



Village of Cuyahoga Heights Newsletter ~ January 2017

Police Department:

WINTER DRIVING TIPS

Vehicle Maintenance

Start winter off right by ensuring your vehicle is in good condition. Check the battery, tire tread and windshield wipers. Keep windows clear, put no-freeze windshield washer fluid in the washer reservoir, and check the antifreeze.

Know Your Car

If possible, practice driving in icy or snowy conditions in an empty parking lot in full daylight. On the road:

- Slow down and allow plenty of distance to stop for vehicles ahead of you.
- Know what your brakes will do. In general, if you have antilock brakes, apply firm, continuous pressure. If you don't have antilock brakes, pump the brakes gently.
- In a skid, ease your foot off the gas while steering in the direction you want to go. Stay off the pedals (gas and brake) until you are able to maintain control of your vehicle. This procedure, known as "steering into the skid," will bring the back end of your car in line with the front.

Plan Ahead

- Check the weather, road and traffic conditions. Leave early if necessary.
- Familiarize yourself with directions and maps before you go, even if you use a GPS system. Let others know your route and expected arrival time.
- Keep gas tank close to full. If you get stuck in traffic or snow, you might need more fuel to get home or keep warm.
- If possible, avoid driving in hazardous conditions or wait until conditions improve before venturing out.

Stock Your Vehicle

Carry items for common winter driving tasks and supplies you might need in an emergency:

- Snow shovel, broom and ice scraper; • Abrasive material such as sand or kitty litter, in case your vehicle gets stuck in the snow;
- Jumper cables, flashlight and warning devices such as flares and markers;
- Blankets;
- Cell phone with charger, water, food and any necessary medicine (for longer trips or in lightly populated areas).

Stopped or Stalled

- Stay with your car and don't overexert yourself.
- Put bright markers on the antenna or windows and keep the interior dome light on.
- To avoid carbon monoxide poisoning, clear the exhaust pipe and run your vehicle only long enough to stay warm.

SNOW BAN

Residents, please remember that whenever the snow exceeds 2-inches, the snow ban will be placed into effect. We ask that you refrain from parking on the streets if the weather forecast predicts snow that will accumulate 2-inches or more. The CHPD will attempt to notify residents if their vehicles need to be removed from the street. Vehicles may be cited, and as a last resort towed to allow the Service Department to clear the streets. This way you and your safety forces can safely navigate the streets. Please pass along this information to your guests.

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY

Are you rooting for the Atlanta Falcons or the New England Patriots? Maybe you are just watching for the commercials or Lady Gaga's halftime performance? Whatever the case may be Super Bowl Sunday is one day when family and friends get together for parties. Please remember to have a designated driver for Super Bowl Sunday. Let's all do our part and make sure we all get home safely. Also, for those who are social media fans, make your designated driver feel like a real MVP—tweet the driver's name to @NHTSAgov, and they'll make the designated driver Wall of Fame. Don't forget to use the hashtag #designateddriver. For more helpful hints please, see the following information on the next page. Remember, **FANS DON'T LET FANS DRINK AND DRIVE.**



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KNOW YOUR ROLE ON SUPER BOWL LI

Fans Don't Let Fans Drive Drunk

If you plan to drink:

Don't drive. Before you ever leave the house, make a plan for having a fun, safe night out. Follow these safety tips, and you'll be on your way to your own Super Bowl win.

- You know the rules—it's illegal to drive drunk. Before you head out for the Super Bowl party, make a game plan that includes a sober driver—someone who will not drink at all, and will safely deliver you to your final destination.
- Download and use NHTSA's SaferRide mobile app. The app helps people connect with a safe ride home by calling a taxi or a friend and by identifying the app user's location so they can be picked up. The app is available for [Android devices on Google Play](#), and [Apple devices on the iTunes store](#).
- Make sure your designated driver is actually sober. If he or she decided to drink unexpectedly, don't worry about insulting them. Call a cab, use the SaferRide app, or call someone else who you know hasn't been drinking.
- Tweet your designated driver's name to @NHTSAGov to add their name on the Wall of Fame.
- Don't let friends (and fans) drive drunk. Help arrange a safe way for them to get home, too.
- When you ride home with your sober driver, make sure you—and your driver—wear a seat belt. It's your best defense in a crash.
- Remember, walking impaired can also be dangerous. Designate a sober friend to walk home with you.
- If you find yourself unable to get home safely, ask the host if you can stay for the night.

