

Drive Safe Hampton Roads

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Dispatch – June 2022

UPCOMING DATES...

- May 25 – Steering Committee Meeting, Virtual, 12:30 pm
- May 30 – Memorial Day 757 Sober Ride Program Offered
- June 9 – Distracted Driving Summit Meeting
- June 10 – Board of Directors Annual Meeting, In-Person, The Board Room @ HRPDC, 12:00 pm
- June 12 – Board of Director Votes DUE
- June 16 – General Business Meeting, Virtual, 11:00 am – agenda forthcoming
- June 21-24 – Child Passenger Safety Training Class, Virginia Beach Fire Training Center
- June 25 – Cars for Chris Car Show - Fundraiser and Educational Outreach Event, Williamsburg, VA
- July 3-4 – Independence Day 757 Sober Ride Program Offered
- August 18-19 – DRIVE SMART Virginia Distracted Driving Summit, Hilton's The Main in Norfolk

Welcome to our newest Drive Safe HR Members!

Donald Hipple, Police Chaplain, Virginia Beach Police Department
Eriald Kera, Virginia Beach Police Department

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. All members should be sending in this information.

SHOPPING THOSE 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: During the 2020 July 4th holiday period, 60% of those who died in alcohol-impaired crashes were in a crash involving at least one driver or motorcycle operator with a BAC at or above .15 — almost twice the legal limit in almost every state.

4TH OF JULY IMPAIRED DRIVING PREVENTION CAMPAIGN



This American holiday also brings increased drinking and impaired driving with potential deadly consequences: In 2019, 49% of drivers who were killed in crashes and were tested for drugs, tested positive. Click to get your 4th of July campaign materials: <https://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/get-materials/others/4th-july>

TIME TO VOTE FOR THE DRIVE SAFE HR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Make your vote count! We need to hear from you! Email DSHR@drivesafehr.org and submit your vote. **Voting closes Sunday, June 12, 2022**

The following DSHR members require YOUR vote to join the 2022-2023 Drive Safe Hampton Roads Board of Directors.

- Myrna Banks**, *Norfolk Public Schools*
- John Fentress**, *Community Advocate*
- Ruby Gatling**, *Community Advocate*
- Rich Jacobs**, *DRIVE SMART Virginia*
- Catherine Wilson**, *AAA Tidewater Virginia*



Current Board Directors carrying over to June 2023 include the following two:

- Jim McElligott**, *Community Advocate*
- Georjeane Blumling**, *Community Advocate*

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 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday. Make an appointment at 757-233-3889.

757 SOBER RIDE FOR MEMORIAL DAY



Drive Safe Hampton Roads newest program, **757 Sober Ride**, is here! **757 Sober Ride** will provide a free Lyft ride home up to \$15.00 on select holidays. Users will be financially responsible for any charge over \$15.00. Participants must be 21 or older to use 757 Sober Ride.

For Cinco de Mayo, **757 Sober Ride** debuted in the cities of Virginia Beach and Norfolk, providing 17 rides within the two inaugural cities.

Memorial Day will be the next holiday for **757 Sober Ride**.



SAVE THE DATE...The 9th Annual Distracted Driving Summit will be held August 18-19 at The Main in Norfolk, Virginia. Since 2013, this annual conference focuses on curbing distracted driving through advocacy, enforcement, corporate policies, education, and research. <https://www.drivesmartva.org/distracted-driving-summit/>

Distracted driving is a growing danger on our nation's roadways. At the Distracted Driving Summit, hundreds of attendees hear experts from around the country talk about the most cutting-edge solutions for distracted driving. The Summit is a day-and-a-half event with both in-person and virtual attendee options.



All 50 States have "**Move Over**" laws to protect law enforcement officers and other first responders stopped on our Nation's roads. Yet, **many of our drivers are unaware of these laws.**

<https://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/get-materials/first-responder-safety/move-over>

FACT: In 2020, 493 people died in motor vehicle crashes over the July 4th holiday period (6 p.m. July 2 – 5:59 a.m. July 6, 2020). Forty-one percent (201) of those fatalities occurred in alcohol-impaired-driving crashes.

WHAT IS A CMV REGIONAL CHECK

A regional commercial motor carrier check is a partnership between law enforcement officers (LEOs) from the 7 regional cities who work together to perform in-depth and complex safety inspections. These checks fall under the Specialized Transportation Safety Committee’s Law Enforcement branch. For more information, contact us via DSHR@drivesafehr.org.



