



## WRAP Champions Tougher DUI Laws in Region

### VIRGINIA

“Is a driver with a .14 BAC operating a motor vehicle across Kings Dominion’s parking lot any less of a threat than if he or she were similarly doing so on a neighboring roadway?” inquired WRAP as quoted in *USA Today* (“Virginia Senate Bill Allowing Drunken Driving on Private Property Passes,” 2-9-18) re. legislation introduced in Virginia’s 2018 General Assembly session.

The bill in question was Senate Bill 308 and which sought to allow persons to lawfully drive drunk on their own residential property. The measure, which took a number of forms during Virginia’s 2018 legislative session including allowing drunk driving on private property, in general, received national attention and was eventually defeated in Virginia’s House of Delegates after being reported out of Virginia’s Senate on a nearly unanimous (37-3) vote.

WRAP joined the Virginia Association of Commonwealth Attorneys, Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police, MADD-Virginia, AAA Mid-Atlantic and others in opposing this legislation which, if passed, would’ve effectively bifurcated the Commonwealth’s DUI laws communicating that it’s OK to drive drunk *here* but not *here*.

Similarly defeated with WRAP’s involvement were bills seeking to both: disallow a DUI offender’s future unlawful driving (driving on suspended, w/o interlock, etc.) only on Virginia’s highways (SB 86); as well as coexist transdermal alcohol monitoring and ignition interlock devices in Virginia’s code (originally introduced at the possible expense of the latter) (SB 402).

Conversely, bills advancing to Virginia Governor Ralph Northam’s (D) desk this year included those proposing to:

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## New SoberRide® Vehicle Hits Streets of Arlington County



Arlington County Master Police Officer Dimitrios Mastoras, Lyft Regional Marketing Manager Kate Glantz, Arlington County Police Chief M. Jay Farr and WRAP President Kurt Erickson gather at the July 2, 2018 unveiling of the police department’s new SoberRide® Vehicle.

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On July 2, 2018, in partnership with Lyft Mid-Atlantic and the Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP), the Arlington County Police Department (ACPD) unveiled the newest vehicle in its fleet—the SoberRide® Vehicle. The SoberRide® Vehicle combines the design of an ACPD cruiser with Lyft’s iconic pink logo and will serve as a high-visibility reminder to arrive home safely after drinking—whether it’s by

using a ridesharing service, taxi, public transportation, or designated sober driver.

Despite the many transportation options in the area, motorists continue to make the dangerous decision to get behind the wheel after consuming alcohol. In 2017, ACPD officers made 435 arrests for driving under the influence (DUI). “We have always worked aggressively to reduce drunk driving in the County. 100% of the 435 DUI arrests could have been prevented. The message is simple, take advantage of your options and take a sober ride home,” said M. Jay Farr, Chief of Police.

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as the namesake for the SoberRide® Vehicle. "As today's newly unveiled vehicle will help promote, there is an alternative to drunk driving in the Washington metropolitan-region. That alternative is WRAP's SoberRide® program, now powered by SoberRide's ridesharing partner, Lyft." said Kurt Erickson, WRAP President and CEO. The SoberRide® program has provided over 72,000 free, safe rides home to would-be drunk drivers.

Lyft has facilitated over 5,500 of those rides during high-risk holidays since the initiation of its partnership with WRAP in 2017. "Lyft's partnership with [WRAP] is one of our strongest community initiatives and part of an ongoing commitment to deepen our connections to the region. Getting drunk drivers off the road and home safely is core to Lyft's values and mission," said Kate Glantz, Regional Marketing Manager of Lyft Mid-Atlantic.

The SoberRide® Vehicle will debut as an eye-catching drunk-driving deterrent this weekend while prominently displayed in the Clarendon neighborhood. It will make regular appearances in nightlife and entertainment areas throughout the County and will be deployed at community events to foster an important dialogue in the community about the dangers of drinking and driving. We all have a choice in how we are transported at the end of the night—arrive home safely by always choosing a sober ride. ■

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- create the Virginia Institutions of Higher Education Substance Use Advisory Committee to develop a statewide plan to address substance use inc. alcohol on Virginia's college campuses (SB 120 & HB 852);
- expand statewide the option of Northern Virginia's PARENT/student driver's education requirement (SB 126);
- alter how appointments are made to the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program (VASAP) Board (HB 1160);
- and enhance the navigability of ride-sharing services in the Commonwealth via improved vehicle trade lighting (SB 128 & HB 830).

Bills, in addition to those aforementioned, failing to advance in Richmond this year included all of those seeking to allow expungement of certain offenses including for underage drinking in certain circumstances (HB 143, SB 334 & SB 403) as well as those proposing to:

- elevate a fourth DUI within ten years to a Class 4 (versus 6) felony (SB 398);
- mandate ignition interlock for one-year (without other driving restrictions) for first-time offenders with .08-14 BACs (SB 737);
- alter the Commonwealth's current Good Samaritan statutes re. drug and or alcohol overdoses (HB 595);
- further mandate seatbelt use in the Commonwealth (SB 744, HB 9 & HB 1272);
- eliminate the term "interdicted persons" re. to whom persons in Virginia cannot be sold alcohol (HB 619).
- have Virginia's Crime Commission study the state's declining number of annual DUI arrests (SJ 28).
- and modify Virginia's exemptions from licensure code to uniformly provide for affirmative defense for each (HB 571).

The aforementioned in no way reflects the totality of alcohol and or DUI-related legislation introduced in Virginia this year but does represent a spectrum of those core bills. WRAP's role in attempting to advance those aforementioned and other anti-drunk driving legislation in Richmond this year and where WRAP had a supporting position included the organization: providing numerous legislative committees with both testimony and substitute bill language; routinely meeting with legislative branch leadership; routinely meeting with both Senate and House members including bills' chief patrons; providing resource information; and building public support for legislation via WRAP's regularly-issued *Legislative Alerts*.

#### MARYLAND

"The Maryland Senate unanimously passed Governor Larry Hogan's legislation Thursday that seeks to impose harsher

sentences on drunk drivers who have been previously convicted of three or more similar offenses. The measure now goes to the House" (*The Baltimore Sun*, 3-1-18)... where it was significantly weakened (in that chamber's Judiciary Committee) putting Maryland's Senate in a position to rebuke the lessened bill effectively killing the measure this year.

