

Civic Engagement & Outreach 2020-2022

"Snapshot" Review

Great cheat sheet for reporting time!

Former Favorites Returning to Civic Engagement & Outreach

Citizenship	Patriotism	Voting
American Flag	Historic Preservation	Candidate Forums
Active Military Support	Veteran Support	USO
National Day of Remembrance	Wreaths Across America	Fisher House
Veteran hospitals/clinics	Cinderella Closet	Nat'l Night Out
Emergency Preparedness	Fire Safety	Vehicle Safety
Law Enforcement Support	Child Safety Seats	Railroad Safety
DARE/CHAMP		

New to Civic Engagement & Outreach (but not new to GFWC Ga)

Eliminating Hunger	Heifer International	Food Pantry
World Food Day	Clothing Drive for needy	Food Drives
KiVA	CARE	Homeless Shelters
Shelter Library	Red Nose Day	Days for Girls
Bead for Life	Little Dresses for Africa	Financial workshops
Veteran Library	Operation Christmas Child	Retirement Planning
Identity Theft	Internet Safety/Phishing	Canine Companions
Girl Scouts		

Report the following as noted

Domestic Violence shelters – report in Domestic Violence (do not double report)

Assisted Living/Nursing Home – report in Health and Wellness UNLESS project is done for Veterans living in facility, then report in CEO

Projects for/ with Special Needs Citizens – report in Health and Wellness

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VA Hospitals and Clinics in GA

Civic Engagement & Outreach

Service	City	Facility
VA Medical Center	<u>Augusta</u>	Charlie Norwood VA Medical Center
	<u>Decatur</u>	Atlanta VA Medical Center
	<u>Dublin</u>	Carl Vinson VA Medical Center
Outpatient Clinic	<u>Carrollton</u>	Trinka Davis Veterans Village
Community Based Outpatient Clinic	<u>Albany</u>	Albany VA Clinic
	<u>Athens</u>	Athens VA Clinic
	<u>Atlanta</u>	Henderson Mill VA Clinic
	<u>Atlanta</u>	North Fulton County VA Clinic
	<u>Atlanta</u>	Fort McPherson VA Clinic
	<u>Austell</u>	Austell VA Clinic
	<u>Blairsville</u>	Blairsville VA Clinic
	<u>Brookhaven</u>	North DeKalb County VA Clinic
	<u>Brunswick</u>	Brunswick VA Clinic
	<u>College Park</u>	South Fulton County VA Clinic
	<u>Columbus</u>	Columbus VA Clinic
	<u>Columbus</u>	Columbus Downtown VA Clinic
	<u>Decatur</u>	Atlanta VA Clinic
	<u>Covington</u>	Covington VA Clinic
	<u>East Point</u>	East Point VA Clinic
	<u>East Point</u>	Fulton County VA Clinic
	<u>Flowery Branch</u>	Oakwood VA Clinic
	<u>Fort Benning</u>	Fort Benning VA Clinic
	<u>Kathleen</u>	Perry VA Clinic
	<u>Lawrenceville</u>	Gwinnett County VA Clinic
	<u>Lawrenceville</u>	Lawrenceville VA Clinic
	<u>Macon</u>	Macon VA Clinic
	<u>Marietta</u>	Austell VA Clinic
	<u>Milledgeville</u>	Milledgeville VA Clinic
	<u>Newnan</u>	Newnan VA Clinic
	<u>Rome</u>	Rome Clinic
	<u>Savannah</u>	Savannah VA Clinic
	<u>Smyrna</u>	South Cobb County VA Clinic
	<u>Statesboro</u>	Ray Hendrix Department Of Veterans Affairs Clinic
	<u>St. Marys</u>	St. Marys VA Clinic
	<u>Stockbridge</u>	Stockbridge VA Clinic
	<u>Tifton</u>	Tifton VA Clinic

"We're taking the Good News to the ENDS OF THE EARTH and doing it through a shoebox. I am thankful for each one you prayerfully fill with toys and other items. Be sure to make your box unique and include a letter to give the child a glimpse of how much God loves them."

*Franklin Graham,
President, Samaritan's Purse*



MARK FOR BOY OR GIRL:



SHOEBOX LABEL

MARK THE CORRECT AGE CATEGORY:

2-4 Years Old ☐

5-9 Years Old ☐

10-14 Years Old ☐



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To Donate and Follow Your Box, **SCAN THE QR CODE** on the label **OR** enter the nine-digit code beneath it at samaritanspurse.org/activate.

