

Drive Safe Hampton Roads

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Dispatch – December 2021

UPCOMING DATES...



- December 1 – Dare to Prepare, 6-7:30pm
- December 13 – GIT Midway Submissions Due – seat belt checks and midway report
- December 13 – CMV Driver Appreciation Day – Southside @ I-264 Old Toll Plaza
- December 14 – Commercial Motor Carrier Regional Check
- February 2022 – Old, Used, Borrowed and Abused Child Safety Seat Round-Up

CMV DRIVER APPRECIATION DAY-SOUTHSIDE

The 28th annual Commercial Motor Carrier Driver Appreciation Day event is scheduled for Monday, December 13. This event offers a way for Drive Safe Hampton Roads, **Virginia State Police**, and **local law enforcement motor carrier teams** to come together to distribute educational materials and to remind CMV drivers to buckle up during the holidays.

Volunteers and materials are needed for this event. **If interested in helping out that morning or if you have something to add to the goody bags, please let us know by December 3.**

Thank you to our current partners: Chick-fil-A @ Salem Crossing & Parkway Plaza, MADD, Rigdon Escort Service, AAA Tidewater Virginia, Capital Concrete, Inc., Spivey Rentals, Story Distributing, DRIVE SMART Virginia, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles Highway Safety Office, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), and the City of Virginia Beach Public Utilities.

ALL MEMBERS: DON'T FORGET TO REPORT YOUR IN-KIND HOURS



DMV grants require 25% match documentation of in-kind service hours from the DSHR membership. Please be sure to collect and send in this information so it can be documented monthly.

Collect the following information NLT the 7th for the previous month's volunteer hours and email to DSHR@drivesafehr.org: Your name, month tracking for, task, event or type of activity, number of hours towards the Occupant Protection Grant, and number of hours towards the Impaired Driving Prevention Grant.



SHOPPING FOR HOLIDAY GIFTS? USING AMAZON?? SUPPORT DRIVE SAFE HAMPTON ROADS WHILE YOU SHOP.

Make DSHR your Amazon Smile charity! Simply follow the instructions below to select "Drive Safe Hampton Roads Inc" as your charity and activate

AmazonSmile in the app. They'll donate a portion of your eligible mobile app purchases to us.

1. Open the Amazon app on your phone
2. Select the main menu (=) & tap on "AmazonSmile" within Programs & Features
3. Select "Drive Safe Hampton Roads Inc" as your charity
4. Follow the on-screen instructions to activate AmazonSmile in the mobile app



FACT: According to NHTSA, between 2009 and 2018, of those drivers killed in crashes and tested for marijuana, the presence of marijuana had nearly doubled. In 2018, 46% of drivers who were killed in crashes and were tested for drugs tested positive.

**2021 PRE-HOLIDAY SEASON IMPAIRED DRIVING PREVENTION
NOVEMBER 30 - DECEMBER 14, 2021**



The holiday season is right around the corner. As we prepare for festivities with family and friends, NHTSA wants to remind all drivers of the dangers of drunk driving.

Drug-impaired driving is also a problem on America's highways. Like drunk driving, **drugged driving is impaired driving**, which means that it is dangerous and illegal. Whether the drug is obtained legally or illegally, driving while drug-impaired poses a threat to the driver, vehicle passengers, and to other road users.

These marketing tools can be distributed to fit your local needs and objectives while, at the same time, partnering with State, communities, and other traffic safety organizations on this pre-holiday season impaired driving prevention initiative.

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

**IF YOU FEEL DIFFERENT
YOU DRIVE DIFFERENT**

CHILD SAFETY SEAT INSTALLATION



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.

AAA offers appointments for child safety seat checks from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Make an appointment at 757-233-3889.

FEEL FREE TO TWEET!



We need **YOUR** help in keeping the Drive Safe HR name 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'.

**2021 HOLIDAY SEASON IMPAIRED DRIVING ENFORCEMENT MOBILIZATION:
DECEMBER 15, 2021 - JANUARY 1, 2022**

This holiday season is just around the corner. As we prepare for festivities with family and friends, remember the dangers of drunk driving.

Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over

You have to choose your role before drinking begins: will you drink or will you drive? Remember, even if you just had one drink and you think you are "okay to drive", you could still be driving impaired.

<https://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/get-materials/drunk-driving/drive-sober-or-get-pulled-over/holiday-season>

Drive High. Get a DUI.

Drug-impaired driving is also a problem on our nation's highways. Like drunk driving, drug-impaired driving is also impaired driving. So, whether legally or illegally obtained, driving under the influence of drugs poses a threat to the driver, vehicle passengers, and other road users.

