

# Drive Safe Hampton Roads

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## Dispatch – February 2022



### Welcome to our newest Drive Safe HR Member!

Dick Lohrmann, Sandbridge Traffic Safety Group

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### UPCOMING DATES...

- February – Old, Used, Borrowed and Abused Child Safety Seat Round-Up **All Month.**
- February 11 – GIT Challenge Ends
- February 16 – GIT Materials Due
- February 22 – STSC Committee Meeting, 10:00am, VDOT, In-person and Zoom availability
- March 10 – GIT Awards Breakfast (invitation only, rsvp required)
- April 5 – VSTSM Conference Meeting, 10:00am, Zoom
- May 3-5 – Virginia Highway Safety Summit
- August 18-19 – DRIVE SMART Virginia Distracted Driving Summit, Hilton's new The Main in Norfolk

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### 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](mailto: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.

### FACT:



In 1991, the First John T. Hanna Awards for Excellence in Traffic Safety were held on Tuesday, June 2, 11:30 am at the Grate Steak Restaurant, 1170 N. Military Highway, Norfolk, VA. These awards were presented to each winner by John T. Hanna.

The recipients were as follows:

- Marilyn Jackson, SADD Coordinator for the York County School System – Traffic Safety Activism by an Individual
- Virginians Opposing Drunk Driving (VODD) – Traffic Safety Activism by A Group
- Officer H.E. Fawley, Virginia Beach Police Department's Special Patrol Operations and Tactics Bureau (SPOT Bureau: Selective Enforcement Team) – Traffic Safety Enforcement by an Individual
- Chesapeake Police Department – Traffic Safety Enforcement by a Group
- Tidewater Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program (VASAP) – Traffic Safety Education and Prevention

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## SHOPPING THOSE SPRING SALES??

Continue to utilize Amazon Smile!!! When you purchase from Amazon, 05% of the purchase will be donated to Drive Safe Hampton Roads. The quick, easy way <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/54-1856349>

## VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED



Time to step up and be counted!  
Drive Safe HR needs YOUR help for several "jobs".  
If you are interested, please let us know by March 1.

DSHR needs **YOUR** involvement to keep this organization running and moving forward.

### \* DSHR VICE-PRESIDENT

### \* DSHR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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.

### \*VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE CHESAPEAKE JUBILEE:

The Jubilee will take place May 20, 21, 22. DSHR has been invited to provide the Designated Driver Booth again, but this has not been confirmed as yet, depending on whether or not enough volunteers are interested. There are several shifts that span each of these days.

**Let us know by March 1 if you are interested in volunteering for the Jubilee this year!**

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## DRIVE SAFE HAMPTON ROADS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Myrna Banks**, Norfolk Public Schools (2021-22 Chair of the Board) – up for renewal June 2022

**Scott Wichtendahl**, Virginia Beach Police Department – up for renewal June 2022

**John Fentress**, Community Advocate – up for renewal June 2022

**Ruby Gatling**, Community Advocate – up for renewal June 2022

**Michael Ihrig**, MI Technical Solutions, Inc. – up for renewal June 2022

**Rich Jacobs**, DRIVE SMART Virginia – up for renewal June 2022

**Pierre Granger**, State Farm – **term expiring June 2022**

**Jim McElligott**, Community Advocate – June 2023

**Georjeane Blumling**, Community Advocate –June 2023



## 2022-2023 DRIVE SAFE HAMPTON ROADS OFFICERS



President: Keri Douglas, MI Technical Solutions, Inc.

Vice-President: **YOUR NAME HERE?**

## 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.

**FACT:** The first seat belt for vehicles was designed for taxis, meant to keep New York City tourists safe as they saw the sights. In 1959, when Nils Bohlin, a former aerospace engineer who worked for Volvo, invented the three-point seatbelt. The federal government made seat belts mandatory in all new cars in 1968. In 1974, New York passed the first law requiring they be used by those riding in the front seat.



**CONGRATULATIONS AGAIN TO OUR 2021 JOHN T. HANNA AWARD WINNERS**

*NOTE: Winner name updated....*

**John T. Hanna Awards Honoring Traffic Safety Excellence in Hampton Roads  
2021 Recipients:**

**Sandbridge Traffic Safety Group** – Martin H. Schlosser Award for Traffic Safety Activism

**Riverside CEALH: Jane D. McKinney Driver Rehabilitation Program** – Transportation Safety  
*(Please note this is a name correction from Riverside Center for Aging and Lifelong Health)*

**Michael L. Goodove** – Impaired Driving Prevention

**Christy King** – Occupant Protection

**John Vaughter** – Lifetime Achievement

Please join us in congratulating these deserving winners.