If you prefer, your donation can be mailed via the enclosed postage-paid envelope.

NOTE: You can still use this label even if you choose not to activate the tracking.

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HOW TO PACK A SHOEBOX

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AS YOU PRAYERFULLY PREPARE TO PACK YOUR SHOEBOX GIFT...



Please remember that your shoebox may be the only gift the child receives. So, plan to pack quality items that will last, **and don't forget to make it FUN!**

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PRAY: Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift. Include a personal note and photo to delight the heart of a child.



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SHOEBOX: Get a standard-size shoebox to pack for a boy or girl. Need shoeboxes? Great preprinted shoeboxes are available on our website.



2

"WOW" ITEM:

Select a quality "wow" toy such as a doll, soccer ball with pump, or stuffed animal to bless a child.

3

OTHER GIFTS: Pack full with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies.



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DONATE \$9 PER BOX:

A donation of \$9 per box is critical to cover shipping and other project costs. For easiest processing you can give online, or give by check using the attached postage-paid envelope. If you make your donation using the **Follow Your Box** feature on the label in this brochure, you can also discover the destination of your shoebox!



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DROP OFF: Take your shoebox gift to a local drop-off location during **National Collection Week, Nov. 15-22.** Visit our website to find one near you.



You can also **Build a Shoebox Online** by scanning this QR code or by visiting samaritanspurse.org/buildonline.



SHOEBOX GIFT IDEAS

"WOW" ITEM

- Soccer ball with pump
- Doll
- Stuffed animal
- Shoes



TOYS

- Toy cars
- Jump ropes
- Yo-yos
- Toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries)



PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Toothbrushes
- Washcloths
- Combs
- Hairbrushes



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, and markers
- Notebooks and paper
- Coloring and picture books
- Solar calculators



ACCESSORIES

- Socks
- Sunglasses
- Jewelry and watches
- Flashlights (with extra batteries)



DO NOT INCLUDE
candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; scary or war-related items; seeds; food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items or glass containers; aerosol cans

For additional gift suggestions and more, visit samaritanspurse.org/occ



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ENVELOPE FLAP GLUE TRIP

GEORGIA IS BUCKLE-UP COUNTRY

IF YOU'RE IN A TRUCK, BUCKLE UP!

Georgia law states that if you are in a pickup truck **YOU MUST** buckle up. Each occupant of the front seat of a pickup truck shall be restrained by a safety belt while the vehicle is operated on a public road, street or highway of this state. Law enforcement around Georgia will be watching. Just like in cars, if you don't click it, expect a ticket.



*Governor's Office of
Highway Safety*

BUCKLE UP IN YOUR TRUCK

Don't Be Dead Wrong – Many drivers mistakenly believe their pickup truck is safer than any vehicle on the road. The fact is, when safety belts are **not** worn in pickup trucks, the drivers and their passengers are more likely to die in a crash. Why? It is because pickup trucks have a higher center of gravity making them more likely to roll over in a crash. Unbuckled occupants in pickups are at a greater risk to be ejected and killed.

Unbuckled Pickup Truck Drivers – A Dying Breed? The facts about truck crashes are clear. Nearly 20% of the fatal vehicle crashes in Georgia involved light pickup trucks and 75% of the fatally injured were unrestrained. Unrestrained pickup truck occupants are 33 times more likely to be killed than those who wear safety belts.

Counting the Cost – Vehicle crashes cost Georgia billions of dollars and more than 1,000 deaths each year. If occupants would just buckle up, millions of dollars in hospital and emergency room charges can be saved. Nearly 100 lives each year can be saved in Georgia if pickup truck occupants buckled up at the same rate as other vehicles.

Safety Belts: Fair for All of Georgia – Whether in the country or in the city, the pickup truck safety belt law was enacted to protect all Georgians. The road crash death rate in rural Georgia is TWICE that of urban areas. This is partly due to the differences in safety belt use. The use rate among trucks is 20% less than passenger vehicles. Safety belts save lives in trucks across the state.

AVOID A TICKET, SAVE A LIFE

When worn correctly, safety belts are PROVEN to reduce the risk of fatal injury. The simple act of buckling up can reduce medical and legal expenses, lost wages, lost productivity, high insurance rates, and other crash costs that all citizens are forced to pay. Aside from the obvious financial benefits, the biggest beneficiaries of safety belt use are the families, friends, and loved ones of pickup truck drivers and occupants.

