

Drive Safe Hampton Roads

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Dear Drive Safe Members,

As we move forward in the new year, I want to thank you for your continued commitment to the organization and to our mission. It has been a tough and challenging year. When I became President, my goals included maintaining a presence in Hampton Roads and increasing our donor sponsorship. As the COVID-19 restrictions have lifted, the organization has slowly become more active.

As 2021 comes to an end, I want to take a few moments of your time and fill you in on a few highlights of the year. I believe these are things we should be proud of.

* Commercial Motor Vehicle Driver Appreciation Days have been held for 28 years. Approximately 200 trucks drive through each of the twice-yearly events. Even with Covid-19 rules limiting the number of volunteers pitching in, both events were successful!

* The 2020 John T. Hanna Awards for Excellence in Traffic Safety was held online in January 2021. There were six winners recognized for these awards. Remember to also check out the 2021 winners who will receive their honors in 2022.

* Participated in the DRIVE SMART Virginia Distracted Driving Summit, providing a driving resource vendor table offering the Good Times Guide posters and other materials.

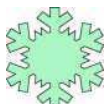
* Implementing the 2021-22 Get It Together teen seatbelt challenge, offering activities in-person and virtual.

It's been a different type of year, starting with a soft opening of more DSHR activities in June 2021 with lots of adaptations and challenges. But, we have been innovative and creative. I give thanks for all that we have achieved and look forward to what we will be able to accomplish. What first began in 1988 as Concerned Citizen's Advocating Traffic Safety (CCATS) is now Drive Safe Hampton Roads (DSHR), 33 plus years later. Together, we are all moving Drive Safe Hampton Roads forward.

Thank you for all you do for the organization, for our community, and for our mission. It is such a great honor and privilege to work with the quality of persons that are a part of this great organization. Have a wonderful, safe new year!

Sincerely,

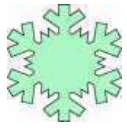
Kate Wilson
AAA Tidewater Virginia
President, Drive Safe Hampton Roads 2020-2021



Welcome to our newest Drive Safe HR Member!

Kerri Land, Virginia Beach Public Schools

UPCOMING DATES...



Month of February – Old, Used, Borrowed and Abused Child Safety Seat Round-Up
 February 11 – GIT Challenge Ends
 February 16 – GIT Materials Due
 March 10 – GIT Awards Breakfast (invitation only, rsvp required)
 April 5 – VSTSM Conference Meeting, 10:00am, Zoom

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.

CMV DRIVER APPRECIATION DAY



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

Thank you to our partners:

Chick-fil-A @ Salem Crossing & Parkway Plaza, MADD, Rigdon Escort Service, AAA Tidewater Virginia, Spivey Rentals, Capital Concrete, Inc., Story Distributing, DRIVE SMART Virginia, Virginia

Department of Transportation (VDOT), Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles Highway Safety Office, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), Virginia State Police, local Motor Carrier Teams, and the City of Virginia Beach Public Utilities.



Pictures can be viewed at DriveSafeHR.org and on our Facebook page.

HAVE SOME SPARE TIME ON YOUR HANDS THESE DAYS??



Time to step up and be counted! Drive Safe HR has several positions that need volunteers from the membership. If you are interested, please let us know. DSHR needs **YOUR** involvement to keep this organization running and moving forward.

* *DSHR Vice-President*

* *DSHR Board of Directors*



SHOPPING THOSE AFTER CHRISTMAS 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>



FACT: Drive Safe Hampton Roads has received **\$25.83 from Amazon Smile**, as a result of AmazonSmile program activity between July 1 and September 30, 2021. Let's keep this support coming.

Choose Drive Safe Hampton Roads as your charity of choice when you purchase from Amazon. (Amazon Smile is the same as Amazon but with the charity giving option)

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2021 JOHN T. HANNA AWARD WINNERS

**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 Center for Aging and Lifelong Health – Transportation Safety

Michael Goodove – Impaired Driving Prevention

Christy King – Occupant Protection

and

John Vaughter - Lifetime Achievement in Traffic Safety

Please join us in congratulating these deserving winners.

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.

HRTPO RELEASES ANNUAL ROADWAY PERFORMANCE REPORT – 2021 ED.

HRTPO recently prepared the 2021 edition of the Annual Roadway Performance Report. 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.hrtpo.org/news/article/november/09/2021/hrtpo-releases-annual-roadway-performance-report-%26ndash%3B-2021-edition/>

TIP SNAPSHOT #17 JAN 2021-MAR 2021: LASKIN ROAD PHASE 1-A

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



FACT:



Did you know the first idea for a rearview mirror was seen in 1904 when it was used on a horse-drawn carriage?

The first person credited with the invention of the rearview mirror is Elmer Berger, an electrical engineer from St. Louis, who patented the device in 1921. Like Haroun, Berger enjoyed driving fast and he famously named the mirror the "Cop Stopper" since he used it to spot law enforcement trailing his car.