While such was the path of this year's "felony DUI" bills in Annapolis, their ending was similar to that experienced by a number of drunk driving measures in Maryland's 2018 General Assembly session.

Drunk driving and or teen drinking bills this year failing to making it to Maryland Governor Larry Hogan's (R) desk for his consideration of signing into law included the Governor's own aforementioned bills (House Bill 349 and Senate Bill 296) which proposed to make it a felony-level offense for those impaired drivers convicted of driving under the influence/while impaired and having three or more prior convictions for the same (or convicted of driving under the influence/while impaired and whom have been previously convicted of a spectrum of serious vehicular crimes including vehicular manslaughter). Drivers with prior convictions for driving while impaired by alcohol are overrepresented amongst drivers in fatal traffic crashes. Proof of as much comes in the 2015 finding by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) that "drivers with BACs of .08 g/dL or higher involved in fatal crashes were 4.5 times more likely to have prior convictions for driving while impaired than were drivers with no alcohol."

HB 349 never made it out of committee while the aforementioned SB 296 unanimously passed the Senate only to have a House committee amend it to include lessening the felony charge to a misdemeanor before the differences between the two chambers proved untenable thereby killing the measure for this, the second year in a row of the bills' existence.

Other bills experiencing similar fates in Annapolis this year were bills proposing to: double the maximum jail time for persons convicted of DWI while transporting a minor; require that ignition interlock devices in the state be outfitted with cameras; increase the maximum allowable jail sentences for persons convicted of vehicular manslaughter and or homicide while under the influence of alcohol (or other substances) and or with a previous DUI/DWI



WRAP President **Kurt Erickson** testifies on drunk driving legislation before Virginia's Senate's Courts of Justice Committee on January 22, 2018 in Richmond.

conviction; and establish a task force to both review and assess Maryland's current efforts to address impaired driving in the state in concert with assessing and recommending future "effective and practicable technologies" to prevent impaired driving in Maryland.

House Bill 711 (Ciliberti, R-Carroll & Frederick Counties) looked to increase the maximum allowable jail sentence for persons convicted of driving while impaired (DWI) by alcohol while transporting a minor. On average, nearly five persons a week are arrested in Maryland for not only driving while impaired but for also having a child in the vehicle upon such a DWI arrest (236 arrests in 2016, source: University of Maryland—National Study Center for Trauma and EMA). Worse and according to this same UMD source, the crime of DWI in Maryland whilst transporting a minor is on the rise as, between 2012 and 2016, the number of citations issued for DWI while transporting a child in Maryland increased by an unacceptable double-digit percentage (26.88%).

House Bill 862 (Kramer, D-Montgomery County) looked to equip proven effective ignition interlocks in Maryland with cameras so as to "record(ing) the image of the driver of the motor vehicle in which the device is installed." Requiring that ignition interlocks in Maryland be equipped with cameras ensures both Maryland officials and the public at-large that a driver sentenced to interlock use doesn't have another person take the in-car breathalyzer for him or her. Neighboring Virginia—via a regulatory process—successfully implemented such a camera mandate in 2016 relative to the use of ignition interlock devices in that state. In doing so, the regulatory body implementing such an added level of public protection (the Commission on the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program) noted that

there "appeared to be many attempts to circumvent the ignition interlock system" in Virginia and that a "large number of courts were already ordering cameras on all of their interlock court-orders."

House Bill 324 (Dumais, D-Montgomery County) proposed to increase (from ten to 15 years) the maximum allowable jail sentence for persons convicted of vehicular manslaughter in Maryland as well as increase said maximum allowable jail sentences for persons convicted of vehicular homicide while under the influence of alcohol as well as increase said maximum allowable jail sentences for persons convicted of vehicular manslaughter with a previous impaired driving conviction.

House Bill 1204 (Valentino-Smith, D-Prince George's County) proposed the establishment of a task force to both review and assess Maryland's current efforts to address impaired driving in the state in concert with assessing and recommending future "effective and practicable technologies" to prevent impaired driving in Maryland. Maryland's 2016-2020 Strategic Highway Safety Plan specifically embraces technology as a means of addressing impaired driving in the state as exemplified in said plan's strategy of "investigating and fostering the use of technologies and best practices to support impaired driving countermeasures" to include the "identification, assessment and increased use of new and existing technologies and best practices for use in combating impaired driving."

WRAP testified in support of each of the aforementioned bills this year in Annapolis. In addition, the organization's role in attempting to advance those measures and where WRAP has a supporting position included the organization: providing numerous legislative committees with both testimony and substitute bill language; routinely meeting with legislative branch leadership; routinely meeting with both Senate and House members including bills' chief patrons; providing resource information; and building public support for legislation via WRAP's regularly-issued *Legislative Alerts*.

Conversely, bills advancing to Governor Hogan's desk this year include those proposing to:

- make permanent Maryland's (otherwise June 30, 2018 sunset) law disallowing the sale of powdered alcohol in the state (HB 213 & SB 253);
- altering the processes and penalties for an alcoholic beverage license holder in Washington County, Maryland

or their employees' unlawful sale of alcohol to persons under 21 (SB 324);

- and requiring certain training and processes for alcoholic beverage license holders in Cecil County, Maryland (HB 411).

Other bills, in addition to those aforementioned, failing to advance in Annapolis this year include those proposing to:

- increase the penalties for persons causing a life-threatening injury while having a previous impaired driving conviction (HB 406);
- impound or immobilize the vehicle of a person convicted for a third DUI and who hasn't equipped their car with an ignition interlock device (HB 1391);
- allow an interlock vendor's report (rather than the interlock vendor themselves) in a court proceeding (HB 595);
- provide for eligibility for Maryland's interlock program for persons residing outside the state but convicted of impaired driving in Maryland (HB 1447);
- alter the penalties for an alcoholic beverage license holder in Washington County, Maryland or their employees' unlawful sale of alcohol to persons under 21 (SB 323);
- allow District and circuit court concurrent jurisdiction for second and subsequent impaired driving cases (HB 250);
- and allow law enforcement to direct medical personnel to perform certain BAC tests (HB 1205 & SB 722).

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## Nearly 750 Use SoberRide® Program July 4th

A record 746 persons in the Washington-metropolitan area used WRAP's free safe ride service, SoberRide®, on Independence Day (July 4, 2018) as opposed to possibly driving home drunk.

"For its hours of operation this July 4th, this level of ridership translates into SoberRide® removing a potential drunk driver from Greater Washington's roadways every 43-seconds," said Kurt Erickson, WRAP's President.