CARS FOR CHRIS BENEFIT CAR SHOW



The Christopher King Foundation’s 2nd annual Car Show to benefit Drive Safe Hampton Roads will be held at Williamsburg Airport, 100 Marclay Drive, Williamsburg, VA 23185 on Saturday, June 25 from 9 am to 1 pm. Show field opens at 8 am. All makes and models of cars welcome. Trophies will be awarded for top cars-categories TBD by pre-registered cars. Spectators are free. Food trucks will be on-site, restaurant on-site, 50/50 raffle, airplanes, live music, local Police Department demonstrations, and more. <https://tinyurl.com/4kc8e2eh>
For further information, email Christy King at ChristopherKingFoundation@gmail.com

CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY TRAINING (CPST) CLASS, VA BEACH FIRE TRAINING CENTER

There will be a CPST class held at the Virginia Beach Fire Training Center on June 21-24 for anyone interested. If you are interested, please check out the link below and REGISTER soon!

This will be a traditional 32-hour four-day format @ 20 seats. Any questions, please reach out to Ryan Arab: rarab@vbgov.com or Jess Xenakis: jlxenakis@vbgov.com

<https://portalskcms.cyzap.net/dzapps/dbzap.bin/apps/assess/webmembers/secure/manage?webid=SKCMS&pToolCode=COURSE-SEARCH&pToolCmd=Details&pPrint=Yes&pSys=&pSignupID=&pProgramID=CMS-COURSE-2498>

MAY IS YOUTH TRAFFIC SAFETY MONTH IN VIRGINIA!



We want your continued help spreading the word that May is National Youth Traffic Safety Month – an important time to teach teens about the dangers of drunk driving and other safe driving behaviors. Click to view, download, and share the materials!

<https://thesocialpresskit.com/driven-to-protect-powered-by-dadss-virginia>

This May, take the following actions to get involved:

- Spread the word to your followers and networks by sharing social content throughout the month – or create your own content about why you want to see a future without drunk driving and tag @DrvnToProtectVA!
- Send an e-newsletter or post a blurb on your website.
- Interested in a guest speaker or a hands-on demonstration? Email e-learning@actsautosafety.org to start the conversation about other ways to integrate Driven to Protect into your classrooms, driver education trainings, or health and safety presentations.

FACT: Approximately 1/3 of all traffic crash fatalities in Virginia involve alcohol. In 2021, Virginia reported 6,749 alcohol-related crashes, 247 alcohol-related fatalities, and 4,224 alcohol-related injuries on its roadways.

DRIVEN TO PROTECT | VIRGINIA INITIATIVE — IS AN EXAMPLE OF THE COLLABORATIVE TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION HAPPENING IN VIRGINIA.

About Driven to Protect: The Driven to Protect Virginia Initiative is a public-private partnership between the Automotive Coalition for Traffic Safety (ACTS) and the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles. ACTS represents the world’s automakers and leads the Driver Alcohol Detection System for Safety (DADSS) Program, in partnership with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The program is developing a first-of-its-kind technology called the alcohol detection system that will detect when a driver is impaired with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) at or above 0.08 percent and prevent the vehicle from moving. Driven To Protect Virginia is the first state partnership dedicated to advancing technology that can prevent alcohol-impaired driving and educating the public about this technology and responsible driving behavior. DrivenToProtectVA.org

FACT: Schneider Joins Driven to Protect | Virginia

This collaboration, announced in December 2021, makes Schneider the first truckload carrier to conduct a trial deployment of the lifesaving DADSS technology and will collect data on hundreds of thousands of real-world operating miles.

BREAKING DOWN THE MARIJUANA BUZZ

In the US, marijuana is very much illegal at the federal level. It’s classified as a Schedule I drug — just like heroin, LSD, and ecstasy. Thirty-seven states have legalized marijuana for medical use. And 18 states have given recreational weed the go-ahead. Read more at this link:

https://www.theskimm.com/news/breaking-down-the-buzz-why-the-us-isnt-puff-puff-passing-marijuana-6VmuoRg4lomDxKQj02uCcY?utm_source=newsletter_ds&utm_medium=email

HAMPTON ROADS 2045 RURAL LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (DRAFT)



Every five years, the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) updates the Hampton Roads Rural Long-Range Transportation Plan (RLRTP), a transportation vision plan developed for the City of Franklin and Southampton County. The RLRTP is part of an ongoing statewide effort to create and maintain regional transportation plans in rural areas that complement those in Virginia’s metropolitan and small urban areas.

[https://www.hrtpo.org/page/rural-long_range-transportation-plan-\(rlrtp\)/](https://www.hrtpo.org/page/rural-long_range-transportation-plan-(rlrtp)/)

PROJECT OF THE MONTH: PENNIMAN ROAD/GOVERNMENT ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT IN YORK COUNTY

https://www.hrtpo.org/news/article/may/10/2022/project-of-the-month_penniman-road_government-road-improvements

FACT: Among preventable injuries, drowning is the leading cause of death for children 1 – 4 years old. Learn more: <https://www.safekids.org/poolsafety>

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.

We must act together to save lives.

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