<https://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/get-materials/drug-impaired-driving/holiday-season/drive-high-get-dui>

SOBERING STATISTICS

- According to NHTSA, 837 people lost their lives in traffic crashes involving a drunk driver in December 2019.
- During the 2019 Christmas (6 p.m. Tuesday, December 24 to 5:59 a.m. Thursday, December 26) and New Year's Day (6 p.m. Friday, December 28, 2018, to 5:59 a.m. Wednesday, January 2, 2019) holiday periods, there were more drunk-driving-related fatalities (210) than during any other holiday period that year.
- Approximately one-third of all traffic crash fatalities in the United States involve drunk drivers (with blood alcohol concentrations [BACs] at or above .08 grams per deciliter [g/dL]). In 2019, there were 10,142 people killed in drunk-driving crashes.
- Nationally, it is illegal to drive with a BAC of .08 or higher, except in Utah (limit is .05 g/dL).
- Although it's illegal to drive when impaired by alcohol, in 2019, one person was killed every 52 minutes in a drunk-driving crash on our nation's roads.
- Men are more likely than women to be driving drunk when involved in fatal crashes. In 2019, 21% of male drivers were drunk, compared to 14% of female drivers.
- Of the traffic fatalities in 2019 among children 14 and younger, 19% (204) occurred in alcohol-impaired-driving crashes.
- Among the 10,142 alcohol-impaired-driving fatalities in 2019, 68% (6,872) were in crashes in which at least one driver had a BAC of .15 or higher.
- Nighttime is a particularly dangerous time to be on the roads: The rate of alcohol impairment among drivers involved in fatal crashes in 2019 was 3.3 times higher at night than during the day.



DMV RECOGNIZES JURISDICTIONS WITH NO TRAFFIC FATALITIES IN 2019 AND 2020: VIRGINIA COMMUNITIES PROVE ZERO DEATHS IS POSSIBLE

The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) has recognized several jurisdictions across Virginia that achieved zero traffic deaths in 2019 and/or 2020. Virginia is an active participant in the national "Toward Zero Deaths" initiative, which brings together engineering, enforcement, education and emergency medical services professionals to work toward a goal of eliminating all traffic fatalities. In an effort to change public perception that traffic fatalities are unavoidable, DMV annually recognizes jurisdictions that achieved zero traffic fatalities. This year, jurisdictions achieving this status in 2019 are also included as the pandemic preempted last year's recognition.

The jurisdictions that achieved zero deaths in 2019 only are Alleghany County, and the cities of Covington, Harrisonburg and Staunton. The jurisdictions that achieved zero traffic deaths in 2020 only include Highland County, and the Cities of Colonial Heights, Emporia, Galax, Radford, Salem and Waynesboro.

The following jurisdictions achieved zero traffic deaths in **both 2019 and 2020**: Craig County, and the Cities of Buena Vista, Falls Church, Franklin, Hopewell, Lexington, Manassas Park, Norton and Winchester.

The jurisdictions that have achieved zero traffic deaths for at least five consecutive years include the Cities of Buena Vista, Falls Church, Hopewell, Lexington, Manassas Park, and Norton. Finally, the City of Buena Vista achieved zero traffic deaths for 10 consecutive years.

To learn more about Virginia's goal to achieve zero traffic deaths, visit <https://tzdva.org/>.

NATIONAL DISTRACTED DRIVING COALITION LAUNCHED IN SEPTEMBER

Launched September 16, 2021, the National Distracted Driving Coalition is accelerating national efforts to implement short and long-term interventions that will promote attentive driving and eliminate distracted driving fatalities and injuries. <https://distracteddrivingcoalition.org>

LATEST STUDY STRENGTHENS ARGUMENT FOR ABS ON MOTORCYCLES

Nearly a decade after the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety first called for a federal mandate requiring street-legal motorcycles to be equipped with antilock braking systems (ABS), the data continue to pile up in favor of this lifesaving technology.

Examining fatal crash rates for 65 motorcycle models offering ABS as an option over 2013-19, the researchers found that bikes equipped with the feature were involved in 22 percent fewer fatal crashes per 10,000 registered vehicle years. Continue reading this article at

<https://www.iihs.org/news/detail/largest-study-of-its-kind-strengthens-argument-for-motorcycle-abs>

WHAT WILL ELECTRIFICATION MEAN FOR TRUCK TIRES?

The operating characteristics of electric drivetrains, coupled with heavy battery loads, will change the way tires for electric trucks are built. In addition to providing good traction, low rolling resistance and long miles to removal, drive tires for battery-electric trucks will need to withstand higher torque loads, while steer tires will be subject to higher vertical loads than traditional tires. Continue reading at

https://www.chargedfleet.com/10151115/what-will-electrification-mean-for-truck-tires?utm_source=email&utm_medium=newsletter&utm_campaign=20210915-NL-CF-Weekly+Newsletter-BOBCD210909036&omdt=NL-CF-Weekly+Newsletter&omid=1000991651&utm_content=01&tracking_number=BOBCD210909036&oly_enc_id=2127B5783801J9W



FACT:

In 2020, there were over 1,900 vehicle-train collisions and nearly 200 fatalities at highway-rail grade crossings in the U.S.



<https://www.multivu.com/players/English/84295516-nicb-releases-hot-wheels-report-americas-top-ten-most-stolen-vehicles/>

FMCSA GIVES 60 DAYS TO DOWNGRADE LICENSE FOR DRUG VIOLATIONS

State driver's licensing agencies will have 60 days to initiate mandatory downgrades of commercial driver's licenses and commercial learner's permits once notified that a commercial motor vehicle operator has failed a drug or alcohol test, under a Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration final rule set to go into effect Nov. 8.

