

# Drive Safe Hampton Roads

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

No matter what holiday you celebrate, all of us at Drive Safe Hampton Roads would like to wish you a happy holiday season and a prosperous and safe new year. The DSHR offices will be closed from December 23-January 3. However, if you need to reach us, use DSHR@drivesafehr.org.

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### UPCOMING DATES...



December 20 – IDP Committee Meeting, Virtual, 10:00 am

December 29, 2023 – Committee Quarterly Reports DUE. Covers September-December.

December 31 – 757 Sober Ride 'New Year's Eve', 4 pm, Dec. 31-Monday, 4 am, Jan. 1, 2024

<https://www.drivesafehr.org/757-sober-ride/>

January 8 – Volunteers Hours for December 2023 DUE



February 2024 – Old, Used, Borrowed and Abused Child Safety Seat Round-Up

February 1 – Deadline to Register for Basic Truck Weighing 101

February 11 – 757 Sober Ride 'Super Bowl Sunday', 4 pm Feb. 11-4 am, Monday, Feb. 12

February 16 – Get It Together (GIT) Challenge ENDS

February 21-22 – Basic Truck Weighing 101, Newport News



February 22 – GIT Final Materials and Reports DUE

February 27 – ODU Spring Break Fair, 12:30-2, Volunteers needed

February 29 – John T. Hanna Awards, HRPDC The Board Room, Chesapeake, 12-2 pm, RSVP req'd

March 17 – 757 Sober Ride 'St. Patrick's Day', 4 pm, Sunday, March 17-4 am, Monday, March 18

March 21 – GIT Awards Breakfast, Hub 757, 6801 Bridgeway Dr., Suffolk, Invitation and RSVP only

March 29 – Committee Quarterly Reports DUE. Covers January-March.

August 8-9, 2024 – 11th Annual Distracted Driving Summit, Richmond Downtown Marriott

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**PLEASE WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST DRIVE SAFE HR MEMBER!**

Deputy Brad Hughes, Powhatan County Sheriff's Office

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### GET IT TOGETHER UPDATE

The first half of the 2023-2024 Get It Together Challenge ended Friday, December 8. The second half runs from Saturday, December 9 through Friday, February 16, 2024. There are currently 19 participating schools. Check out the Get It Together Facebook page for pictures from the program.

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.739273451562397&type=3>



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## END OF THE YEAR DONATIONS



Please make a big difference right here in Hampton Roads. Every dollar you donate to Drive Safe Hampton Roads goes specifically to our programs. You can even specify where you would like to see your donation go. Kick off the season of giving with a generous gift today!

<https://www.drivesafehr.org/donate/>

When making your contribution, please consider becoming one of our sustaining givers who support Drive Safe Hampton Roads year-round. We do not sell, trade or share our donors' information. All gifts are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

DRIVE SAFE HAMPTON ROADS is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization whose mission is to improve roadway safety and reduce death and injury from vehicle crashes using initiatives that include educational programs, information sharing, and partnerships with public and private sector organizations.

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## MOCKTAIL OF THE MONTH FOR JANUARY 2024:

### NEW YEAR'S EVE PUNCH



This drink is filled with the flavors of apple cider, cranberry juice, orange juice, and your favorite lemon-lime or Ginger Ale soda. This recipe makes about 100 ounces of beverage for 8-10 guests.

#### Ingredients:

5 cups apple cider (unpasteurized tastes great but the store brand will work too)  
3 cups cranberry cocktail juice  
1 cup orange juice, no pulp  
2 cinnamon sticks (use one stick if you like less cinnamon)  
1 liter ginger ale soda (can also substitute with lemon-lime soda)  
Cranberries, orange slices, apple slices for garnish

#### If Serving Right Away:

Pour all CHILLED ingredients in a large punch bowl.  
Garnish bowl with cranberries, orange slices, and apple slices.

#### If Preparing Ahead of Time:

In a medium to large size pitcher, mix together apple cider, cranberry juice, orange juice, and cinnamon sticks. Chill until ready to serve.  
When ready to serve, pour apple cider mixture into a large punch bowl.  
Add chilled ginger ale soda. Garnish with cranberries, orange slices, and apple slices.

