

# Drive Safe Hampton Roads

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## Dispatch – September 2022

### UPCOMING DATES...



- September 1 – Border to Border CMV Event
- September 6 – GIT Community Liaison Training, Virtual, 11:30 am
- September 8 – GIT Community Liaison Training, Virtual, 6:30 pm
- September 14 – STSC Meeting, In-Person, 757 Room @ HRPDC, 10:00 am

- September 14 – GIT School Participation Agreements DUE
- September 15 – GIT Committee Meeting, 1:00 pm, Virtual
- September 28 – General Business Meeting, 12:00 pm
- September 28 – Committee Quarterly Reports DUE (July-August-September)
- October 1 – AAA Tidewater Virginia Eastern Shore Family Day, 11-2, Onley, VA (contact AAA for info)
- October 11 – GIT Resource Box and Challenge Kit Packing Day at NPS Training Center, 10-12
- October 13 – GIT Kickoff Breakfast, ODU Big Blue Room, RSVP required
- October 15 – Volunteer Opportunity: Seventh Annual 2022 European Cars Williamsburg Auto Fest, Williamsburg-Jamestown Airport, 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 pm (contact DSHR to volunteer)
- October 22 – 20th Annual Fall Car Classic, Newport News Park (contact DSHR to volunteer)
- November 18 – Hanna Award nominations DUE

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

Corporal Jason Moyer, Newport News Police Department  
MPO Anthony Tutone, Jr, Newport News Police Department  
Jason Petrie, Clancy & Theys Construction Company

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### Drive Safe Hampton Roads is on LinkedIn

Come connect with us at <https://www.linkedin.com/company/drive-safe-hampton-roads/>

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### New materials have been posted on Drive Safe Hampton Roads YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Link: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyTvSk5cH6\\_p\\_WS8NVhWUrA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyTvSk5cH6_p_WS8NVhWUrA)

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### SCHOOL TIME TIPS



**Tips for Motorists:** Be alert and slow down when driving in neighborhoods with school zones. For those school districts returning to campuses, obey the "flashing signal light system" used for school buses. **Yellow flashing lights** indicate the bus is preparing to stop to load or unload children. Motorists should slow down and prepare to stop their vehicles.

**Red flashing lights and extended stop arms** indicate the bus has stopped and children are getting on or off. Motorists must stop their cars and wait until the red lights stop flashing, the extended stop-arm is withdrawn, and the bus begins moving before they can start driving again.

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# 757 SOBER RIDE

Be sure to share this information and flyer for this September 5 program.

## This LABOR DAY, if you drink, don't drive.

Designate a sober driver or use Drive Safe HR's 757 Sober Ride powered by Lyft.



Scan Code  
for more  
information



# 757 SOBER RIDE

GET A FREE LYFT RIDE (UP TO \$15) ON LABOR DAY  
VIRGINIA BEACH, NORFOLK AND WILLIAMSBURG COVERAGE AREA

LIMITED QUANTITIES AVAILABLE

[www.DriveSafeHR.org/757-Sober-Ride](http://www.DriveSafeHR.org/757-Sober-Ride)  
for the code

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# The 2022 JOHN T. HANNA AWARDS: Recognizing Traffic Safety Excellence in Hampton Roads

In 1991, Concerned Citizens Advocating Traffic Safety (the previous name of Drive Safe HR) instituted the JOHN T. HANNA AWARDS. Named after Virginia’s “Father of Transportation Safety”, these awards honor those who share Mr. Hanna’s tireless dedication and commitment to improving traffic safety on Virginia’s highways. <https://www.drivesafehr.org/get-involved/john-t-hanna-awards/>

\*\*Please note that the Hanna Award submission process is entirely online.

**Submissions are now being accepted at <https://drivesafehr.wufoo.com/forms/rdbg6i11rds00s/>**

## AWARD CATEGORIES

**Lifetime Safety Achievement Award:** Presented for lifetime achievement in the area of transportation safety.

**Employer Safety:** Presented for employers who have taken the extra initiative to promote traffic safety and encourage their employees to practice safe driving behaviors.

**Martin H. Schlosser Award for Traffic Safety Activism:** Presented for outstanding efforts in educating citizens and changing attitudes and behavior regarding transportation safety.

**Roadway Innovations:** Presented for Individuals and/or organizations that show exemplary achievement in the design and/or implementation of highway engineering techniques, technology, and innovative approaches.

**Impaired Driving Prevention:** Presented for encouraging the prevention of drunk, drugged, drowsy, and/or drugged driving.

**Law Enforcement Initiatives:** Presented to a law enforcement department or individual who has shown extra initiative above and beyond the normal duties to promote and encourage traffic safety within their community.

**Legal:** Presented to attorneys, judges, or legislators who have actively supported safety issues thus strengthening existing laws and creating new laws that impact communities to help improve or reduce highway safety-related behaviors.

**Messaging/Media:** Presented to individuals or organizations, including but not limited to media representatives or news outlets, that have created messaging, used an innovative outreach method, or have helped spread the word about traffic safety through reporting or programming.

**Occupant Protection:** Presented for promoting and encouraging the use of safety belts and/or child safety seats through creative and innovative programs and activities.

**Transportation Safety:** Presented for developing approaches in the public and/or private sector, encouraging, educating, and/or promoting traffic safety to improve safety for drivers and riders.

**Youth Traffic Safety:** Presented to persons or programs educating youth and spreading the message on the importance of youth traffic safety.

