

Drive Safe Hampton Roads

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Dispatch – July 2020

Welcome to our newest Drive Safe HR Members!

Judith Swystun, Hampton Roads Transportation, Inc.
Keri Douglas, MI Technical Solutions, Inc.

Drive Safe Members, Sponsors, Friends, and Potential Members,

As President of Drive Safe Hampton Roads (DSHR), I welcome you to our traffic safety organization. DSHR is made up of dedicated volunteers who are concerned with traffic safety here in the Hampton Roads area. With all the local transportation issues in our area you are sure to find one of our committees that would pique your interest. Our various committees are busy throughout the year with projects that include: Get It Together High School Seatbelt Challenge; Annual Child Safety Seat Round-Up; DUI and Distracted Driving issues; Commercial Motor Vehicle Appreciation Day; John T. Hanna Traffic Safety Awards; and manning booths at various Hampton Roads events to promote traffic safety.

I look forward to personally meeting with you at one of our general meetings or at one of our various events. For more information about meeting times, places, and dates, please explore our website www.drivesafehr.org or contact our Administrative Coordinator, Kathy Raymond, at dshr@drivesafehr.org. Thank you for your interest and support of Drive Safe Hampton Roads. Sincerely,

Kate

Kate Wilson
President 2020-2021
Drive Safe Hampton Roads



DRIVE SAFE HAMPTON ROADS IS STILL OPEN...

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/>

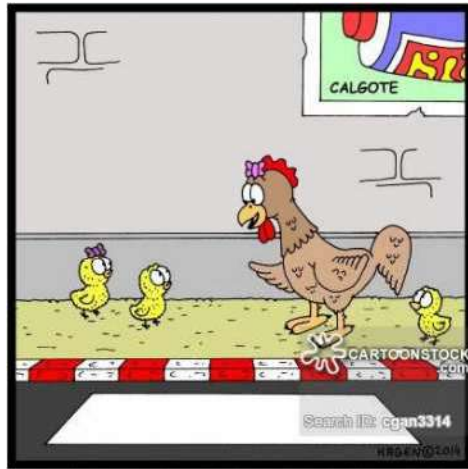


SHOPPING ONLINE RATHER THAN IN THE STORES?

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.

UPDATE: \$18.13 donation was received from the AmazonSmile Foundation as a result of AmazonSmile program activity between January 1 and March 31, 2020. EVERY little bit helps! The quick easy way <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/54-1856349>

TRAFFIC SAFETY HUMOR:



Why we cross the road is not important: What is important is to cross at the pedestrian crossing...



FEEL FREE TO TWEET!

We need **YOUR** help in getting the Drive Safe HR name out in the community.



If you have a Facebook or Twitter account, be sure to mention Drive Safe HR when you post your pictures from the various events by using the tag '@DriveSafeHR' within your comments.



FACT: Over the 4th of July holiday period in 2018 (July 3 to July 5): 193 people died in motor vehicle traffic crashes. 40% (78) of these fatalities occurred in alcohol-impaired crashes.



4TH OF JULY IMPAIRED DRIVING PREVENTION CAMPAIGN



We love to celebrate the 4th of July with family, friends, food, and fireworks, but all too often the festivities turn tragic on the nation's roads. The fact is, this American holiday is also one of the deadliest holidays of the year due to impaired-driving crashes.

<https://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/get-materials/other/4th-july>



FACT: 71% of these alcohol-impaired fatalities involved at least one driver or motorcyclist with a BAC of .15 or higher.

COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVER APPRECIATION DAY – PENINSULA

The new date is Wednesday, July 22, 2020. We look forward to seeing you then!

NETS 2020 STRENGTH IN NUMBERS® CONFERENCE WILL BE VIRTUAL

The health and wellness of conference attendees is of utmost priority. Therefore, given the current COVID-19 pandemic, NETS is transitioning our annual proceedings to a virtual event during the week of October 12th. <https://trafficsafety.org/conference/2020-strength-in-numbers-annual-conference/> (NETS = Network of Employers for Traffic Safety)

HAVE SOME SPARE TIME ON YOUR HANDS THESE DAYS?



Drive Safe has several upcoming events that will need volunteers from the membership. If you are interested in any of the following “jobs”, please let us know.

Occupant Protection Committee Chair

DSHR is looking for a person to chair the Occupant Protection Committee. This committee leads in the development of programs and functions to educate the public regarding the need for occupant protection devices for children and adults, and their proper use. Occupant Protection includes the Get It Together High School Safety Belt Challenge, the Old, Used, Borrowed and Abused Child Safety Seat Round-Up, regional child safety seat checks, and Silver Driver (senior driver) issues. Contact DSHR for additional information and a list of responsibilities.

Treasurer Assistant

Sometimes, life just gets really busy. And DSHR’s Treasurer position continues to expand. DSHR is looking for a person to work alongside the current Treasurer, Pat Davidson, and potentially take over some of the steps involved in the grant writing process and some of the general treasurer duties. This summer, Pat will be retiring from the Virginia Department of Health but plans to stay on a DSHR’s Treasurer.

DISTRACTED DRIVING PREVENTION APP



CellGuardians is a new Android app that eliminates distracted driving caused by cell phones. It was created by Mike Ihrig, CEO, MI Technical Solutions, a global IT and engineering woman-owned small business in Chesapeake, Virginia. The majority of MITS employees are veterans. CellGuardians is a unique app that turns on automatically when it detects the user is in motion whether in the car, bicycling, skateboarding, or

walking. It reminds the user to stay focused on the road and keep the phone down. CellGuardians allow the user to select some apps to remain open while driving, such a map and navigation apps and allows the user to exit when there is an emergency. CellGuardians has a patented web application that can be used by parents and employers to monitor and manage their teen drivers or their fleet drivers for safety.