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## THANK YOU....COMMERCIAL MOTOR CARRIER DRIVER APPRECIATION DAY

Thank you to the sponsors and volunteers who participated in this year's CMV Driver Appreciation Day on December 19. This event saw 203 trucks come through the Monitor-Merrimac Inspection Station on Interstate 664, Suffolk.

This event was held in partnership with Federal, State, and Local Police Motor Carrier Units and Inspectors, Virginia Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Commission, City of Virginia Beach Public Utilities \* Capital Concrete, Inc., AAA Tidewater Virginia, Story Distributing, MI Technical Solutions, Inc., DRIVE SMART Virginia, Truckers Against Trafficking, Walmart #5253 Grassfield, and with the support of the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles. Pictures are on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.764017455770187&type=3>



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## 757 SOBER RIDE

Be sure to share the flyer for 757 Sober Ride for New Year's Eve.

This New Year's Eve, if you drink, don't drive.  
Plan ahead, 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 HOME (UP TO \$15) ON NEW YEAR'S EVE  
VALID SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31  
ALL CITIES IN HAMPTON ROADS SOUTHSIDE AND PENINSULA COVERAGE AREA  
LIMITED QUANTITIES AVAILABLE

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

Some restrictions apply. See [www.drivesafehr.org/757-sober-ride](http://www.drivesafehr.org/757-sober-ride) for further details.

One offer per user. The code is valid for up to \$15 off one Lyft ride home. The ride must originate or end on the Southside or Peninsula Lyft coverage area from 4:00 p.m. EST, Sunday, December 31, 2023, until 4:00 a.m. EST, Monday, January 1, 2024. Limited quantities are available for those who enter the code in the Lyft app's Payment tab under the "Add Lyft Pass" option. You must be 21 or older to use this service. Rides are subject to Lyft's Terms of Service. Valid for new and existing Lyft users while supplies last. The user is responsible for charges over \$15. Discount does not apply to cancellation fees, damage charges, or taxes. No cash value.

Financial support comes from:



Esta víspera de Año Nuevo, si bebe, no conduzca.  
Asigne un conductor sobrio o utilice el programa de Drive Safe HR impulsado por Lyft.



Escaneé el código para obtener más información



### 757 SOBER RIDE

OBTENGA UN DESCUENTO DE HASTA \$15 EN UN VIAJE DE LYFT PARA LA VÍSPERA DE AÑO NUEVO  
VÁLIDO DESDE EL DOMINGO 31 DE DICIEMBRE  
EN TODAS LAS CIUDADES DEL ÁREA DE COBERTURA DE HAMPTON ROADS SOUTHSIDE Y PENINSULA

Obtenga acceso al código:  
[www.DriveSafeHR.org/757-Sober-Ride](http://www.DriveSafeHR.org/757-Sober-Ride)

Se aplican algunas restricciones. Visite [www.drivesafehr.org/757-sober-ride](http://www.drivesafehr.org/757-sober-ride) para más información.

Una oferta por usuario. El código es válido por hasta \$15 de descuento en un viaje de Lyft a casa. El viaje debe originarse o terminar en el área de cobertura de Lyft en Southside o Peninsula desde las 4:00 p.m. EST, del domingo 31 de diciembre de 2023, hasta las 4:00 a.m. EST, del lunes 1 de enero de 2024. Hay cantidades limitadas disponibles para quienes introduzcan el código en la pestaña "Pagos" de la app de Lyft, en la opción "Añadir pase: Lyft". Debe tener 21 años o más para utilizar este servicio. Los viajes están sujetos a las Condiciones de servicio de Lyft. Válido para usuarios nuevos y existentes de Lyft hasta agotar existencias. El usuario es responsable de los cargos superiores a \$15. El descuento no se aplica a cargos por cancelación, cargos por daños ni impuestos. Sin valor en efectivo.

El apoyo financiero proviene de:



The next campaign is Super Bowl Sunday 2024, 4 pm, February 11 – 4 am, February 12.

## BASIC TRUCK WEIGHING 101

This training is for active law enforcement officers, prosecuting attorney's, hauling permit technicians and agents of size and weight laws.