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**JANUARY REMINDER:**

Help Prevent Home Fires with our Fire Safety Checklist

- Check Smoke Alarms
- Create and Practice a Fire Escape Plan
- In an emergency, leave the home immediately. Call 911 after you are a safe distance away from your home.

<https://www.safekids.org/checklist/fire-safety-checklist>

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**SUPER BOWL LVI / FEBRUARY 13, 2022 (SUNDAY)**

As law enforcement professionals and highway safety advocates, your efforts will help reduce the number of crashes and fatalities due to impaired driving. Make a difference by increasing enforcement efforts, raising public awareness, and maximizing your local resources. This year, the Big Game falls on Sunday, February 13, 2022.

***Fans Don't Let Fans Drive Drunk.***

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**MARIJUANA HOLIDAY = APRIL 20**



April 20th (more commonly known as 420) has become synonymous with marijuana use and, in some circles, this date is considered is a "marijuana holiday". To check out the materials, click here:

<https://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/get-materials/drug-impaired-driving/if-you-feel-different-you-drive-different/420-impaired-driving>

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# 2022 OLD, USED, BORROWED AND ABUSED CHILD SAFETY SEAT ROUND-UP



## ROUND-UP DROP OFF LOCATIONS: NOTE: AAA locations updated

### Walmart Supercenters

- 2448 Chesapeake Square Ring Road, Chesapeake, VA 23321
- 1521 Sam's Circle, Chesapeake, VA 23320
- 201 Hillcrest Parkway, Chesapeake, VA 23322
- 632 Grassfield Parkway, Chesapeake, VA 23322
- 1170 North Military Hwy., Norfolk, VA 23502
- 7530 Tidewater Drive, Norfolk, VA 23505
- 1098 Fredrick Blvd., Portsmouth, VA 23707
- 6259 College Drive, Suffolk, VA 23435
- 546 First Colonial Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23451
- 2021 Lynnhaven Parkway, Virginia Beach, VA 23456
- 1149 Nimmo Parkway, Virginia Beach, VA 23456
- 657 Phoenix Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23452

### AAA Tidewater Locations

AAA Tidewater Virginia Corporate Office  
5366 Virginia Beach Blvd.  
Virginia Beach, VA 23462

Virginia Beach Service Center (address correction)  
3352 Princess Anne Rd., Ste. 919  
Virginia Beach, VA 23456

Chesapeake Service Center  
111 Kempsville Rd.  
Chesapeake, VA 23320

Norfolk Travel Center  
Palace Station Shopping Center  
Ghent 330 W. 22nd Street, Suite 101  
Norfolk, VA 23517

Suffolk Center  
3529 Bridge Rd.  
Suffolk, VA 23435

Hampton  
1520 Aberdeen Rd.  
Hampton, VA 23666

Newport News  
733 J Clyde Morris Blvd.  
Newport News, VA 23601

Williamsburg  
6517 Richmond Rd.  
Williamsburg, VA 23188



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## ST. PATRICK'S DAY | BUZZED DRIVING IS DRUNK DRIVING



Each year, St. Patrick's Day is celebrated with city parades, funny leprechaun hats, and plenty of green beer. Unfortunately, it often ends with risky drunk drivers taking to the streets when the parties end. Drunk driving accounts for nearly one-third of vehicle-related fatalities in the United States. 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/buzzed-driving-drunk-driving/saint-patricks-day>

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## 9TH ANNUAL DISTRACTED DRIVING SUMMIT



DRIVE SMART Virginia is excited to announce that the 9th Annual Distracted Driving Summit will be held on August 18-19, 2022 at the Hilton Norfolk The Main. There was a great response to the hybrid Summit last year.

The Summit will offer both in-person and virtual options for attendees this year as well. Drive Safe Hampton Roads is known for its commitment to safety, so reach out to your colleagues with this year's sponsorship opportunities. Please note that DRIVE SMART Virginia is looking for a parking sponsor this year. This sponsor will allow DRIVE SMART Virginia to cover the cost of parking at the Summit property for all attendees. The City of Norfolk operates the parking lot and thus we were not able to negotiate a lower rate into our hotel contract.

This Summit continues to be an extremely important event as traffic deaths are on the rise. The National Highway Traffic Safety reported that the first half of 2021 saw the largest six-month increase ever recorded in the Fatality Analysis Reporting System's history. The first half of 2021 saw an 18.4% increase over 2020. That's the largest number of projected fatalities in that time period since 2006. Secretary Pete Buttigieg has called it a "crisis" and says "we cannot and should not accept these fatalities as simply a part of everyday life in America."

[drivesmartva.org](http://drivesmartva.org)



**Save the Date**  
**9th Annual Distracted Driving Summit in Norfolk, Virginia**  
**August 18-19, 2022!**

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*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**