WRAP's 2018 July 4th SoberRide® campaign began at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, July 4th and continued until 4:00 am the following day (Thursday, July 5th) as a way to keep local roads safe from potentially impaired drivers during this traditionally high-risk holiday. During this nine-hour period, area residents celebrating with alcohol could download Lyft to their phones, then enter the code 4THOFJULYDC in the app's "Promo" section to receive their no cost (up to \$15) safe transportation home while supplies lasted.

(Last year, WRAP announced a partnership with the ridesharing service Lyft to provide WRAP's SoberRide® service in the Washington-metropolitan area through 2017. SoberRide®, the popular free safe ride service to prevent drunk driving, is now solely available via the Lyft mobile app ridesharing platform.)

"We're thrilled by how many people took advantage of the SoberRide® program this July 4th. Lyft believes strongly in the power of rideshare to reduce impaired driving. I'm glad we were able to connect so many people with a reliable and convenient Lyft ride this week," said Steve Taylor, General Manager, Lyft Washington DC.

This year's July 4th ridership of 746 SoberRide® users surpassed WRAP's previous record ridership for the July holiday which had been 513 SoberRide® users during last year's Independence Day holiday. The charity also offers its SoberRide® program on St. Patrick's Day, Cinco de Mayo, Halloween and the winter holidays, including New Year's Eve.

Lyft provided SoberRide® trips throughout the Washington-metropolitan area to local residents age 21 and older who otherwise may have attempted to drive home after drinking.

SoberRide® was offered throughout Lyft's Washington, D.C. coverage area which



includes all or parts of: the District of Columbia; the Maryland counties of Montgomery and Prince George's; and the Northern Virginia counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William.

Sponsors of this year's July 4th SoberRide® campaign included the 395 Express Lanes, AAA Mid-Atlantic, Anheuser-Busch, Brown-Forman, Constellation Brands, District of Columbia

Association of Beverage Alcohol Wholesalers, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Giant Food, Glory Days Grill, Lyft, MillerCoors, Restaurant Association Metropolitan Washington, Volkswagen Group of America and the Washington Area New Automobile Dealers Association.

Since 1991, WRAP's SoberRide® program has provided 73,123 free safe rides home to would-be drunk drivers in the Greater Washington area.

More information about WRAP's SoberRide® initiative can be found at [www.SoberRide.com](http://www.SoberRide.com). ■

## 1,225 Use SoberRide® Program on New Year's

A record 1,225 persons in the Washington-metropolitan area used WRAP's free safe ride service, SoberRide®, this New Year's (8:00 am on Sunday, December 31, 2017 through 4:00 am on Monday, January 1, 2018) as opposed to possibly driving home drunk.

"During WRAP's first year of partnership with Lyft, SoberRide® has removed well more than two times as many would-be drunk drivers from Greater Washington's roadways as compared with the previous year," said John Undeland, former WRAP Chairman. "There is no better way to ring in the new year than by saving more lives with SoberRide® and we look forward to even greater success in 2018."

WRAP's winter holiday SoberRide® offering—which concluded on January 1, 2018 after kicking off and running nightly since December 15, 2017—provided a total

of 1,838 free Lyft rides to local residents age 21 and older who otherwise may have attempted to drive home after drinking.

The major jump in SoberRide® usage is attributable to WRAP's partnership with Lyft, announced in March 2017, to provide SoberRide® service in the Washington-metropolitan area. Lyft and other ride-hailing services have become a transportation mainstay of Millennials and iGen-ers, who statistically are more likely to drink and drive than older drivers. The SoberRide® numbers demonstrate that would-be drunk drivers are much more apt to use a ride-hailing service than a conventional taxi. Transforming SoberRide® into a more accessible service for potential drunk drivers was the rationale for WRAP's teaming with Lyft according to the nonprofit.

The most recent New Year's ridership of 1,225 users surpassed WRAP's previous

record ridership for the holiday, which had been 967 SoberRide® users in 2010. Last year, 336 individuals used SoberRide® during the overnight of New Year's Eve.

Since partnering with Lyft, ridership for WRAP's SoberRide® program has well more than doubled: 4,248 riders in 2017 versus 1,655 riders in 2016.

Sponsors of this year's Holiday SoberRide® campaign include the 395 Express Lanes, AAA Mid-Atlantic, Anheuser-Busch, Brown-Forman, Constellation Brands, Diageo, District of Columbia Association of Beverage Alcohol Wholesalers, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Giant Food, Glory Days Grill, Heineken, Lyft, MillerCoors, Restaurant Association Metropolitan Washington, Volkswagen Group of America and the Washington Area New Automobile Dealers Association. ■

## Nearly 900 Use SoberRide® Program on Cinco de Mayo

A record 897 persons in the Washington-metropolitan area used WRAP's free safe ride service, SoberRide,® on Cinco de Mayo (May 5, 2018) as opposed to possibly driving home drunk.

"For its hours of operation this Cinco de Mayo weekend, this level of ridership translates into SoberRide® removing a potential drunk driver from Greater Washington's roadways every 36-seconds," said Gary Cohen, WRAP's Chairman.

WRAP's 2018 Cinco de Mayo SoberRide® campaign began at 7:00 pm on Saturday, May 5th and continued until 4:00 am the following day (Sunday, May 6th) as a way to keep local roads safe from potentially impaired drivers during this

traditionally high-risk holiday. During this nine-hour period, area residents celebrating with alcohol could download Lyft to their phones, then enter the code CINCO18 in the app's "Promo" section to receive their no cost (up to \$15) safe transportation home while supplies lasted.

(In March 2017, WRAP announced a partnership with the ridesharing service Lyft to provide WRAP's SoberRide® service in the Washington-metropolitan area through 2017. SoberRide®, the popular free safe ride service to prevent drunk driving, is now solely available via the Lyft mobile app ridesharing platform.)

This year's Cinco de Mayo ridership of 897 SoberRide® users surpassed WRAP's

previous record ridership for the May holiday which had been 673 SoberRide® users during Cinco de Mayo last year. This past weekend's ridership was more than 32% increase from that 2017 Cinco de Mayo campaign and a more than five-fold increase in ridership from WRAP's inaugural Cinco de Mayo campaign just three years ago.

