

# "A Customer First Company" July 2011

Welcome to the July 2011 Edition of "On the Move"

### Virginia Occupant Protection Laws – What It Means for Vanpoolers

Recently, one of our coordinators inquired about seatbelt laws as it relates to 15 passenger vehicles. We passed the question on to the DMV and received the following response from Mary Ann Rayment, Occupant Protection/Media Coordinator:



"The Virginia Occupant Protection laws do apply to 15 passenger vans. The laws in Virginia state that all children under the age of 18 MUST be properly restrained in an appropriate restraint (seat belt or child safety seat). Further, all children under the age of 8 MUST be properly restrained in an approved child restraint device (infant, convertible or booster seat). Rear facing infants are prohibited from riding in the front seat where there is an active airbag. This is a "primary" law which means law enforcement needs no other reason to stop you than he/she believes that there is an unrestrained or improperly restrained child under the age of 18 in the vehicle. It is a \$50 fine per occurrence and the driver is responsible and will get the ticket(s). All drivers over the age of 16 must be restrained in the front seat. All passengers over the age of 18 must be restrained in the front seat. This is a "secondary" law which means that law enforcement needs another reason to stop the vehicle (like speeding) before being ticketed for lack of seat belt use. It carries a \$25 fine and each individual will get the ticket. All occupants of 15 passenger vans should be properly restrained. These vehicles have a pattern of roll-overs particularly when they are full."

By law K&K does not have to require individuals not seated in the front seat to wear seat belts. However everyone should use their own discretion when it comes to their personal safety.

### K&K VAN COORDINATORS -"An Awesome Responsibility"

The role of Van Coordinator is one of major significance to K&K Connections! Van Coordinators work hand-in-hand with K&K management in promoting and marketing the smooth operation of K&K.

Did you know that ...

- Van coordinators assume the responsibility of ensuring that van rosters are always kept up-to-date?
  - This task is of major importance as it ensures that all drivers have submitted proper paperwork to assure that the van rider count is accurate and each driver is added to the insurance database for insurance coverage purposes.
- Van coordinators assume the responsibility of timely submission of monthly reports?
  - This task is of major importance as it ensures that K&K van monthly mileage reports are received timely and accurate information recorded for further processing by K&K management.
- Van coordinators assume the responsibility of helping to ensure proper van decorum?
  - This is a major task as it helps to ensure that all van riders engage in the most pleasant, safe and comfortable van experience as possible.

These are only a few of the major responsibilities assumed by K&K Van Coordinators.

To that extent ... A special "thank you" is extended to all our coordinators for helping K&K to be recognized for its display of excellence, professionalism, and respect for all who are a part of our family!

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#### **Tips on Securing Parked Vehicles**

Just this month one of our rider's car had a catalytic converter stolen in the Wal-Mart parking lot on Parham and Brook.

You may wonder why the converter? A catalytic converter is made with trace amounts of platinum, palladium and rhodium. These metals have joined gold, copper and other metal items targeted by thieves eager to cash in on climbing metal commodity prices. Selling stolen converters to scrap yards, a thief can net up to a couple of hundred dollars apiece. The larger the catalytic converter, the more precious metal it contains and the more they're worth to a thief.

Are there some vehicle makes and models more prone to catalytic converter thefts? Vehicles with higher ground clearance levels, such as trucks and SUVs are particularly vulnerable to theft due to easier accessibility. Also, their catalytic converters are usually bigger, yielding a higher price.

Below is a list of tips you can use to ensure your vehicle and our vans are not an easy target.

- 1. Always lock all doors and close windows
- 2. Park in a well-lighted area
- Make sure the motion sensitivity of your car alarm system is adequate to detect an attempted theft.
- Consider a catalytic converter theft deterrent system available at car specialty or auto parts stores and online. Catalytic converter cage systems start at about \$250
- 5. Don't leave any valuables in the car.
- 6. Never hide spare keys in or around the car
- 7. Don't lock your glove box, and don't keep valuables in it.
- Park away from shrubs, dumpsters and fences that can serve as buffers for thieves.
- Visit a local muffler shop and have the converter secured to the vehicle's frame with a couple of pieces of hardened steel welded to the frame.