— NO MORE WARNINGS OR EXCUSES —

CLICK IT OR TICKET IN YOUR TRUCK

SAFETY BELTS SAVE LIVES

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*So what can
you do to keep
yourself safe
on the road?*

Wear Your Safety Belt!

- Over 11,000 lives are saved every year by safety belts in the United States.
- Safety belts increase the chance of survival by 45%.
- Safety belts prevent ejection from a vehicle, which is one of the most injurious events that can happen in a crash.
- Nearly 74 percent of the occupants who are ejected from passenger cars are killed.
- Every 15 seconds, someone in the U.S. is injured and every 13 minutes, someone is killed in a traffic crash.

BUCKLE UP!
EVERY SEAT, EVERY TRIP

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Safety belts save lives! Safety belts reduce serious crash-related injuries and deaths by about 50%. In 2009 alone safety restraints saved over 13,000 people's lives.

Myth: I don't have to wear a safety belt if I don't want to! If I die in a crash from not wearing a safety belt, that's my business!

Fact: WRONG! A vehicle crash death is EVERYONE'S business. Every year, nearly 40,000 Americans die from motor vehicle-related injuries; another 270,000 persons are hospitalized. These injuries cost the states and our nation an estimated \$99 billion in lifetime medical care and lost productivity.

Myth: I only need to wear my safety belt if I drive long distances, not if I drive near my home!

Fact: Three out of every four crashes occur within 25 miles from home.

Myth: If I hold my baby in my arms during a crash, I can keep my child from being thrown from the vehicle.

Fact: The forces involved in a crash can kill or cause serious injuries to children. The crash force is equal to the weight of the person multiplied by the speed of the car, therefore a ten pound infant in a car going 30 mph would be 300 lbs of force! Parents are unable to protect their children from this amount of force. Children not restrained in a child safety seat during a car crash are THREE TIMES more likely to be injured than those who are restrained.

Myth: It's OK to use a child safety seat if the seat is 6 years old or more.

Fact: It is highly recommended that a child safety seat be replaced if it is at least 6 years old or more. Purchasing used child safety seats is NOT recommended (i.e., thrift stores, yard sales, hand-me-downs, etc.).

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“HANDS-FREE GEORGIA ACT”

What does this mean for you?

The “Hands-Free Georgia Act” is designed to save lives and help lower insurance costs



HANDS-FREE
PARK UR PHONE
WHEN CAR IS IN DRIVE



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THE HANDS-FREE GEORGIA ACT (Effective July 1, 2018)

The act prohibits drivers from having a phone or stand-alone electronic device in their hands or supported by any part of their body when they are driving a vehicle. This includes while stopping at a traffic light or stop sign.

Using hands-free, drivers can make/receive calls via:

- Speakerphone
- Earpiece
- Wireless headset
- Electronic watch
- Connecting phone to vehicle

Drivers cannot:

- Text (Voice to text is legal)
- E-mail
- Social media
- Browse internet
- Watch videos (GPS/navigational videos are allowed)
- Record video (Continuously running mounted dash cameras are legal)

Radio Streaming Apps:

Drivers can listen to radio streaming apps if they turn them on before getting on the road and do not touch their phone while on the road. Music streaming apps that include video are against the law because drivers cannot watch videos when they are on the road.

PENALTIES:

- **1st Conviction:** \$50 fine and 1 point assessed against a driver's license
- **2nd Conviction:** \$100 fine and 2 points assessed against a driver's license
- **3rd Conviction:** \$150 fine and 3 points assessed against a driver's license

For more information visit:

<http://www.headsupgeorgia.com/handsfree-law/>

Stay Off, Stay Away, Stay Alive

Walking or playing on railroad tracks or the right-of-way on either side of the tracks is trespassing. It is illegal and can be deadly.

FIND A SAFER PLACE

Railroad tracks, trestles, yards and equipment are private property. Never walk, jog, fish or hunt from railroad tracks. If you are found on this property, you can be arrested or fined.



CROSSBUCK SIGN

This sign tells you trains run at this location. Cross tracks at the crossbuck sign only, not anywhere along the tracks.



USE ONLY DESIGNATED CROSSINGS

The only legal and safe place to cross railroad tracks is at a designated public crossing with a crossbuck, flashing red lights or a gate. Crossing at any other location is illegal.



IF YOU SEE A TRAIN COMING, WAIT!