Sponsors of this year's Cinco de Mayo SoberRide® campaign include the 395 Express Lanes, AAA Mid-Atlantic, Anheuser-Busch, Brown-Forman, Constellation Brands, District of Columbia Association of Beverage Alcohol Wholesalers, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Giant Food, Glory Days Grill, Lyft, MillerCoors, Restaurant Association Metropolitan Washington, Volkswagen Group of America and the Washington Area New Automobile Dealers Association. ■



Metropolitan Police Department (D.C.) **Officer Jesus M. Perez** (at podium) helps launch WRAP's 2018 Cinco de Mayo SoberRide campaign at a bilingual May 4, 2018 news conference held at Taco Bamba in Washington, D.C. To Officer Perez's left are Constellation Brands' **Suzanne McGovern**, Virginia State Police **Senior Trooper Stephan M. McShan** and Lyft's **Steve Taylor**.

## WRAP Launches Inaugural Youth Safety Events in Region



Students, wearing Fatal Vision Goggles, test their motor skills via a spectrum of simulated alcohol impaired activities as part of WRAP's April 6, 2018 Youth Safety Event at Northwood High School in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Building on both the success and partnership of WRAP's previous GEICO Student Awards—which, for 24 years, honored Washington-metropolitan area high school student groups promoting alcohol and drug-free lifestyles to their peers—WRAP this year launched its new, in-school, interactive and GEICO-resourced youth safety events addressing topics ranging from underage drinking, teen driving, bullying and date violence.

Rather than targeting students who were already “doing the right thing”, WRAP decided on a different approach to reach even more Greater Washington youth. After great consideration, WRAP's Youth Safety Events came to fruition. Unveiled at Robert E. Lee High School in Springfield, Virginia on March 23, 2018 and involving onsite partners GEICO, Howard University Hospital and the Inova Trauma Center, WRAP brought safety information to a larger section of the student population—the students taking health, physical education and drivers education courses—exposing them to various safety topics pertaining specifically to them.

A multi-faceted initiative, WRAP's new in-school Youth Safety Events gather the nonprofit organization's similarly safety-focused partners to bring relevant

information to high school students throughout Greater Washington. At each event, students find an assortment of safety-oriented activities ranging from Fatal Vision Goggles tests to driving with distracted driving simulators. Students and teachers also have the opportunity to interact with WRAP's onsite exhibitors to discuss a spectrum of youth safety issues.

WRAP similarly conducted in-school Youth Safety Events on April 6, 2018 at Northwood High School in Silver Spring, Maryland as well as back again at Robert E. Lee High School on June 4, 2018 reaching a combined, year-to-date 1,350 Greater Washington high school students. Such latter offerings also included the participation of WRAP partners the Maryland Highway Safety Office, the Fairfax, Virginia and Montgomery County, Maryland Police Departments and Enterprise Rent-A-Car.

(Such a new youth outreach initiative is in addition to WRAP's continuing alcohol education program, *Alcohol Awareness for Students*, which, this fiscal year alone, has already reached over 4,000 students with this youth education effort using in-school, multi-media programming educating teenagers and young adults about the dangers and consequences of underage drinking and drunk driving.) ■



A student tries a distracted driving simulator as part of WRAP's June 4, 2018 Youth Safety Event at Robert E. Lee High School in Springfield, Virginia.

## 2018 Keeping it Safe Coalition Video Contest



Montgomery County Police **Chief Tom Manger** helps bestow awards at the Keeping It SAFE Coalition's 2018 Student Video Contest held on April 18, 2018 in Gaithersburg. (Seated is WRAP Member and Montgomery County Police **Captain Tom Didone**.)

WRAP this year joined partners the Montgomery County Department of Police, Montgomery County Department of Liquor Control and other local groups in hosting Montgomery County, Maryland's Keeping It Safe (KIS) Coalition's annual Student Video Contest.

The county-wide effort, begun in 2004, challenges Montgomery County middle and high school students to create 30-second public service message videos to prevent underage drinking. Both the annual video contest and coalition, as a whole, were spearheaded by longtime KIS Coalition volunteer (and former WRAP Member) Meg Baker who moved from the area last year.

Annually, the KIS Coalition invites Montgomery County middle and high school aged youth to participate in the

contest to create a 30-second public service message addressing the risks and dangers of under 21 alcohol use. Each group chooses from a list of approved topics for their videos. (This year's topics included: the role of social media in underage drinking, other influences to engage or refrain from teen drinking and tips for peers to avoid the consequences of alcohol use.)

Each submitted video goes through a formal judging process with winning entries from both middle schools and high schools receiving cash prizes up to \$1,000 for their group. Winning students were recognized at an April 18, 2018 awards ceremony held at the Montgomery County Department of Police headquarters in Gaithersburg, Maryland.

Four high schools and three middle

schools won cash prizes and recognition for their school at this spring's ceremony. 2018 KIS Coalition Student Video Contest awardees included: 1st—Montgomery Blair High School; 2nd—Northwood High School; 3rd—Montgomery Blair High School; and 4th—Albert Einstein High School. The 2018 middle school awardees included: 1st—Roberto Clemente Middle School; 2nd—Roberto Clemente Middle School; and 3rd—Washington Christian Academy.

(For more information about KIS, please visit: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dlc/education/kis/coalition/>.)

(To view the winning student contest videos, please visit: <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dlc/education/kis/coalition/videos/>.) ■

## DUI Fatalities Decrease in Greater Washington

Alcohol-impaired traffic fatalities and arrests saw a decrease while alcohol-impaired traffic crashes and injuries increased in the Washington-metropolitan area in 2016 according to a report released on March 12, 2018 by WRAP.

In 2016, Greater Washington recorded 59 alcohol and or drug-impaired traffic fatalities—a more than 21-percent decrease in such deaths from the previous year. The number of local impaired driving arrests also decreased by nearly three-percent.

Those findings are contained in WRAP's 25th-annual "How Safe are Our Roads? Annual Data Report on the Impact of Drunk Driving on Road Safety in the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Region." The report was prepared by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) and released by WRAP.

"While the report's numbers show progress in decreasing the number of annual drunk driving deaths in Greater Washington, the fact that we're still annually arresting nearly 15,000 persons for drunk driving in the Washington-metro area, alone, should give us all pause," said WRAP's President Kurt Erickson.

