge. Thanks to students' efforts, seat belt use by teens increased nine points from the Challenge's starting baseline percentage, making it 89%.

**This is four percent higher than the state average seat belt use.

Participating high schools are from the cities of Chesapeake, Hampton, Isle of Wight, James City County, Newport News, Norfolk, Northampton County, Poquoson, Portsmouth, Suffolk, Virginia Beach, and York County. For a list of the 6 Gold, 10 Silver and 13 Bronze medal winners visit our website: www.drivesafehr.org/git.

13 schools finished the challenge with over 90% seatbelt usage.

- Chesapeake schools averaged 93%
- James City County schools averaged 95%
- York County Schools – averaged a 96%
- Virginia Beach Schools – averaged a 91%
- Suffolk Schools – averaged a 90%

Overall, seatbelt usage across all participating schools increased by 9% with an 89% seatbelt usage rate.

- Drivers averaged 95% usage on the final
- Front Passengers averaged 87% usage on the final
- Back Passengers averaged 76% usage on the final

Video Submission Winners: Grassfield High, Landstown High, I.C Norcom High.



FACT: In reports for 2019, Hampton Roads experienced 25,904 crashes, 16,658 injuries, and 133 fatalities.

TRAFFIC SAFETY FACTS: 2018 DATA

Key Findings Across the U.S.:

- In 2018, there were 10,511 fatalities in motor vehicle traffic crashes in which at least one driver had a BAC of .08 g/dL or higher. This totaled 29 percent of all traffic fatalities for the year. (Note: It is illegal in every State to drive with a BAC of .08 g/dL or higher.)
- The estimated economic cost of all alcohol-impaired crashes (involving alcohol-impaired drivers or alcohol-impaired non-occupants) in the United States in 2010 (the most recent year for which cost data is available) was \$44 billion.
- Of the 2018 traffic fatalities among children 14 and younger, 22 percent occurred in alcohol-impaired-driving crashes.
- The 21- to 24-year-old age group had the highest percentage (27%) of drivers with BACs of .08 g/dL or higher in fatal crashes compared to other age groups in 2018.
- The percentage of drivers with BACs of .08 g/dL or higher in fatal crashes in 2018 was highest for motorcycle riders (25%), compared to drivers of passenger cars (21%), light trucks (19%), and large trucks (3%).
- The rate of alcohol impairment among drivers involved in fatal crashes in 2018 was 3.4 times higher at night than during the day.
- In 2018 among the 10,511 alcohol-impaired-driving fatalities, 67 percent (7,051) were in crashes in which at least one driver had a BAC of .15 g/dL or higher.

<https://crashstats.nhtsa.dot.gov/Api/Public/ViewPublication/812864>



FACT: An average of 1 alcohol-impaired-driving fatality occurred every 50 minutes in 2018.



ONLINE SHOPPING?

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 summer season!

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

SAFETY STRATEGIES FOR RAILROAD CROSSINGS

https://www.automotive-fleet.com/340821/safety-strategies-for-railroad-crossings?utm_source=email&utm_medium=newsletter&utm_campaign=20190927-NL-AF-TopNews-BOBCD190921014&omdt=NL-AF-TopNews&omid=1000991651&oly_enc_id=2127B5783801J9W



FACT: In the U.S., every four hours an individual or a vehicle is hit by a train and the majority of the incidents happen at a grade crossing, where the tracks meet the road.

DRIVER BEHAVIOR = EMPLOYER CRASH COSTS

Are your employees buckling up? It takes about two seconds to buckle your seat belt to reduce your chances of injury or death in a serious traffic crash by nearly half. There is no better return on investment.

<https://2seconds2click.org>





AIRBAG RECALL: CHECK IF YOUR VEHICLE IS AFFECTED

www.airbagrecall.com

VIRTUAL BAR AND BAC CALCULATOR



Foundation for Advancing Alcohol Responsibility has created an online tool that helps users understand how different factors affect BAC levels depending on gender, weight, and what and how you drink during the night or day. The tool allows the user to customize the experience to "safely learn how alcohol affects you before you start drinking".

<https://www.responsibility.org/drink-responsibly/virtual-bar-and-BAC-calculator/>

TIPS FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING



The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) states that "social distancing is a way to keep people from interacting closely or frequently enough to spread an infectious disease." They have created a fact sheet on how to take care of your behavioral health while in isolation.

<https://www.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/tips-social-distancing-quarantine-isolation-031620.pdf>



FOCUS ON HEALTH AND WELLNESS

During this time of pandemic crisis, the health and wellness of your employees is likely a top concern. Employers can take action to encourage employees to develop and maintain their general health and reduce stress by using the information and materials provided in the Driven to Wellness toolkit. This includes reaching a healthy weight, being more active, quitting smoking, getting to bed earlier, or starting and maintaining other habits of good health.

<https://driventowellness.org>

FMCSA EXPANDS CORONAVIRUS HOURS-OF-SERVICE EXEMPTIONS

<https://www.truckinginfo.com/353512/fmcsa-expands-coronavirus-hours-of-service-exemptions>

<https://www.drivesafehr.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Wavier-for-Carriers-Transporting-Essential-Emergency-Relief-3-19-20.pdf>

HAMPTON ROADS ECONOMIC MONTHLY-COVID-19: WHAT MIGHT BE IN STORE FOR HAMPTON ROADS

As the impacts of coronavirus continue to take hold of daily life as Americans know it, the impacts have begun to appear in the U.S. economy as well. Today, data was released by the U.S. Employment and Training Administration that reports 3,283,000 people filed for unemployment benefits between March 14 and March 21.

Recent numbers represent a five-fold increase in the highest-ever recorded claims our country has seen, and likely understates the problem as many workers do not qualify for unemployment benefits (some part-time and low-wage workers, independent contractors, and the self-employed).

Click the link below to view this month's Economic Monthly from HRPDCVA.

https://www.hrpdcva.gov/uploads/docs/Monthly%20Mar-20_final.pdf



APRIL IS ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH

Challenge yourself to drink responsibly if you choose to drink when celebrating.

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.

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