Anytime there is a break in or even evidence of an unsuccessful break-in, please notify the police. Henirco County 804-501-5000.

#### Information taken from:

http://www.ohioinsurance.org/newsroom/pdf/catconvFAQ.pdf http://www.nationwide.com/catalytic-converter-theft.jsp

### First Baptist Church of Centralia's 8th Annual Charity Golf Tournament Was a Success!

At K&K we were proud to participate in this year's Charity Golf Tournament held at the First Tee of Chesterfield. For the last 4 years K & K Connections, LLC has proudly sponsored this event. This year our Team Captain and K& K Coordinator, TJ Branch stepped it up a notch. He personally got team shirts with the K & K name on them and suited the team up with K & K colors. Then they went out and won the tournament so not only did the look good, but these guys can play the game as well. We would like to thank TJ for all the hard work he continues to do for K & K. We look forward to being at the tournament next year to bring the trophy back to K & K.



From Left to Right - Thomas Armstrong, Jeff Jefferson, Pamela Trent (President K&K Connections, LLC), TJ Branch, Warren Oliver



From Left to Right - Dr. Wilson E. B. Shannon, Pastor First Baptist Church, Centralia, TJ Branch, Jeff Jefferson, Thomas Armstrong, Warren Oliver



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### A "Green Light" For March Driver Complaints



Congratulations! We have not received any driver complaints this month. Way to go everyone!

### K&K Connection July Birthdays

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Audrey Williams Clarence Harrison Jr. Leanna Stith Sherri Marshall Ayanna Williams Beverly Donald Cecil Shorte Gwen Collins Terry Reedy



We would like to wish all our riders with birthdays in the month of July a special HAPPY BIRTHDAY! If you have a birthday coming up in the month of August please email me at <u>owilliams@ridek2k.com</u>. If I missed your birthday please let me know because I am working on updating my birthday list. Thank you!

#### Welcome To K&K Connections

We would like to say a BIG welcome to all of our new riders for the month of July. We are so very happy you have decided to join us!

Glad to have you! Please let us know if we missed someone's name.

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#### **Benefits of Vanpools**

We are well aware that all of you have several options when deciding how you will commute to work each day. From time to time we like to remind you of vanpooling benefits in hopes that you would share them with your friends, coworkers, and family. Here are some reasons why we feel like vanpooling is a great choice: 1. Vanpooling is more flexible than fixed route mass transit like buses and rail. 2. Riders have the ability to ride on any K&K van just as long as a seat is available. 3. You can save money on gas, maintenance,

tolls, parking fees, insurance rates, etc... 4. You will enjoy having one low monthly fee that includes parking, tolls, and gas.

 5. Participants enjoy time to rest, relax, or even catch up on work during commute time.
6. Personal vehicles have a reduction of wear and tear caused by daily commuting.

For more information please refer potential riders to our website www.ridek2k.com or they can contact us at (804)706-6491.



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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Tuesday, August 2, 2011 - 6pm-7pm

Wednesday, August 3, 2011 - 6pm-7pm

Two public meetings will be held to receive input from the public about the proposed change in the procedure to determine rider eligibility to use the paratransit service provided by the Specialized Transportation division of GRTC Transit System

#### Both meetings will be held at the office of GRTC Transit System, 301 East Belt Boulevard, Richmond, VA 23224

If you are unable to attend this meeting, please submit your comments to: Jameson Auten, Director, Specialized Transportation GRIC Transit System 301 East Belt Boulevard Richmond, VA 23224 804-358-3871 e-mail: jauten@ridegrtc.com



# Take a look at what's happening in our community:

Carytown Watermelon Festival Sunday, Aug 7 10:00a at Carytown, Richmond, VA

Jammin' on the James: Free Concert Series Saturday, Aug 20 6:00p to 8:00p at Wilton House Museum, Richmond, VA

The Richmond Jazz Festival Thursday, Aug 11 6:00p at Maymont: Maymont Park, Garden Hall, Magnolia Room, Richmond, VA