Findings in the released report include:

- **FATALITIES:** Local alcohol and or drug-related traffic deaths decreased between 2015 and 2016 and by 21.33% (and from 75 to 59 such deaths). Such represents a second consecutive year decrease in the number of local, alcohol-impaired driving deaths.
- **CRASHES:** Area traffic crashes attributed to alcohol and or drugs increased by 8.63% between 2015 and 2016 (and from 4,055 to 4,405 such crashes). Such counters the previous year's decrease in the number of local, alcohol-impaired traffic crashes.
- **INJURIES:** Local alcohol and or drug-related traffic injuries also increased by 3.97% between 2015 and 2016 (and from 1,963

to 2,041 such injuries). Such counters the previous year's decrease in the number of local, alcohol-impaired traffic injuries.

- **ARRESTS:** Local arrests for either driving under the influence (DUI) or driving while intoxicated (DWI) decreased by 2.72% between 2015 and 2016 (and from 14,801 to 14,398 such arrests). Such represents a third consecutive year of declining local arrests for alcohol-impaired driving.

Of the Washington-metropolitan area's 245 total traffic fatalities in 2016, nearly a fourth (24.08%) of these roadway deaths were alcohol and or drug-related (.08+ BAC). Comparatively, 2016 national statistics (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration) show that 28% of total U.S. vehicular fatalities in that year were reported as alcohol impaired (.08+ BAC).

WRAP's 2017 "How Safe Are Our Roads?" report can be found as a PDF file at: <http://wrap.org/pdfs/2017SafeRoadsDataReport.pdf> ■

The image shows the cover of the report titled "How Safe Are Our Roads?". At the top, it says "WRAP Washington Regional Alcohol Program". Below that is the title "How Safe Are Our Roads?". The main image is a photograph of Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe speaking at a podium, with four police officers standing behind him. Below the photo is a quote: "We must do everything in our power to keep our roads safe and to prevent drunk drivers from getting behind the wheel." - Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe at the launch of Virginia's 2017 anti-drunk driving Checkpoint Strikeforce campaign. At the bottom, it says "Annual Data Report on the Impact of Drunk Driving on Road Safety in the Washington D.C. Metropolitan Region December 2017" and "Prepared in partnership with the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments".

## Nearly 1,000 Use SoberRide® on St. Patrick's

A record 978 persons in the Washington-metropolitan area used WRAP's free safe ride service, SoberRide,® this St. Patrick's Day as opposed to possibly driving home drunk.

WRAP's 2018 St. Patrick's Day SoberRide® campaign began at 4:00 pm on Saturday, March 17, 2018 (St. Patrick's Day) and continued until 4:00 am the following day (Sunday, March 18th) as a way to keep local roads safe from potentially impaired drivers during this traditionally high-risk holiday. During this 12-hour period, area residents celebrating with alcohol could download Lyft to their phones, then enter the code STPADDYS18 in the app's "Promo" section to receive their no cost (up to \$15) safe transportation home while supplies lasted. SoberRide® was available to both new and existing Lyft users.

This year's St. Patrick's Day ridership of 978 SoberRide® users surpassed WRAP's record ridership for the March holiday which had been 606 SoberRide® users during St. Patrick's Day 2012. The charity also offers its SoberRide® program on Cinco de Mayo, Independence Day, Halloween and the winter holidays through and including New Year's Eve.

Sponsors of this year's St. Patrick's Day SoberRide® campaign included the 395 Express Lanes, AAA Mid-Atlantic, Anheuser-Busch, Brown-Forman, Constellation Brands, Diageo, District of Columbia Association of Beverage Alcohol Wholesalers, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Giant Food, Glory Days Grill, Lyft, MillerCoors, Restaurant Association Metropolitan Washington, Volkswagen Group of America and the Washington Area New Automobile Dealers Association.

In addition, nine of the Washington-metropolitan area's better-known Irish restaurants also united to ensure a safe St. Patrick's Day celebration this year by sponsoring SoberRide.® These dining establishments included: The Dubliner Restaurant & Pub (DC); Fadó (DC); James Hoban's Irish Restaurant & Bar (DC); Kelly's Irish Times (DC); Martin's Tavern Est. 1933 (DC); Murphy's Grand Irish Pub (DC & VA); O'Sullivan's (VA); Rí Rá Irish Pub (DC); and Siné Irish Pub (VA). ■



## Governor Larry Hogan Holds Memorial for Victims of Drunk Driving Crashes

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(Maryland) Governor Larry Hogan today joined with Maryland State Police Superintendent Colonel William Pallozzi, Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) Secretary Pete K. Rahn, Maryland Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Administrator (MDOT MVA) Christine Nizer, along with Maryland highway safety advocates and families for the 14th Annual Maryland Remembers event, which honors the lives of those killed on state roads by drunk or drugged drivers. This special ceremony was held in the State House rotunda and included presentation of the Kevin Quinlan Award, which is presented annually to an individual or group that has made an impact on impaired driving prevention and advocacy.

"Too many Maryland families have been shattered and too many lives have been cut short because of the reckless actions of an impaired driver," said Governor Hogan. "We are all here together today to ensure that these loved ones will never be forgotten, and, together, we will never stop fighting to prevent more needless deaths from drunk or drugged driving."

In attendance were Rich Leotta and Marcia Goldman, who in December 2015 lost their son, Montgomery County Police Officer Noah Leotta, after he was struck and killed by a drunk driver while conducting a DUI traffic stop. Officer Leotta's death led to the passing of Noah's Law by Governor Hogan in October 2016, which has helped to prevent thousands of deaths across the state.

This annual event is held at this time each year because impaired driving crashes increase during the holiday season. From Thanksgiving through New Year's Day, Maryland sees an increase in traffic and experiences one of the most dangerous periods for impaired driving deaths. Last year, more than 22,000 people were arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, 3,311 of which took place during the holiday season.

"We want to send a strong enforcement message to motorists in Maryland," said

Colonel Pallozzi. "Law enforcement will be vigilant this holiday season throughout the state in taking impaired drivers off the road."

Police will be deployed in a series of checkpoints and DUI patrols throughout the holidays to find and arrest impaired drivers.

During the holidays, Maryland will also continue the "Beautiful" campaign, which is part of a comprehensive strategy to save lives by preventing impaired driving through education, enforcement, and engineering efforts. The campaign's message, "There's nothing more beautiful than a safe ride home," is promoted through social media, radio and television spots, and messaging inside bars and liquor stores throughout the state.

"Between designated drivers, transit services, taxis and ride shares, there are many options available to Marylanders to get home safely," said Secretary Rahn.