If you're hosting the Super Bowl party:

Hey there, Team Captain! Want to win the night? Designate a responsible sober driver to help your guests get home safely.

- Ask your guests to designate their sober drivers in advance, or help them coordinate with other partygoers' designated drivers.
- If you don't drink, offer to drive guests home.
- Encourage your drinking guests to pace themselves, eat food, and drink plenty of water.
- Serve a selection of non-alcoholic drinks.
- Make the designated driver feel like a real MVP—tweet the driver's name to @NHTSAGov, and they'll make the designated driver Wall of Fame. Don't forget to use the hashtag #designateddriver.
- Do not serve alcohol to minors. If an underage person drinks and drives, the person who served the alcohol can be held liable for any damage, injury, or death caused by the underage driver. In fact, you could face jail time if you host a party where alcohol is served to people under the age of 21.

Know the risks:

Impaired driving is a serious problem with serious consequences. Don't ruin your night by becoming another statistic.

- In 2015, there were 10,265 people killed in alcohol-impaired-driving crashes, accounting for 29 percent of all crash fatalities.
- In 2015 approximately 1 alcohol-impaired-driving fatality occurred every 51 minutes.
- The consequences of drunk driving are not only often fatal—they're expensive. Drunk drivers face jail time, the loss of their driver licenses, higher insurance rates, and many other unanticipated expenses, including attorney fees, court costs, car towing and repairs, and lost wages due to time off from work. In fact, the average DUI court case costs approximately \$10,000.
- Know your state's laws; refusing to take a breath test in many jurisdictions could result in arrest, loss of your driver's license, and impoundment of your vehicle. Not to mention the embarrassment in explaining your situation to family, friends, and employers.

For Super Bowl LI, be a team player and remember: *Fans Don't Let Fans Drive drunk.*



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Dispatch:



Teaching children to call 911:

Children who know how to call 911 in an emergency can save a life. Teach your children to tell the dispatchers the location of the emergency. It is always best to call 911 from a “landline”, but if you don’t have a home phone available, your child should know how to call from your cell phone.

1. Make sure your child can say his/her first and last name and can provide his/her address or location.
2. Explain the different emergency situations that might require your child to call 911. Fire, medical emergency, car accident and stranger danger are some examples of emergencies that would warrant calling 911.
3. Show your child the steps for calling 911 on your cell phone, if you have a security lock on your phone, teach them how to unlock it.
4. Go over your cell phone keypad several times to help your child become familiar with making a call. Reviewing with your child will make it easier for your child to make the call during a stressful situation.
5. Do not let your child play with old cell phones, old cell phones can still dial 911 even if they are not active with a wireless carrier, they should not be used as a toy. If you have an old cell phone you should consider donating it, many women shelters can use them.

Finance Department:

The Village of Cuyahoga Heights is starting the search for a candidate to fill a vacancy in our municipal Finance Department. Starting at \$19.23. This individual **must** have a minimum of 4 years applicable accounting experience. The ideal candidate would possess a finance degree and/or public finance experience, a strong payroll, accounts payable skills, knowledge of EGov Pro accounting system or similar accounting software, superior Microsoft Excel skills, general office knowledge, and work well with the elected officials, employees and the general public on a daily basis. Please see a full list of requirements and job description at <http://www.cuyahogaheights.com/services>. Please send a resume to hr@cuyahogaheights.com no later than Wednesday, March 29, 2017. Start date between April 2017-July 2017.