WINTER WEATHER DRIVING TIPS FROM NHTSA

Whether it's snow, sleet or ice, winter weather can cause extremely dangerous road conditions. In 2019, there were 440 fatal crashes, and an estimated 33,000 injury crashes that occurred in wintry conditions. Prepare yourself:

<https://www.nhtsa.gov/winter-driving-tips>



Prevent Struck-by Incidents at Crash Scenes

More than 200 law enforcement officers died due to struck-by incidents from 2005-2019 (24% of motor vehicle-related officer deaths). **You can lower your risk** of being struck by a passing vehicle while outside the patrol vehicle.

- 1 MAINTAIN** situational awareness
 - Keep your head on a swivel
 - Work within traffic control zone
 - Avoid the gap between vehicles
 - Don't turn your back to traffic
 - Always have an escape plan
- 2 WEAR** your ANSI-approved tearaway high visibility safety vest any time you are exposed to vehicle traffic or working a crash scene.
- 3 FOLLOW** your agency's standard operating procedures (SOPs) on temporary traffic control zones.
- 4 UNDERSTAND** the incident command structure and work collaboratively with other responders.

Source: National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF.org)

Linked to Release Control Software - Access a variety of free resources for incident response. www.cdc.gov/niosh/face
 Find more law enforcement motor vehicle resources. www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/face

<https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/motorvehicle/ncmvs/newsletter/ncmvsnewsletterv6n3.html>

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

WANTED
Old, Used, Borrowed and Abused
Child Safety Seats

Is your safety seat:
 ★ over eight years old?
 ★ from a yard sale or thrift store?
 ★ involved in an accident?

Safety seats that are old, used, borrowed or abused may harm your child in a crash. During the month of February 2022, drop off that old seat at any location below for a **\$5 REWARD**.

2022 DROP-OFF LOCATIONS
*Closed for most of January

- Walmart Supercenters (Select Locations)
- AAA Office in Hampton Roads

For more information, call (757) 499-2332. For more information, visit www.drive-safe.com.

The City, State, and Federal Government of Virginia is proud to partner with Drive Safe Hampton Roads, Walmart, and AAA Tidewater Virginia.

Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters - Hoffman Beverage Co.

Did you know that an old or broken child safety seat could be putting a child in danger?

To help keep our young children as safe as possible, Drive Safe Hampton Roads has partnered with Walmart, AAA Tidewater Virginia, Hoffman Beverage, Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters, and Waste Management of Virginia, Inc. to conduct the **ANNUAL OLD, USED, BORROWED AND ABUSED CHILD SAFETY SEAT ROUND-UP**.

Many child safety seats are old, missing parts, have been recalled by the manufacturer, or are no longer crash worthy due to damage. Drive Safe Hampton Roads and our partners want to "round them up" and recycle the seats so they cannot be used again. We need your help to make Hampton Roads a greener place to live. During the month of February 2022, please post the Round-Up poster and drop-off location list.

ROUND-UP DROP OFF LOCATIONS:

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

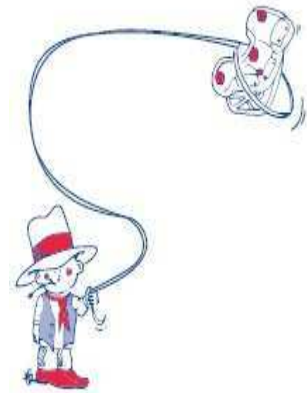
6259 College Drive, Suffolk, VA 23435

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
296 Kings Grant Rd.
Virginia Beach, VA 23452

Chesapeake Service Center
111 Kempsville Rd.
Chesapeake, VA 23320

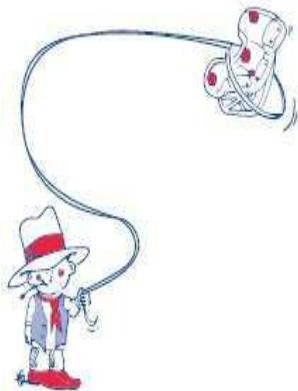
Norfolk Travel Center
Palace Station Shopping Center
Ghent 330 W. 22nd Street, Suite 101
Norfolk, VA 23517

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



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE YOVASO 2021 *JINGLE YOUR WAY TO A SAFE HOLIDAY JINGLE CONTEST WINNERS!*

1st Place: Matthew Allen, 10th grade, Patrick County High School
2nd Place: Jack Sebring, 10th grade, Poquoson High School
3rd Place: Ty Poindexter, 10th grade, Jefferson Forest High School

YOVASO encourages you to visit the [2021 Holiday Campaign Playlist](#) on YOVASO's YouTube Channel to hear the amazing safety jingles received this year! There's also one from the Youth Advisory Council and a holiday greeting from the YOVASO Advisory Board. Feel free to share these jingles on your social media pages to remind your family and friends to always drive safely and celebrate responsibly!

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLZUIs68x8x3dpI8f50WiiUFGhJn22OtAK>

EVOLUTION OF ROAD SAFETY STANDARDS

As soon as automobiles hit the road, crashes followed. Here is a look at some milestones in road safety standards.

https://mcdowellnews.com/news/evolution-of-road-safety-standards/collection_85e36e26-b4dc-5f78-bd49-0e8352c98a2a.htm#1

Remember...
A safer future begins with you...

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**