"We need everyone to remember the lives we have lost and to do their part in preventing future deaths," said MDOT MVA Administrator Nizer. "Drive sober and buckle up every time because it's your best defense against an impaired driver, and it's the law."

Later in the day, Governor Hogan will lead a rally with law enforcement officers at the Maryland State Police Barrack in Annapolis to kick off increased holiday DUI enforcement throughout the state. The governor will deliver a message urging all Marylanders to help save lives by driving sober this holiday season. This evening, law enforcement across the state will participate in eight DUI checkpoints and 50 saturation patrols.

For more information on Noah's Law and Maryland's comprehensive efforts to combat impaired driving, visit: [www.towardzerodeathsmd.com/](http://www.towardzerodeathsmd.com/). ■



Maryland Governor **Larry Hogan** (R) (standing center) listens as **Susan Shah-Blake** talks about her losing her father, Dr. Saleem A. Shah, to a drunk driver in a 1992 Clarksville, Maryland crash.

## Greater Washington Area Law Enforcement Lauded for Fight Against Drunk Driving

Fourteen (14) Washington-metropolitan area police officers were cited for their “outstanding commitment in the fight against drunk driving in Greater Washington” and presented with the area’s 20th-anniversary “Law Enforcement Awards of Excellence for Impaired Driving Prevention.”

Bestowed on December 15, 2017 at a regional ceremony held in McLean, Virginia, WRAP presented its 2017 Law Enforcement Awards to:

- **City of Alexandria Police Department** Officer Wesley Vitale
- **Arlington County Police Department** Master Police Officer Dimitrios Mastoras
- **City of Falls Church Police Department** Corporal Kevin Hedden
- **Fairfax County Police Department** Officer Devin White
- **Town of Herndon Police Department** Private First Class Eliezer Calo
- **Loudoun County Sheriff’s Office** Deputy John Chavez
- **Maryland State Police** Trooper Dennis Moguche
- **Metropolitan Police Department** Officer Derrick Ferguson
- **Montgomery County Department of Police** Police Officer II Lawrence Caldwell
- **Montgomery County Department of Police** Police Officer III John Romack
- **Prince George’s County Police Department** Police Officer First Class Richard D. Carlson III
- **Prince William County Police Department** Officer Matthew Sciabica
- **United States Park Police** Officer Benjamin Tomasiello
- **Virginia State Police** Trooper Lucie Vajglova

The annual awards, presented at a ceremony at Maggiano’s Little Italy in the Tysons Galleria, were bestowed by WRAP in memory of Metropolitan Police Department’s Motor Patrol Officer Anthony W. Simms. Officer Simms, as a result of injuries sustained while on duty, lost his life to an impaired driver during Memorial Day weekend in 1996. WRAP’s 2017 Law Enforcement Awards were presented by Officer Simms’ widow, Lieutenant Pamela Simms, also formerly with the Metropolitan Police Department, along with News4’s (NBC) Traffic Reporter Melissa Mollet. Today’s event speakers included Congressman Gerry Connolly (D-VA),

Herndon Police Chief Maggie DeBoard (the Herndon Police Department co-hosted this morning’s event with WRAP) and Richard Leotta, father of late Montgomery County Police Officer Noah Leotta.

“Today’s awardees represent the front lines in the fight against drunk driving in Greater Washington,” said Gary Cohen, WRAP’s Chairman. “Their collective effort to annually arrest and remove nearly 15,000 drunk drivers from Washington-metropolitan area roadways has undoubtedly saved lives.”

In addition to receiving the Law Enforcement Awards, each of the 2017 WRAP honorees also received a pair of complementary Washington Nationals tickets (courtesy of the Washington Nationals) and a \$25 gift card to Glory Days Grill (courtesy of Glory Days Grill).

Sponsors of WRAP’s 2017 Law Enforcement Awards & Holiday Campaign Kick-Off included The Beer Institute, BREAKTHRU BEVERAGE, GEICO, Foundation for Advancing Alcohol Responsibility, George Washington University Hospital, Glory Days Grill, Interstate Moving | Relocation | Logistics, Lyft and the Volkswagen Group of America. ■



WRAP Member and Herndon Police **Chief Maggie DeBoard** poses with Arlington County Police **Captain Wayne Vincent** at WRAP’s 2017 Law Enforcement Awards in McLean, Virginia.



U.S. **Representative Gerry Connolly (D-VA)** speaks at WRAP’s 20th-anniversary Law Enforcement Awards on December 15, 2017 in McLean, Virginia.



Maryland State Police **Trooper Dennis Moguche** receives WRAP’s 2017 Law Enforcement Award of Excellence for Impaired Driving Prevention from (l-r) 2017 ceremony co-host and Herndon Police **Chief Maggie DeBoard**, retired Metropolitan Police Department **Lt. Pamela Simms** and NBC Washington’s **Melissa Mollet**, the 2017 ceremony’s MC.

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District of Columbia Association of Beverage Alcohol Wholesalers' (l-r) **Matthew Devendorf** and **Risa Hirao** present DCABAW's check for \$5,000, in support of WRAP's SoberRide program, to WRAP's President **Kurt Erickson** and Chairman **Gary Cohen** on March 16, 2018 in Washington, D.C.



Enterprise Holdings' **Todd Heavner** (l) presents Enterprise's check for \$6,000, in support of WRAP's SoberRide program, to WRAP's President **Kurt Erickson** and Chairman **Gary Cohen** on March 16, 2018 in Washington, D.C.



Anheuser-Busch's **David McKenzie** (r) presents Anheuser-Busch's check for \$25,000, in support of WRAP's SoberRide program, to (l-r) NBC Washington's **Melissa Mollet**, WRAP Chairman **Gary Cohen** and WRAP President **Kurt Erickson** on December 15, 2017 in McLean, Virginia.



Constellation Brands' **Suzanne McGovern** presents Constellation's check for \$10,000, in support of WRAP's SoberRide program, to (l-r) WRAP's President **Kurt Erickson**, Taco Bamba's **Faiz Ally** and Lyft's **Steve Taylor** on May 4, 2018 in Washington, D.C.



Glory Days Grill's **Gary Cohen** (r) presents Glory Days' check for \$5,000, in support of WRAP's SoberRide program, to WRAP President **Kurt Erickson** on March 16, 2018 in Washington, D.C.



