

Drive Safe Hampton Roads

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Dispatch – June 2023

UPCOMING DATES...



May 28-30 – 757 Sober Ride for Memorial Day Weekend <https://www.drivesafehr.org/757soberride>

June 1 – Bylaws, Mission Statement, etc Vote DUE

June 5 – Director Vote DUE

June 5 – MileOne Child Safety Seat Event

June 6 – DSHR General Business Meeting and Induction, 12-1 pm, 757 Room at HRPDC

June 6 – Board of Directors: brief meeting to elect chairman following the general business meeting

June 24 – Cars for Chris Car Show, 9-1, Williamsburg Airport, FUN event!

June 30 – DUE: Quarterly Reports from April through to the end of June 2023

July 3–5 – 757 Sober Ride for July 4th Weekend <https://www.drivesafehr.org/757soberride>

This July 4th campaign runs from 4 pm, Monday, July 3 through 4 am, Wednesday, July 5

September 13-14 –10th Annual Distracted Driving Summit, Blacksburg, VA.



WELCOME TO DSHR'S NEWEST MEMBERS...

Wendy Barragan, Community Advocate

Jami Williams, Sentara Hospital

***TIME TO VOTE: DRIVE SAFE HR BOARD OF DIRECTORS ***



Make your vote count! We need to hear from you! Email DSHR@drivesafehr.org and submit your vote. **Board Voting closes Sunday, June 4, 2023.**

Dick Lohrmann temporarily covered the vacancy due to the passing of Catherine Wilson. His name was submitted to continue on the Board for the 2023-2025 period. Dick leads the Sandbridge Traffic Safety Group who won the the 2021 Martin H. Schlosser Award for Traffic Safety Activism.

VOTE: Yes or No for Dick Lohrmann as the newest Board Director via email submission to DSHR@drivesafehr.org.

All votes and comments are held in confidence.

The following DSHR members will carry over as current Board Directors:

Myrna Banks, Norfolk Public Schools

John Fentress, Community Advocate

Ruby Gatling, Community Advocate

Rich Jacobs, DRIVE SMART Virginia

Jim McElligott, Community Advocate

Georjeane Blumling, Community Advocate



GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING AND INDUCTION

Drive Safe HR will hold the June General meeting on Tuesday, June 6, at 12:00 pm (noon). This meeting will be held both virtually and in-person. The location is the 757 Room at Hampton Roads Planning District Commission. The link to this meeting will be sent out via email before this date.

2023-2024 DRIVE SAFE HAMPTON ROADS SLATE OF OFFICERS



President: Keri Douglas, *MI Technical Solutions, Inc.*

Vice-President: Eriald Kera, *Virginia Beach Police Department*

NOTE: The 2022-23 officers will continue until June 2024.

During the overseas deployment of VP Kera, Myrna Banks from the Board of Directors will fulfill Eriald's duties until his return. Many thanks to Myrna for temporarily stepping into this role.

10th ANNUAL DISTRACTED DRIVING SUMMIT

The Summit will be held on **September 13-14, 2023, at the Virginia Tech Inn and Conference Center in Blacksburg, VA!** This event focuses on bringing together top experts across the nation to discuss the best strategies, research, technology, enforcement efforts, etc. toward eradicating distracted driving. Register at <https://www.drivesmartva.org>.

CHILD SAFETY SEAT EVENTS SCHEDULED

Monday, June 5, 2023

VBFD/City of Virginia Beach Homeschool Public Safety Day (with Car Seat Check)

Location: Virginia Beach Fire Training Center on Birdneck Rd.

Event Time: **10:00 am - 1:00 pm**

CPST contact: Jessica Xenakis; jlxenakis@vbgov.com; 757-385-2875

Monday, September 18, 2023

MileOne/VBFD/CHKD Car Seat Safety Event

Location: Hall Toyota/Laskin Rd.

Event Time: **3:00 pm - 6:00 pm**

CPST contact: Jessica Xenakis; jlxenakis@vbgov.com; 757-385-2875

757 SOBER RIDE - DATES FOR 2023

- New Year's Eve - Sunday, December 31 - COMPLETED
- Super Bowl Sunday - Sunday, February 12 - COMPLETED
- St. Patrick's Day - Friday, March 17 - COMPLETED
- Cinco de Mayo - Friday, May 5 - COMPLETED
- Memorial Day weekend - Sunday, May 28-Monday, May 29
- July 4th weekend - Monday, July 3-Tuesday, July 4
- Halloween - Friday, October 27-Saturday, October 28
- Blackout Wednesday - Wednesday, November 22





FACT: The average number of traffic deaths during Memorial Day over the last six years is 12.4% higher than the average number of traffic deaths.

