

Drive Safe Hampton Roads

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Dispatch – February 2020

UPCOMING DATES AND HEADLINES...



- * March 3– STSC Committee Meeting, 10:00am @ Hampton Roads Planning District Commission, Rooms D/E (behind Reception)
- * March 3 – Steering Committee Meeting, 11:00am @ Hampton Roads Planning District Commission, Rooms D/E (behind Reception)
- * March 5– ODU Safe Spring Break Event @ Old Dominion University
- * March 5 – TCC Spring Break Event @ TCC-Portsmouth Campus
- * March 17 – GIT Awards Breakfast @ ODU Big Blue Room (RSVP Required)
- * March 19 – Commercial Motor Vehicle Event
- * March 24-25 – Basic Truck Weighing 101
- * March 26 – Motor Carrier Conference Meeting, 9:00am @ VDOT Traffic Operations Center
- * April 14 – DSHR Board of Directors Meeting, 12-2pm @State Farm, 5705 Lynnhaven Pkwy, Ste 103, Virginia Beach
- * April 15 – DSHR Committee’s Quarterly Reports due
- * April 16 – ODU No Booza Palooza Carnival
- * April 18 – VDOT Traffic Incident Management Open House, 10-2 @ VDOT, 7511 Burbage Drive, Suffolk, VA 23435
- * April 21 – Commercial Motor Vehicle Event
- * April 28-30 – DMV Traffic Safety Summit
- * **Always check the online calendar for any meeting date and time changes...**

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

Welcome to our newest Drive Safe HR Members!

Jackie Fabrycki, Commercial Transportation, Inc.
Michael Fogleman, Navy Expeditionary Combat Command
Lt. Nathan McGanty, Chesapeake Police Department
Sgt. Mark Mills, Virginia State Police
Sgt. Robert Scarborough, Virginia State Police

The organization needs YOUR help!



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 hold their annual meeting in April and will determine the slate of officers for 2020-2020.

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.

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/>



DMV HIGHWAY SAFETY SUMMIT

Vision 2020: Striving for Zero

Reserve your spot today for the 2020 Virginia Highway Safety Summit! Register by clicking this [link](#) and selecting the green “register” button. The preliminary agenda is available [here](#). The 2020 Summit will be April 28, 29 and 30, at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center, 5000 Seminary Road, Alexandria. The annual training conference is for traffic safety advocates including law enforcement, traffic engineers, and first responders. Two back-to-back pre-conference training sessions for emergency response and law enforcement personnel will be held April 28 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. General sessions, targeted break-out sessions and interactive exhibits will be featured on April 29 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and April 30 from 8 to 11:30 a.m. Visit the Hilton Alexandria Mark’s Highway Safety Summit hotel reservation [webpage](#) to reserve hotel rooms.

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER...

**John T. Hanna Awards
Honoring Traffic Safety Excellence in Hampton Roads
2019 Recipients:**

Officer Kenneth Byrd(Chesapeake Police Department) - Impaired Driving Prevention

PO2 Jonathan D. Curtin(Virginia Beach Police Department) - Law Enforcement Initiatives

Richard Hutt(Chesapeake WCTV Channel 48) - Messaging/Media (Individual Award)

**Virginia Beach Communications Office/Creative Services
and**

**Virginia Beach Fire Department Multimedia Unit
Messaging/Media (Group Award)**

Virginia Beach Police Department Community Engagement Unit - Youth Traffic Safety

Woodside High School’s Teens in Driving Seat Belt Club (Susan Ragan-Pimblett, Sponsor)
Occupant Protection

Patricia Davidson

2019 Lifetime Achievement Transportation Safety Award

Please join us in congratulating these deserving winners.

FACT:



Every 33 seconds, one child under the age of 13 is involved in a crash. Many times, deaths and injuries can be prevented by proper use of car seats, boosters, and seat belts.

STATE FARM RESOURCES



Teen Driver Safety®

Parents and teens can obtain free interactive and informative auto safety applications and resources at the State Farm Teen Auto Safety website: <http://teendriving.statefarm.com/>. State Farm agents can be requested to present workshops on auto safety and auto insurance for teens.

GIT UPDATE



The following schools are currently finishing up the 2019-20 Get It Together High School Seat Belt Challenge. www.drivesafehr.org/git

The Awards Breakfast will be held on Tuesday, March 17, 7:30am.