**Fire/Emergency Medical Services:** Presented for actions at crash scenes or for activities or efforts that have a broader impact on improving at-scene safety and/or survivability and injury reduction for victims.

## Eligibility, Rules, and Notification:

Any individual, business, organization, or governmental agency in the Hampton Roads and Eastern Shore area, which promotes community traffic safety, i.e. sober driving, use of safety belts, bicycle \or pedestrian safety, motorcycle safety, incident management, etc., is eligible for nomination.

2021 JOHN T. HANNA AWARD winners are not eligible for 2022 nomination.

Eligible activities, programs or materials are those that were initiated, completed, published, or produced in the period from **October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022.**

**Entries must be received by November 18, 2022.**

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# STEERING COMMITTEE VACANCIES



If you are interested in filling one of these positions, contact [DSHR@drivesafehr.org](mailto:DSHR@drivesafehr.org).

Occupant Protection Chair – **VACANT**

GIT High School Seat Belt Challenge Chair - Patricia Davidson / **VACANT**

Virginia Specialized Transportation Safety & Management Conference Chair – **VACANT**  
Legislative / Govt. Affairs Liaison - **VACANT**

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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.

**DUE NOW for August 2022.**

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**SHOPPING FOR THE FALL?** Continue to utilize Amazon Smile!!! When you purchase from Amazon, 05% of the purchase will be donated to Drive Safe Hampton Roads. DSHR was issued a \$25.41 donation as a result of AmazonSmile activity between January 1 and March 31, 2022.

The quick, easy way <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/54-1856349>

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## KUDOS TO DEAN GODWIN AND THE REGIONAL COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE LEOS...



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## 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. AAA offers appointments for child safety seat checks from 9 am-4:30 pm Monday through Friday # 757-233-3889.

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### FACT:

56 people were killed in 2020 on Halloween night in drunk-driving crashes.

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## HALLOWEEN 2022

This Halloween, let's make happy memories, not tragic nightmares. The only thing scarier than zombies and witches loose on the streets is an impaired driver.



### Halloween Impaired Driving Prevention October 31, 2022 (Monday)

Halloween is meant to be scary, but not when it comes to driving. Now available: Halloween alcohol-impaired campaign materials for **Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving**.

<https://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/get-materials/drunk-driving/buzzed-driving-drunk-driving/halloween>



<https://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/get-materials/drug-impaired-driving/halloween/halloween-drug-impaired>

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### FACT:

In 2019, 49% of drivers who were killed in crashes & were tested for drugs, tested positive.

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## CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY WEEK: SEPTEMBER 18-24

### NATIONAL SEAT CHECK SATURDAY: SEPTEMBER 24



Car crashes are a leading cause of death for children, according to the latest NHTSA data.

<https://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/get-materials/child-safety/child-passenger-safety-week>

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**FACT:** A child is involved in a crash while riding in a passenger vehicle, on average, every 25 seconds. When installed correctly, car seats can reduce the risk of fatal injury in a crash by 71% for infants and by 54% for toddlers.

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**NOTE:** If you have anything to add to the monthly Dispatch, please be sure to send to DSHR@drivesafehr.org by the middle of the month for inclusion into the next month's newsletter.

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**ATTENTION: ENFORCEMENT PARTNERS:**



Effective Tuesday, August 30, 2022, DMV is launching a new Oversize/Overweight (OS/OW) permitting system, EZ Haul.

With the launch of this new system, here are some changes that you (LEO's) may see roadside:

- The new permits will have a slightly different layout.
- You may see two different looking permits for up to two years. Some carriers may still have valid permits from our old permitting system.
- We have included a QR code on all permits issued from our new system. With this, you can utilize most smartphones and tablets to scan the QR code and it will display associated permit details you can confirm and compare against the permit you are presented with.

Please feel free to pass along this information!

Questions, please contact: Brandi Thorpe, Deputy Director, Virginia DMV | Motor Carrier Services, Hauling Permits, Escort Certification & Citation Tracking, brandi.thorpe@dmv.virginia.gov.

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**FACT:** In 2021, 60 teens between the ages of 15-19 died on the roads of the Commonwealth with 9 of those fatalities in Hampton Roads, according to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). Lack of a seat belt accounted for 5 teen deaths in Hampton Roads out of the 33 unrestrained teen fatalities statewide.

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**GET IT TOGETHER CHALLENGE**

The **GET IT TOGETHER** (GIT) Challenge is being held this year from October 17 - February 10. Drive Safe Hampton Roads, in partnership with AAA Tidewater Virginia, Christopher King Foundation, State Farm®, and the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles, provide the resources and the students teach each other to Buckle Up! GIT emphasizes educational awareness activities and uses unannounced seat belt observation checks to monitor progress. The Challenge Kit has undergone an overhaul for this fall. Lots of new community resources and links have been added to this year's program. School principals have until September 14th to sign up for this year's program. Many thanks to our community liaisons, volunteers, and sponsors. If you are interested in being a part of this program or if you have any questions, contact [DSHR@drivesafehr.org](mailto:DSHR@drivesafehr.org).

\* Plan to help out on October 11 for the Resource Box and Challenge Kit Packing Day at the Norfolk Public Schools Training Center, 10 am – 12 pm, 5555 Raby Road, Norfolk.

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**FACT:** Last year alone, there were 3,802 teens involved in crashes in the Hampton Roads area, resulting in 1,303 injuries.

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***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**