JULY IS NATIONAL THEFT PREVENTION MONTH

Motor vehicles are the primary mode of transportation for most of us, and often, an indispensable part of our lives. Having said this, nearly \$6 billion was lost to motor vehicle thefts in 2018. What would happen if yours suddenly disappeared?

- There were 748,841 motor vehicles stolen in 2018.
- Only 59.3% of all stolen motor vehicles were recovered.
- Of all motor vehicles stolen, 74.8% were passenger vehicles.



<https://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/get-materials/vehicle-safety/vehicle-theft-prevention>

NEW GUIDE HELPS STATES IMPLEMENT PEER-TO-PEER INITIATIVES

Motor vehicles remain the leading cause of death for teens and young adults. Though fatal crashes involving drivers 16-24 years old declined more than 25% over the past decade, much work remains. To help states further this progress, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has released the “[Peer-to-Peer Teen Traffic Safety Program Guide](#),” prepared by the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA). The guide examines peer-to-peer programs, in which young adults take the lead in identifying a traffic safety problem their school and community.

https://www.nhtsa.gov/sites/nhtsa.dot.gov/files/documents/13905_peer2peerbrochure_031519_v4-blankpages-tag.pdf

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- Brakes
- Drive Safe
- Hampton Roads
- Merge
- Phone Down
- Prevention
- Responsible
- Roadway
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- Stoplight
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DMV UPDATE....

Because of your dedication to changing behavior and saving lives, Virginia DMV often calls on you for help, and you always meet the challenge. Today, we encourage you to communicate traffic safety messages during the week leading up to and including the heavily-traveled Fourth of July holiday. There are two new laws taking effect July 1 that draw attention to our most vulnerable road users. Please share this information on your agency's Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Thank you for always being there, coming through, making the grade and having our backs. We could not do this without you.

Fourth of July Facebook image: <https://ndp.box.com/s/5tzqtbaqfw82kld7m8s91fopdtgdqexs>

Fourth of July video: <https://ndp.box.com/s/3eot4pwdo2605eenjwbwqqfrky38qgl31>



A new Virginia law makes it illegal to drive carelessly or distracted around a vulnerable road user. Vulnerable road users are pedestrians, bicyclists, those on skateboards or roller skates, those riding an animal or using an animal-drawn vehicle, and those using wheelchairs, electric scooters, bikes, and skateboards. Visit TZDVA.org for more safe driving information.



FMCSA CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) INFORMATION & RESOURCES

<https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/COVID-19> - At this link, you will find FMCSA's latest information, declarations, and resources in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. For information on the COVID-19 outbreak and the federal government response, please visit: [Coronavirus.gov](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)
 If you have questions or need further information on FMCSA's COVID relief measures, please email the Agency at FMCSADeclaration@dot.gov.

TIPS FOR STAYING VISIBLE WHILE CYCLING

Taking precautions to make sure you are visible while cycling is an easy way to help keep you and others on the roads safe. Whether cycling during the day or cycling at night, being seen is important. Here are some quick tips for staying visible while cycling: https://www.personalinjury-law.com/blog/staying-visible-while-cycling?utm_source=Newsletter+List&utm_campaign=a028b77dec-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_03_10_09_45_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_485f5c4911-a028b77dec-50809789

DRINKING RESPONSIBLY DURING COVID

COVID-19 is impacting many routines, schedules, and mindsets. As the world continues to face new challenges related to COVID-19, it's easy to slip into new drinking habits or turn to alcohol to cope with the added stress. Share these tips on how to keep their drinking habits in check during these uncertain times:

- * Stay connected. Create new things to look forward to. Have virtual game nights or dinners with friends and family so you can virtually 'hit the town' while drinking responsibly.
- * Who says you can't get a good workout from home? Drinking responsibly helps avoid a negative impact to your physical health. Also, exercise (specifically cardio) can reduce anxiety and depression. Try free workout classes, dance around your room or compete with a buddy to do 100 push-ups and 100 sit-ups a day.
- * Let yourself relax but stay safe. Drinking too much can cause weight gain, harm sleep quality, lead to alcohol poisoning and many other negative outcomes. Drink moderately so you can relax safely or avoid alcohol altogether if you're underage, taking medication, pregnant or if drinking negatively impacts job performance or relationships.
- * If you notice you're starting to drink more, get help. These times are unlike any other. https://s3.amazonaws.com/ownyourlimits-media/OYL_eNewsletter_May2020.pdf

COVID-19 TRANSPORT TOOLKIT

Driving for Better Business, in partnership with FleetCheck, has created a unique toolkit to give fleets an overview of all the major issues with links to many additional resources to help fleet operators and business owners navigate these new challenges. <https://www.drivingforbetterbusiness.com/covid-19/>



SAD NEWS TO SHARE...

Drive Safe Hampton Roads extends its condolences to the family and friends of Cary Wayne Scott, Sr. Cary passed away May 7, 2020. He was the proud owner of C.W. Scott Trucking, Inc. which he founded in 1987. Cary and his wife, Crystal, have been dedicated supporters of the Southside Commercial Motor Vehicle Driver Appreciation Day for many years, providing the Krispy Kreme Doughnuts for this annual event. Please join us in sending our sympathies to the Scott family.

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/pilotonline/obituary.aspx?n=cary-wayne-scott&pid=196174479&fhid=14303>

***Just in case you find any mistakes in this month's newsletter, please remember they were put there for a purpose. We try to offer something for everyone to do in time of isolation. Be sure to let us know if you find any. ☺*

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**