Transurban North America's **Karl Rohrer** (r) presents the 395 Express Lanes' check for \$5,000, in support of WRAP's SoberRide program, to WRAP President **Kurt Erickson** on April 20, 2018 in McLean, Virginia.



MillerCoors' **Lance Hastings** (r) presents MillerCoors' check for \$10,000, in support of WRAP's SoberRide program, to (l-r) WRAP's Chairman **Gary Cohen** and President **Kurt Erickson** on March 16, 2018 in Washington, D.C.

## WRAP Commemorates 35th Year in Fighting Drunk Driving and Underage Drinking



Metropolitan Police **Chief Peter Newsham** addresses the audience at WRAP's 2017 Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C.

WRAP commemorated its 35th year fighting drunk driving and underage drinking on October 16, 2017 during its 2017 Annual Luncheon Meeting and WRAPPY Awards ceremony held at Clyde's of Gallery Place in Washington, D.C.

In the 12 months leading up to the fall ceremony, WRAP highlights include the organization:

- removing nearly 2,800 (2,772) would-be drunk drivers from Greater Washington's roadways via WRAP's free safe ride service, SoberRide® including this year announcing a formal partnership with the ridesharing service Lyft—the dividends of which, this calendar year alone, include a nearly **TRIPLING** (193%) of SoberRide's ridership versus last year and hopefully safer roads for all of us;
- reaching over 5,300 (5,360) Greater Washington high school students with WRAP's innovative and multi-media education program, Alcohol Awareness for Students;
- successfully helping to champion legislative efforts in Virginia to thwart attempts to lessen that state's ignition interlock program and champion the Commonwealth's efforts to crack-down on drunk truckers operating impaired in or through Virginia as well as strengthen the state's important implied consent statutes; and, in the District of Columbia, serving as a leading voice in championing alternatives to Metro's reduction in weekend evening service as a means of further preventing drunk driving in Greater Washington;

- publishing the 24th-annual version of WRAP's "How Safe are Our Roads?" report showing, in 2015, decreasing alcohol-impaired driving fatalities, injuries and crashes in the Washington-metropolitan area but also showing that, despite these gains, Greater Washington still recording nearly 15,000 (14,801) annual DUI arrests—more than the entire populations of Falls Church (13,892) and Upper Marlboro (669) combined;
- and spearheading the region's demonstrably-effective and 16th-annual Checkpoint Strikeforce campaign strategically highlighting—for the second consecutive year—the region's designated sober drivers whether they be taxicab or ride-sharing drivers, transit operators or individuals as being "beautiful"—a regional effort highlighted by markedly increasing awareness of local DUI enforcement and, as a result of such, measurably increased behavioral changes amongst the campaign's 21-35 year old male target audience including their planning ahead and using safe rides home after being out drinking. In 2017, Maryland and Virginia's Checkpoint Strikeforce campaign earned a Gold ADDY Award in the prestigious American Advertising Awards competition.

Following a presentation by the District of Columbia's Metropolitan Police Department Chief Peter Newsham who served as the 35th annual event's Featured Speaker, WRAP bestowed the following honors:

### 2017 Community Partnership Award

- AAA Mid-Atlantic
- AT&T
- GEICO
- Glory Days Grill
- Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
- Restaurant Association Metropolitan Washington

### 2017 Law Enforcement Award

- Metropolitan Police Department (D.C.)

### 2017 Youth Leadership Award

- Judy Stone, Damascus High School

### 2017 Media Partnership Award

- Todd Culbertson, Richmond Times Dispatch (retired)

### 2017 Public Service Award

- Honorable Chris Collins, Virginia House of Delegates

### 2017 Chairman's Award

- Paul Pascal, District of Columbia Association of Beverage Alcohol Wholesalers

### 2017 Public Partnership Award

- District of Columbia Department of Transportation
- Maryland Highway Safety Office
- Virginia Highway Safety Office

### 2017 Corporate Sponsorship Award

(contributing \$5,000 or more to WRAP in FY 2017):

- 395 Express Lanes
- AAA Mid-Atlantic
- Beer Institute
- Brown-Forman
- Constellation Brands
- Diageo
- District of Columbia Association of Beverage Alcohol Wholesalers
- Enterprise Holdings
- GEICO
- Giant Food
- Glory Days Grill
- MillerCoors
- Volkswagen Group of America
- Washington Area New Automobile Dealers Association
- Wine and Spirits Wholesalers of America

### 2017 Corporate Partnership Award

- Anheuser-Busch and Local Distributors

At the fall event, WRAP also elected the following officers: Gary Cohen (Glory Days Grill), Chairman; Todd Heavner (Enterprise Holdings), Vice Chairman; Lieutenant Chris Hennigh (Arlington County Police Department), Secretary; Jim Fell (NORC at the University of Chicago), Treasurer; and Liz Tobin, Immediate Past Chairman.

In addition, the charity also elected the following four individuals to its Board of Directors: Patrick Burke (Washington, D.C. Police Foundation); Travis Gibbons (Beer Institute); Helaina Roisman (George Washington University Hospital); and Steve Taylor (Lyft).

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WRAP Members **Andy Ockershausen** (l) and **Lon Anderson** flank AAA Mid-Atlantic's **Maria York** at WRAP's 2017 Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C.



Giant Food's **Danny Wiggington** (l) and **Bobbi Majors** (r) receive WRAP's 2017 Corporate Sponsorship Award from WRAP Chairman **Liz Tobin** at WRAP's 2017 Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C.



WRAP Secretary (now Vice Chair) **Todd Heavner** (l) and Enterprise Holdings' **Joe Long** receive WRAP's 2017 Corporate Sponsorship Award from WRAP Chairman **Liz Tobin** at WRAP's 2017 Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C.



Prince George's County Public Schools' **Nana Donkor**, AAA Mid-Atlantic's **Lizbeth Kameru-Jemison** and WRAP Director **Helaina Roisman** at WRAP's 2017 Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C.

## WRAP Notes



Falls Church, Virginia Police **Chief Mary Gavin** speaking to members of WRAP's Board of Directors at their meeting on January 24, 2018 in Tysons Corner, Virginia.



District of Columbia Department of Transportation Director **Jeff Maroitian** helping launch WRAP's 2018 St. Patrick's Day SoberRide campaign on March 16, 2018 at Fado Irish Pub in Washington, D.C. (See full story on page eight.)