February 20 – 21, 2024, 08:00 AM - 5:00 PM

LOCATION: Newport News Police Department Community Outreach Center, 10188 Warwick Blvd., Newport News. Registration cutoff date February 1, 2024.

For more information and to register, contact one of the following:

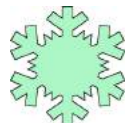
Officer F. Dean Godwin, [fgodwin@suffolkva.us](mailto:fgodwin@suffolkva.us)

Master Police Officer John T. Hughes, [hughesjt@nnva.gov](mailto:hughesjt@nnva.gov)

Sponsored by Drive Safe Hampton Roads' "Specialized Transportation Safety LEO Committee" and the Newport News Police Department.



## DRUGGED DRIVING WORKSHOP



DRIVE SMART Virginia invites you to Staunton, Virginia to discuss the issue of drugged driving and hear from expert speakers about green labs and enforcement efforts, communicating with cannabis users, and the latest in drugged driving research. Speakers include Montgomery County (MD) Police Department, Responsibility.org, and the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority. A hot lunch and parking are included in the registration cost of \$25. Limited spots are available!

When: January 17, 2024 - 9:30am to 2:30pm Where: Hotel 24 South - 24 S. Market Street, Staunton, VA 24401. Questions? Reach out to [Kristin.Pettway@drivesmartva.org](mailto:Kristin.Pettway@drivesmartva.org)

## AN UPDATE TO THE 2021 WINNER OF THE MARTIN H. SCHLOSSER AWARD FOR TRAFFIC SAFETY ACTIVISM (JOHN T. HANNA AWARD)

The 2021 Martin H. Schlosser Award for Traffic Safety Activism was awarded to the Sandbridge Traffic Safety Group for its work to enhance traffic safety in the busy Sandbridge Beach community. In 2021, the group presented a comprehensive report and PowerPoint presentation to Virginia Beach city staff and decision makers highlighting citizen's traffic safety concerns and presenting numerous recommendations to address them.

The group recently received the following progress update:

- A "State Law Yield to Pedestrian" sign was installed at the Sandpiper Rd/ Porpoise Lane crosswalk. This sign will soon be replaced with a "State Law Stop for Pedestrian" sign.
- An additional 35 MPH Speed Limit sign was installed on Sandpiper Rd.
- A 25 MPH Speed Limit sign was installed northbound on Sandpiper Rd just before the "S" curve.
- A Sandpiper Rd pedestrian count was conducted at major pedestrian crossings, resulting in solar flashing "Pedestrian Crossing" signs being installed at Tuna Lane, Rock Lane and Whiting Lane before next summer.
- A new crosswalk is being created at the Sandpiper Road / Pike Lane intersection and minor ADA accommodation improvements on the southeast corner of this intersection are being developed.
- An ADA accommodation was installed at Porpoise Lane.
- Sides streets connecting Sandpiper Rd to Sandfiddler Rd are narrow, many with side street parking that obstructs traffic and emergency vehicles. The city has agreed to remove some of the parking spaces once additional spaces are created at Little Island Park.
- The overgrown vegetation that was causing "blind corners" at many side street intersections was trimmed back and engineered sight lines were restored.



The Sandbridge Safety Group is pleased with the city's responsiveness and its ongoing effort to improve traffic safety across the city.

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### 3RD NATIONAL PASSENGER SAFETY WEEK



The 3rd National Passenger Safety Week is January 21-28, 2024. It's a time to remind everyone that passengers play an important role in making our roads safer by **SPEAKING UP** when in a car being driven dangerously.

Passengers account for about 24% of all passenger vehicle traffic fatalities. By **SPEAKING UP**, they can save not only their own lives but countless others. A passenger speaking up is often the last line of defense against a dangerous driver, whether he or she is impaired, drowsy, or driving recklessly. Please visit <http://www.nationalpassengersafety.org> for information and free downloadable resources, their logo, the Courage to Intervene promise, a ready-to-use news release and Op Ed piece, along with social media posts that will empower passengers to **SPEAK UP**.

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