Bayside High School	Indian River High School	Norview High School
Bethel High School	Jamestown High School	Phoebus High School
Bruton High School	Kecoughtan High School	Salem High School
Churchland High School	Kellam High School	Smithfield High School
Deep Creek High School	King's Fork High School	Tabb High School
Grafton High School	Lafayette High School	Warhill High School
Grassfield High School	Lakeland High School	Warwick High School
Green Run High School	Landstown High School	Windsor High School
Heritage High School	Menchville High School	Woodrow Wilson High School
Hickory High School	Nansemond River High School	Woodside High School
I. C. Norcom High School	Northampton High School	York High School

This program cannot do the wonderful work it does without the help of an amazing group of

Community Liaison volunteers: Ryan Anderson (GEICO), Trevor Jones (State Farm), Sarah Browning (State Farm), Mark Crump (State Farm), Mike Coffman, Marc Kincaid (State Farm), Stewart Deacon (State Farm), Ciara Broda (State Farm), Chesapeake Police Officer Gary Hilber, Paula Boyd (State Farm), Ruby Gatling, Kate Wilson (AAA Tidewater Virginia), Hampton Police Officer Kenneth Wiggins, Tim W. Minor (State Farm), Ricky Bowers, Newport News Police Officer Cecil Salyer, Ulysses Robinson, Jimmy Fay (State Farm), Jerry Scicchitano, Newport News Police Officer "Skip" Blanchard, Bill Bowman (State Farm), Anne Sparkman (State Farm), Larry Hill, Jim Clark (State Farm), Kim & Devon Mack (State Farm), LaTisha Branch-Morgan, Katharine Beachboard (AAA Tidewater Virginia), Port of Virginia Police Officer Scott Cater, Terry Friar (State Farm), Suffolk Police Officer Dean Godwin, Suffolk Police RJ Kline, Tina Harvey, Tim Johnson (State Farm), D'Borah Bunn, VB Police MPO Travis Aicher, Pierre Granger (State Farm), VB Police MPO Jim McElligott, Patricia Davidson, Jonathan Turner, Paula Rosati, (State Farm), Mike Kuebler (State Farm), Barbara Shelly (State Farm), Brock Dehlin (State Farm), WJJC Officer Prasit "Newy" Niranont, York County Sheriff's Dept Sgt. Jeff Charville, and Angie Wright

CHILD SAFETY SEAT EVENTS



Parents, grandparents, and anyone else who drives with young children in the car should be able to handle child safety seats properly. That's why AAA offers free child safety seat checks, during which trained technicians will make sure your child's car seat is installed safely and correctly. These seat checks are offered year-round, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact AAA Tidewater Virginia to make an appointment at 757-233-3889.



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>

SIMPLE STEPS TO KEEP OUR ROADS SAFE



1. Plan ahead and designate a non-drinking driver.
2. Never get behind the wheel when

you've been drinking.

3. Don't be afraid to take the keys from a friend who may be impaired.

4. Call a ride for someone in need.

5. Be a responsible host and offer guests the choice of alcohol-free beverages.

The Great Pretenders
Mocktails for Every Occasion

TORNADO TWIST

- In a pitcher, mix evenly:
 - ½ lemon-lime flavored carbonated beverage
 - ½ cranberry-raspberry juice
- Pour over ice and serve.

AMELIA ISLAND PUNCH

- In a punch bowl, mix:
 - 2 cups cold water
 - 1 packet (makes 2 quarts) lemonade flavor drink mix
- Stir until drink mix is dissolved.
- Stir in 1 can (46 oz.) chilled pineapple juice.
- Refrigerate several hours or until chilled.

Take the Pledge
AAA's Take the Pledge campaign encourages all motorists to commit to drive drug and alcohol free. Join the fight and pledge your support today. <http://TakeThePledge.AAA.com>

For more non-alcoholic recipes from DSHR, check out this link:

<https://www.drivesafehr.org/non-alcoholic-beverages/>

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME



On Sunday March 8, 2020 at 2:00 a.m., we move our clocks forward by 1 hour to 3:00 a.m. local daylight time. The time change is not observed by Hawaii, most of Arizona, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam and the Northern Marianas.

Daylight Saving time ends November 1, 2020.

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.

2019 COMMERCIAL MOTOR CARRIER DRIVER APPRECIATION DAY

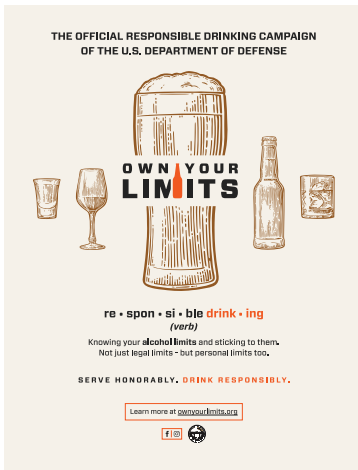


Thank you to all the volunteers who helped out at the 26th Commercial Motor Carrier Driver Appreciation Day that was held on Monday, December 16 at the Old Toll Plaza on I-264 East. A special thank you to the sponsors and partners: Virginia State Police, Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles, City of Virginia Beach Public Utilities, Chick-fil-A @ Salem Crossing & Parkway Plaza, C.W. Scott Trucking Co., Spivey Rentals, AAA Tidewater Virginia Capital Concrete, Inc., Pepsi Beverage Company, Walmart #5253, Drive Smart Virginia, Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Commission, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Virginia Dept. of Transportation (VDOT), and the

Local Law Enforcement Motor Carrier Units Motor Carrier Safety Inspectors

Photos can be found at the following link: www.drivesafehr.org/dad

OWN YOUR LIMITS



Last Fall, the That Guy campaign came to an end. In its place, **Own Your Limits** was created with input from the Services and Service members. With a modernized approach, the new campaign highlights current trends in alcohol misuse, emphasizes responsible drinking call to action and is gender neutral. With a new website featuring responsible drinking tips, resources and online tools, the new campaign aims to help Service members learn how to drink responsibly, if they choose to drink alcohol. Find resources available for download here: www.ownyourlimits.org/. You can also join Own Your Limits on Instagram at @ownyourlimits, www.instagram.com/ownyourlimits or on Facebook @ownyourlimits, <https://www.facebook.com/ownyourlimits/>. Stay connected to learn how Service members can serve honorably, drink responsibly and own their limits!