July 4th, 2018 coasters developed and distributed by the Alexandria, Virginia Department of Transportation & Environmental Services promoting WRAP's Independence Day SoberRide® campaign.



Scene from WRAP's attended briefing by partner the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles on June 27, 2018 in Sterling, Virginia and on the agency's supported drunk driving prevention Driver Alcohol Detection System for Safety (DADSS) program.



WRAP's **Kurt Erickson** joins the Maryland Highway Safety Office's **Nancy Camara** on May 30, 2018 in Glen Burnie, Maryland to present on that state's progress in combating drunk driving at a meeting of Maryland's Strategic Highway Safety Plan Executive Council in Glen Burnie, Maryland.



WRAP's **Kurt Erickson** on April 22, 2018 in San Antonio, Texas talking about the success of the nonprofit's SoberRide® program with partner Lyft at the national 2018 Lifesavers Conference.



WRAP's **Kurt Erickson** (at podium) on February 21, 2018 in Virginia Beach, Virginia serving as the Featured Speaker at Drive Safe Hampton Roads' annual John T. Hanna Awards "honoring traffic safety excellence in Hampton Roads."



WRAP's **Kurt Erickson** on March 14, 2018 in Washington, D.C. talking with the media following WRAP's presenting on Greater Washington's latest DUI data to the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments.



WRAP Member and Falls Church, Virginia Police **Chief Mary Gavin** (at podium) recognizes outgoing Virginia State Police Superintendent **Steve Flaherty** at a February 2, 2018 retirement event in Richmond, Virginia for Colonel Flaherty.



WRAP and Lyft's SoberRide partnership was featured in the Governors Highway Safety Association's (GHSAs) October 2018 newsletter, "Directions in Highway Safety" (see: <http://www.ghsa.org/resources/lyft-WRAP>).

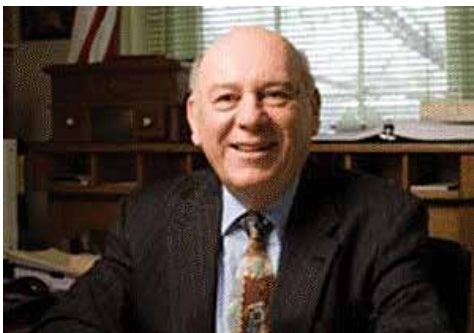
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WRAP's **Kurt Erickson** (l) on December 13, 2017 with Loudoun County Board of Supervisors **Chairman Phyllis Randall** and Virginia **Lt. Governor Justin Fairfax** at the Annual Meeting of WRAP partner, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments in Washington, D.C.



WRAP's Director of Programs **Tammy Wan** (second from r) joins Fairfax County **Master Police Officer Clinton Beach**, Inova Trauma Center's **Linda Watkins**, GEICO's **Mike Young** and Howard University Hospital's **Bethany Anderson Dodd** at WRAP's interactive youth safety event on June 4, 2018 at Robert E. Lee High School in Springfield, Virginia. (See full story on page six.)



On April 9, 2018, WRAP announced the passing of longtime WRAP Director **Paul Pascal** with the law firm of Pascal, Weiss & Hirao, P.C. Paul was affectionately known as the "Mayor of the Market" (see: <https://wtop.com/living/2016/08/the-mayor-of-the-market-the-man-behind-dcs-trendiest-and-tastiest-destination/slide/1/>).



Nationally-heralded epidemiologist and Director of Traffic Safety Advocacy & Research for AAA National, **Jake Nelson**, talks with members of WRAP's Board on the impact of drugged driving at WRAP's summer Board function held on July 26, 2018 at the National Transportation Safety Board in Washington, D.C.



WRAP's **Kurt Erickson** (l) with SADD National's **Rick Birt** at partner the Foundation for Advancing Alcohol Responsibility's November 28, 2017 impaired driving briefing on Capitol Hill.



WRAP's **Kurt Erickson** (r) on May 23, 2018 Virginia Beach, Virginia presenting on drunk driving legislation introduced in Virginia's 2018 General Assembly at partner the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles' 2018 Highway Safety Summit.



WRAP's **Tammy Wan** on May 12, 2018 presenting at the Inova Trauma Center's "Reality Check" safety program for local young drivers AND their parents conducted in Falls Church, Virginia.



WRAP's **Kurt Erickson** (at podium) on December 7, 2017 speaking at Eleanor Roosevelt High School's SADD chapter induction in Greenbelt, Maryland.



Scene from WRAP helping to staff the Arlington County Police Department's March 10, 2018 Anti-DUI Event as part of Arlington's "Shamrock Crawl."



WRAP Director and Metropolitan Police Department (D.C.) **Sergeant Terry Thorne** administers a preliminary breath test to **John "Cakes" Auville** as part of 106.7 The Fan's December 8, 2017 "Holiday Show" showcasing the effects of alcohol impairment live on the Entercom radio station (as well as simulcast on NBC Sports Washington).



WRAP's **Kurt Erickson** (l) talking with iHeartRadio's (WASH-FM, WMZQ, HOT 99.5, DC-101 and BIG 100) **Bernie Lucas** on June 18, 2018 about drunk driving prevention and WRAP's 2018 Independence Day SoberRide® campaign.

## Calendar of Events

### 2018 Virginia Checkpoint Strikeforce Campaign News Conference Launch

August 13, 2018, 11:00 am  
Richmond, Virginia

### Third-Annual WRAP Fundraiser

August 23, 2018, 6:00 pm–9:00 pm  
Fairfax, Virginia

### 2018 Checkpoint Strikeforce Campaign

August–December 2018

### 36th Annual WRAP Meeting and WRAPPY Awards

October 19, 2018, 11:30 am–2:00 pm  
Washington, D.C.

### 2018 Maryland DUI Law Awards

October 29, 2018, 11:00 am–1:30 pm  
Ocean City, Maryland

### 2018 Halloween SoberRide Campaign

October 2018

### 2018 “Maryland Remembers” Memorial Ceremony

TBD

### 2018 WRAP Annual Law Enforcement Awards and Holiday SoberRide Campaign Kick-Off

December 14, 2018, 8:30 am–10:30 am  
Tysons, Virginia

### WRAP’s 2018 Holiday SoberRide Campaign

December 14, 2018 through January 1, 2019  
8:00 pm–4:00 am (Tentative)

*Dates and places subject to change. Check [www.wrap.org](http://www.wrap.org) for more information.*



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