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National Child Passenger Safety Week February 12-18, 2006



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Events of Interest for February 2006

- ◆ Sun., Feb. 5—
Super Bowl
- ◆ Mon., Feb. 16—
President's Day
- ◆ Tues., Feb. 21 @
7:30 p.m.—CAC
Meeting, 4900
Stoncroft Blvd.

- ◆ Everybody needs a child safety seat, booster seat, or safety belt!
- ◆ There must be one safety belt for each person. Buckling two people, even children, into one belt could injure both.
- ◆ People who are not buckled up can be thrown from the car or around inside the car, and seriously hurt themselves or others.
- ◆ Never hold a child on your lap! You could crush him/her in a crash, or the child may be torn from your arms.
- ◆ Never ride in the cargo area of a station wagon, van, or pickup! Anyone riding in the cargo area could be thrown out and severely injured or killed.
- ◆ No one seat is 'best', the 'best' child safety seat is the one that fits your child and can be installed correctly.
- ◆ Children age 12 and under should ride properly restrained in back.

AGE: Birth to 1 year

WEIGHT: Up to 20 pounds

TYPE OF SEAT: Infant-only or rear-facing convertible

AGE: Over 1 year to 4 years old

WEIGHT: Over 20 pounds, up to 40 pounds

TYPE OF SEAT: Convertible or forward-facing only seat

AGE: 4 to 6 years old

WEIGHT: Between 40 pounds and 80 pounds

TYPE OF SEAT: Belt-positioning booster seat, backless or high-back

*Do it because
you love them.*

8 out of 10 children don't use booster seats.

The #1 killer of children is car crashes—and if they're under 4'9", they could be in grave danger. Children using booster seats are 59% less likely to be injured in a crash than those wearing a safety belt alone. So don't take chances with your child's life—use a booster seat.

Raise your child right. If they're under 4'9", put them in a booster seat.

www.boosterseat.gov



SUPER BOWL PLANNER

TALKING POINTS and FACT SHEET

Fans Don't Let Fans Drive Drunk.

Pass Your Keys to a Sober, Designated Driver Before the Super Bowl Begins.

- ◆ Super Bowl Sunday is one of the year's most dangerous days on the nation's roadways due to impaired driving.
- ◆ According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), 158 people, representing 51 percent of all traffic fatalities, died during the 2004 Super Bowl weekend due to impaired drivers with blood alcohol concentration (BAC) levels of .08% and higher.
- ◆ NHTSA reports that young males, ages 21 to 34, are most likely to be involved in automobile crashes, to drive while impaired and to be among those least likely to wear their safety belts. Research also shows that this same demographic is the core audience for major sporting events such as the Super Bowl.
- ◆ But alcohol-related crashes—and fatalities—can be prevented. Designating a sober driver before the Super Bowl party begins is just one of several easy steps to remember to help save lives.

If you are hosting a Super Bowl party:

- ◆ Remember, you can be held liable and prosecuted if someone you served ends up in an impaired driving crash.
- ◆ Make sure all of your guests designate their sober drivers in advance, or help arrange ride-sharing with other sober drivers.
- ◆ Serve lots of food—and include lots of non-alcoholic beverages at the party.
- ◆ Stop serving alcohol at the end of the third quarter of the game and begin serving coffee and dessert.
- ◆ Keep the numbers for local cab companies handy, and take the keys away from anyone who is thinking of driving while impaired.



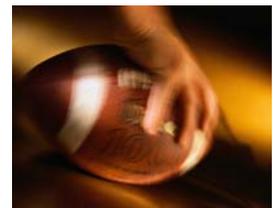
If you are attending a Super Bowl party or watching at a sports bar or restaurant:

- ◆ Avoid drinking too much alcohol too fast. Pace yourself—eat enough food, take breaks and alternate with non-alcoholic drinks.
- ◆ Designate your sober driver before the party begins and give that person your car keys.
- ◆ If you don't have a designated driver, ask a sober friend for a ride home; call a cab, friend or family member to come get you; or stay where you are and sleep it off until you are sober.
- ◆ Use your community's Sober Rides program.
- ◆ Never let a friend leave your sight if you think they are about to drive while impaired. Remember, *Fans Don't Let Fans Drive Drunk*.
- ◆ Always buckle up—it's still your best defense against other impaired drivers.

Impaired Driving is Dangerous

- ◆ Too many people still don't understand that alcohol, drugs and driving don't mix. Impaired driving is no accident—nor is it a victimless crime.
- ◆ In 2004, nearly 13,000 people died in highway crashes involving an impaired driver or motorcycle operator with an illegal BAC level of .08% or higher.
- ◆ Driving a car or riding a motorcycle while impaired is not worth the risk. The consequences are serious and real. Not only do you risk killing yourself or someone else, but the trauma and financial costs of a crash or an arrest for driving while impaired can be significant.
- ◆ The tragedies and costs from drinking and driving impaired do not just end at potential death, disfigurement, disability or injury. Violators who are caught will be spending their money on bail, court fees, lawyers and towing fees.
- ◆ Plus there is the added embarrassment, humiliation and potential loss and consequence after informing family, friends and employers.