NHTSA LAUNCHED NEW OTC/RX IMPAIRED DRIVING PREVENTION INITIATIVE

Impaired driving is generally associated with alcohol, prescription drug abuse, or illegal drug use. The use of legally obtained prescription (Rx) or over-the-counter (OTC) medication can also impair driving.

There's more than one way to drive under the influence.

Many legally obtained - and commonly used - Rx drugs and OTC medications can affect a user's ability to drive safely. For example, antidepressants, opioids, and sleep aids, and even cold and allergy medicines can cause side effects [e.g. drowsiness, nausea, blurred vision, et al] which can put drivers at risk.

New social media videos and audio files to help prevent Rx impaired driving are now available. Please share these videos widely through your social media accounts. Additionally, we include sample press releases, draft op eds, and other materials that you can use to help prevent impaired driving in your community.

<https://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/get-materials/drug-impaired-driving/otc-rx>

FACT

Underage drinking is at its lowest recorded level. The Foundation for Advancing Alcohol Responsibility shares that "over the past decade the number of combined students reporting they have consumed alcohol decreased 23%" and that the majority of students in 8th, 10th, and 12th grades have never consumed alcohol in their lives.

<https://www.responsibility.org/blog/current-underage-drinking-at-lowest-recorded-level-since-1991/>

2020 NHTSA COMMUNICATIONS / HIGHWAY SAFETY EVENTS CALENDARS

The **2020 NHTSA Communications Calendar** and the **2020 Highway Traffic Safety Events Calendar** are now available. Click [here](#) to get a head start on your planning, to align with NHTSA's traffic safety campaigns for 2020. While the 2020 NHTSA Communications Calendar is substantially similar to the 2019 calendar, here are a few new opportunities:

- **Vehicle Safety Recall Awareness Week - March 2-6, 2020**
Consider participating in VIN check-up events, and distributing NHTSA vehicle safety recall awareness campaign materials available on [TSM](#).
- **Pedestrian Safety Month - October 2020**
NHTSA has designated October as [Pedestrian Safety Month](#). Please consider engaging in concentrated safety messaging activity throughout the month.

DRIVER IMPROVEMENT CLASSES

If you need to brush up on your driving skills or have to take a court-ordered or DMV-required class, AAA is here to help. AAA offers a Driver Improvement Program that is Virginia DMV-Approved for point reduction and also satisfies the requirements of Virginia's Traffic Courts.



You can learn about improving visual awareness, adjusting speed for conditions, maintaining margins of safety, handling driving emergencies, and more.

Classes held most Saturdays at AAA Tidewater Virginia, 5366 Virginia Beach Blvd., Virginia Beach with nationally-certified instructors. To register, call (757) 233-3887. Mention the Mocktails Recipe Card and save 20% on the class.

Safer Roads 2020 International Conference. Richmond, VIRGINIA

Scheduled for May 12-14, 2020. This event is for roadway safety professionals and transportation officials from around the world and brings together industry leaders, corporate roadway department personnel and more

FACT:

In 2018 alone, 73 people were killed in drunk-driving crashes on St. Patrick's Day. These accounted for 39% of all traffic fatalities during the St. Patrick's Day festive period.

Saint Patrick's Day Impaired Driving Prevention

March 17, 2020 - Buzzed Driving is Drunk Driving

If you're heading out to a St. Patrick's Day celebration, make sure you have more than just the luck o' the Irish on your side. These celebrations are one of the biggest drinking nights of the year, and this, unfortunately, means more drunk drivers on the roads. Drunk driving accounts for nearly one-third of vehicle-related fatalities in the United States. This St. Patrick's Day weekend, remember: **Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving**. If you plan to go out and enjoy the evening with alcohol, make sure you refrain from driving.

<https://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/get-materials/drunk-driving/saint-patricks-day>

FACT:

Saint Patrick's Day is one of the deadliest festivities on our nation's roads. During the 2014-2018 St. Patrick's Day, 249 lives were lost due to drunk-driving crashes.

Bryan E. Porter column: Taking a long-overdue step for roadway safety

Feb 16, 2020

https://www.richmond.com/opinion/columnists/bryan-e-porter-column-taking-a-long-overdue-step-for/article_ac825c26-6302-5bed-9b13-e0375aa862eb.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter&utm_campaign=user-share

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!**