MEMORIAL DAY 757 SOBER RIDE FLYER

This Memorial Day, if you drink, don't drive.
Not drinking and driving is the only way to stay safe. Don't let your loved ones wait for you.



Scan Code
for more
Information



757 SOBER RIDE

GET A FREE LYFT RIDE HOME (UP TO \$15) ON
MEMORIAL DAY

VALID SUNDAY, MAY 28 - TUESDAY, MAY 30
ALL CITIES IN HAMPTON ROADS SOUTHSIDE AND
PENINSULA COVERAGE AREA

LIMITED QUANTITIES
AVAILABLE

Get the code:
www.DriveSafeHR.org/757-Sober-Ride

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Severely intoxicated drivers are responsible for the deaths of thousands of people each year. Don't drink and drive. If you do, you could be responsible for the death of someone you love. Don't drink and drive. If you do, you could be responsible for the death of someone you love. Don't drink and drive. If you do, you could be responsible for the death of someone you love.



Please let us know if you would like a box of the 757 Sober Ride informational business cards to distribute to your community organization, church, club, or community events. Each box contains 500 cards.



HAVE YOU SENT IN YOUR VOTE? DRIVE SAFE HAMPTON ROADS IS MAKING CHANGES...

The membership has been asked to review and vote on organizational changes. This vote is due to be recorded no later than June 5. Please submit TODAY! DSHR@drivesafehr.org.

CARS FOR CHRIS BENEFIT CAR SHOW



The Christopher King Foundation's 3rd annual Car Show will be held at Williamsburg Airport, 100 Marclay Drive, located in Williamsburg, VA 23185, on Saturday, June 24, from 9 am to 1 pm. The show field opens at 8 am. All makes and models of cars are welcome. Spectators are free. Food trucks will be on-site, restaurant on-site, 50/50 raffle, airplanes, live music, local Police Department demonstrations, and more.

For further information: Email Christy King at ChristopherKingFoundation@gmail.com



FACT: More than 18% of Virginians still don't wear their seat belt, according to the state's most recent seat belt survey. In Virginia last year, there were 5,427 unrestrained people involved in crashes, 3,702 unrestrained injuries, and 375 deaths involving unrestrained people. Last year, approximately one of every two crash fatalities in Virginia involved occupants who did not wear a seat belt. People aged 21-30 made up 68% of unrestrained fatalities and the highest number of unrestrained fatalities happened between midnight and 3 a.m. (70%).

NATIONAL SEAT BELT ENFORCEMENT MOBILIZATION

MAY 22 - JUNE 4, 2023



Seat belts have been proven to be one of the best ways to save your life in a crash. Yet many still don't buckle up. Worse still, not wearing a seat belt is a habit that will pass on to impressionable youth who, in turn, will think it is safe not to buckle up. This annual campaign takes place during the Memorial Day holiday, one of the year's busiest and deadliest travel weekends.

AAA predicts that more than 42 million people will travel nationwide for the long Memorial Day weekend. That's just 1% shy of the holiday travel numbers from the pre-pandemic days of 2019. Nearly 90% of all travelers, or about 37 million people, will be on the roads. Here in the Commonwealth, 1.16 million Virginians will be traveling, with more than one million predicted to hit the roads.

The Click It or Ticket campaign focuses on safety education, strong laws, and law enforcement support to save lives.

A MESSAGE FROM DMV



Portsmouth Area Monthly Fatality Report: While the data show decreases in some areas, there is a 7% overall increase in fatal crashes. There is a 7% increase for the Portsmouth Area compared to last year's data, 33% of the fatalities were unrestrained, 22% were alcohol-related, and 50% were speed-related. The pedestrian fatalities have decreased by 25%, where Drivers/Occupants have increased by 21%. Your continued help is needed to reduce the number of fatalities in all categories through education, enforcement, and seeking new highway safety partners to share the message.



FACT:

According to the NHTSA, in 2020, 11,654 people died in alcohol-impaired driving traffic deaths — a 14% increase from 2019.

LOOK WHO MADE THE FRONT PAGE:

<https://whro.org/news/local-news/38381-virginia-car-crashes>

BIG TRUCK UPDATE:

Over the past few months, there has been no shortage of activity on the issue of bigger trucks in Congress or in state legislatures. In the coming months, it is expected that both the House Transportation & Infrastructure (T&I) and Agriculture committees to debate legislation that could include bigger trucks. The *Impacts of Heavier Trucks on Local Bridges* research identified 72,240 local bridges across the country that would not safely accommodate 91,000-pound trucks. The cost of replacing these bridges would be \$60.8 billion. Using this research, CABT was able to show every Member of Congress the number of bridges in their district that would not be able to handle these heavier trucks and the associated cost.

Read more at <http://www.cabt.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Local-Bridge-Study-3-25-23-FINAL.pdf>

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