Please remember that *Fans Don't Let Fans Drive Drunk. Act responsibly—and pass your keys to a sober driver before the big game begins. The life you save might just be your own.*



For more information, please visit www.StopImpairedDriving.org or

Article Courtesy of <http://www.stopimpaireddriving.org/planners/superbowlplanner/planner/resources/sb-factsheet.htm>

Sully District Station Child Seat Inspections

Is your child seat installed properly? Is it the correct seat for the child's age and weight? Did you know that your Sully District Station offers free child seat inspections by certified technicians?

Next available dates:	Thursday, Feb. 9, 2006	5:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.
	Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2006	5:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.
	Thursday, Feb. 23, 2006	5:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.
	Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2006	5:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.



No appointment is necessary. Our technicians request that you make an effort to install your child safety seats yourself, so that they may properly inspect and make adjustments, as necessary. For additional child seat inspection times, you may call the Fairfax County Operations Support Bureau at 703-280-0559.



Traffic Trivia



Code of Virginia § 46.2-1095. *Child restraint devices required when transporting certain children; safety belts for other children less than sixteen years old required; penalty.*

- A. Any person who drives on the highways of Virginia any motor vehicle manufactured after January 1, 1968, shall ensure that any child, through age five, whom he transports therein is provided with and properly secured in a child restraint device of a type which meets the standards adopted by the United States Department of Transportation.
- B. Any person transporting any child less than sixteen years old, except for those required pursuant to subsection A to be secured in a child restraint device, shall ensure that such child is provided with and properly secured by an appropriate safety belt system when driving on the highways of Virginia in any motor vehicle manufactured after January 1, 1968, equipped or required by the provisions of this title to be equipped with a safety belt system, consisting of lap belts, shoulder harnesses, combinations thereof or similar devices.
- C. A violation of this section shall not constitute negligence, be considered in mitigation of damages of whatever nature, be admissible in evidence or be the subject of comment by counsel in any action for the recovery of damages in a civil action.
- D. A violation of this section may be charged on the uniform traffic summons form.
- E. Nothing in this section shall apply to taxicabs, school buses, executive sedans, limousines, or the rear cargo area of vehicles other than pickup trucks.

(1982, c. 634, § 46.1-314.2; 1984, c. 280; 1986, c. 283; 1989, c. 727; 1992, cc. 119, 405; 1997, c. 793; 2000, c. 736; 2002, cc. 358, 616, 660.)

Sully District Police Station
4900 Stonecroft Boulevard
Chantilly, VA 20151

Main Phone 703-814-7000
Fax 703-814-7013

File a Report on Line
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ps/police/homepage.htm

Aggressive Driving—
Report Online at
https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ps/police/traf_sfty_report.htm



PHONE NUMBERS

Fairfax County Crime Solvers :
1-866-411-TIPS

Fairfax County Police Non-Emergency:
703-691-2131

Sully District Crime Prevention Office:
703-814-7018

Child Car Seat Installation:
Sully District Station
703-814-7000 x 5140

SAFE (Self Defense Class)
703-246-7806

Citizen Reporting System (for reports only)
703-464-4756



Buying Cold Medicine Just Got Harder

A trip to the store to buy medicine for relief from a cold just got a little harder. Across the country, cold medicine is being pulled off the shelves and placed behind the pharmacy. Why? Cold medicine containing pseudoephedrine not only gives relief to sinus sufferers, but is also used to make the dangerous and addictive drug methamphetamine. Methamphetamine is made in illegal laboratories and has a high potential for abuse and addiction. Criminals shoplift great quantities of cold medicine or buy as much as they can in order to manufacture the drug. Because of the growing drug market of methamphetamine around the country, stores carrying cold medicine are taking steps to help law enforcement shut down “meth” labs. “Meth” labs are very volatile in nature and are highly explosive due to the chemicals used to make methamphetamine. Even though Virginia has not passed the restrictive law like other states, pharmacies and retailers selling cold medicine are already taking the steps to put tighter control on the cold medicines. If you cannot find your pill form of cold medicine the next time you go to the store, ask the pharmacist. In most cases you will have to provide a form of identification (i.e. a driver’s license) and depending on the store you are in, you may have to sign a log as well. The number of boxes you can buy may also be restricted. Being educated on this new “policy” will help you better understand why this practice is now being done by businesses.



Methamphetamine



CAC CORNER

The Citizens’ Advisory Committee (CAC) will meet Tuesday, February 21, 2006, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Sully District Government Center, 4900 Stonecroft Boulevard. If you live or work in the Sully District, you are encouraged to attend this meeting. Your voice does make a difference. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!