FMCSA contends that the rule plugs both a "knowledge gap" and "loophole" in present regulations, which prohibit SDLAs from issuing, renewing, upgrading and transferring CDLs or CLPs for drivers who test positive for drugs or alcohol until those drivers complete FMCSA's return-to-duty process.

https://www.safetyandhealthmagazine.com/articles/21870-fmcsa-gives-states-60-days-to-downgrade-licenses-of-cmv-drivers-with-drug-alcohol-violations?utm_source=trans-topic&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=topic



FACT: The latest report from the World Health Organization (WHO) indicates that road traffic deaths continue to rise around the world with an estimated 1.35 million fatalities per year. USA ranks 112 out of 175.

<https://www.atlasandboots.com/remote-work/worlds-worst-countries-to-drive-in/>

WHAT IS THE HAMPTON ROADS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION?

The Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) is a federally mandated transportation policy board comprised of representatives from local, state, and federal governments, transit agencies, and other stakeholders. Responsible for transportation planning and programming for the Hampton Roads area, one of the core functions of the HRTPO is the development and maintenance of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

HRTPO has updated phase cost estimates, expenditures, and schedule information on projects in the FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and has produced a snapshot of this data. In addition, staff identifies CMAQ and RSTP projects for which the data indicates progress has stalled.

<https://www.hrptotip.org/uploads/docs/TIPSnapshot-17CombinedFinal.pdf>



RAINED OUT: VEHICLE SAFETY SYSTEMS STRUGGLE TO "SEE" IN RAIN

New research from AAA finds that moderate to heavy rain affects a vehicle safety system's ability to "see", which may result in performance issues. During closed-course testing, AAA simulated rainfall and found that test vehicles equipped with automatic emergency braking traveling at 35 mph collided with a stopped vehicle one-third (33%) of the time.

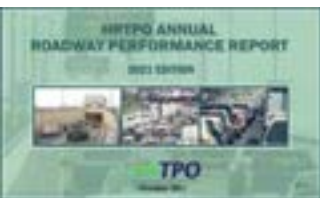
<https://newsroom.aaa.com/2021/10/rained-out-vehicle-safety-systems-struggle-to-see-in-bad-weather/>

SPEEDING TOP VIOLATION DURING OPERATION SAFE DRIVER WEEK: July 11 to July 17, 2021

Law enforcement officials issued more than 27,000 citations and warnings to drivers during the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance's annual Operation Safe Driver Week. Citations and warnings related to speeding were most common.

CMV drivers received 1,690 citations and 2,549 warnings for speeding. The next most common citations issued to CMV drivers were failure to wear a seat belt (1,225), failure to obey traffic control device (522), texting/using a handheld phone (344) and improper lane change (112).

https://www.safetyandhealthmagazine.com/articles/21893-speeding-most-frequently-cited-violation-during-operation-safe-driver-week?utm_source=trans-topic&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=topic



HRTPO RELEASES ANNUAL ROADWAY PERFORMANCE REPORT – 2021 EDITION

The report includes various information on the performance of the roadway system in Hampton Roads, including Regional Roadway Travel Levels, Peak Period Regional Congestion Levels, Peak Period Travel Times on Major Corridors, and Tables and Maps.

<https://www.hrpto.org/news/article/november/09/2021/hrpto-releases-annual-roadway-performance-report-%26ndash%3B-2021-edition/>

TAKE A MOMENT TO PAUSE AND GIVE THANKS



It's that time of year for reflecting, giving thanks and goal setting.

1. Reflect on your decisions about alcohol.
2. Give thanks for your wins.
3. Own your limit now.
4. Consider how you can own your limit next year.

The holidays can be a time to wind down, relax and think about goals for the new year. Remind Service members that they can still celebrate responsibly while owning their limits.

Two new resources are available for Service members; one to help them track how much they're spending on alcohol and another to encourage them to speak up if they are concerned about their alcohol use.

Is Drinking Draining Your Wallet?

<https://www.ownyourlimits.org/alcohol-and-your-life/financial-health/alcohol-spending/>

and

https://ownyourlimits-media.s3.amazonaws.com/OYL_Alcohol-Use-Concerns_poster.pdf



DARE TO PREPARE WORKSHOPS



AAA Tidewater Virginia is hosting Dare to Prepare Virtual Workshops for parents/guardians and their soon-to-be driver (ages 14-17). This free workshop will provide important information about the process of getting a driver's permit and traffic safety practices that will help the teen be a smart driver. The next session is offered on Wednesday, December 1, 6-7:30 pm

Register at https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ThFVvaBiRhaoBbnt_xo75Q

"Growth is never by mere chance; it is the result of forces working together."

-James Cash Penney, American businessman and entrepreneur who founded the J. C. Penney stores (1902)



Drive Safe Hampton Roads needs **each and every member** to make a solid commitment to invest time and effort into the organization in 2022. **GET INVOLVED!**

DRIVE SAFE HAMPTON ROADS is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization whose mission is to improve highway safety, and reduce injuries and deaths from vehicle crashes.

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