If you see flashing lights or a lowering gate, it means a train is approaching. Do not proceed until the gates go completely up and the lights go off. It is illegal to go around lowered gates.



Myths or Realities? Pedestrian Safety Around Tracks & Trains.

PROVIDED IN THE INTEREST OF SAFETY

FOR PEDESTRIANS



Please help your family and friends make safe decisions around tracks and trains.

IF YOU SEE A PROBLEM AT A CROSSING

Report any problem - stalled vehicle on the tracks, damaged sign, obstructed view, signal malfunction - to the railroad immediately. Call the emergency notification number posted on or near the crossing, or notify local law enforcement.

SCHEDULE A PRESENTATION

It's FREE! Across the nation, certified Operation Lifesaver Presenters are available to speak to student drivers, professional truck and bus drivers, school bus operators, general motorists, law enforcement, emergency responders and community groups.

VOLUNTEER!

Would you like to help deliver Operation Lifesaver's safety message in your community? Find out about becoming trained as an Operation Lifesaver Presenter or Associate.

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How Well Can You Score for Safety?

Trains are part of everyday life. Don't be confused by people who tell you that rust on the tracks means they're out-of-use. They're made of steel—it rusts!

See if you can tell rusty myths from steely reality. Are you up to the challenge? Answer these questions, true or false:

1. Walking on railroad tracks, or the rights-of-way on either side of them, is illegal.

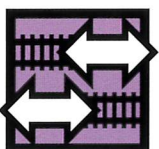
TRUE. It can take a mile or more to stop a train. That's 18 football fields! Even if the locomotive engineer spots you ahead, he cannot swerve or stop the train in time to avoid a collision.

2. You will be safe if you do not walk between the rails.

FALSE. Trains overhang the tracks by at least 3 feet in both directions. Loose straps hanging from freight cars may extend much further.

3. It is safe to cross the tracks anywhere as long as you can see 1/4 mile in each direction.

FALSE. The only safe place to cross is at a designated public crossing with a crossbuck, flashing red lights or a



4. A locomotive is not always at the front of a train.

TRUE. Trains are sometimes pushed by locomotives instead of being pulled. Trains can move in either direction at any time—particularly commuter and light rail passenger trains.

5. It is safe to cross the tracks just as soon as the last car of a train passes the crossing.

FALSE. Your view of a second train might be blocked by the first. Wait after the first train passes until you can see clearly in both directions.

6. As a pedestrian, it is safe to ignore the flashing red lights at the crossing.

FALSE. Flashing red lights signal the approach of a train. Never walk past flashing lights or around lowered gates at a crossing. Wait until the lights have stopped flashing and the gate is up.



7. Trains are noisy. You will have plenty of time to step out of the train's path when you hear a train coming.

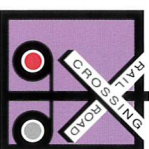
FALSE. Modern trains are quieter than ever, with no telltale "clickety-clack." An approaching train may be closer and moving faster than it appears.

8. Playing on rail equipment, tracks or railcars is forbidden.

TRUE. If you are in the rail yard or on railroad property uninvited, you are trespassing and subject to arrest and prosecution. Worse, you could lose your life.

9. Crossing tracks with a baby stroller, in a wheelchair, or on other narrow wheels requires caution and extra attention.

TRUE. Narrow wheels can get caught at crossings. If possible, walk - don't roll - across. If you are in a wheelchair, consider getting assistance. Always cross at a 90-degree angle.



TADRA

Teenage & Adult Driver Responsibility Act

What You Need to Know About TADRA Laws

Brian Kemp, Governor
State of Georgia



www.gahighwaysafety.org

What You Need to Know About

The Teenage and Adult Driver Responsibility Act (TADRA) continues to make strides in creating safe Georgia roads for the motoring public. TADRA directly addresses the leading killer of our young people – traffic crashes. The law significantly changes the way young motorists earn and maintain the privilege of driving by providing a controlled means for new drivers to gain experience and by reducing high-risk driving situations. While the law does focus on young drivers, it also contains important provisions that affect drivers over 21, particularly in the area of DUI prevention and enforcement.

TADRA Violations

A driver can only advance to the next Graduated License level if he or she has completed 12 consecutive months without a conviction for any of the following:

- DUI
- Fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer
- Racing
- Reckless driving
- Hit and run / leaving the scene of an accident
- Any moving violation for which four or more points are assessed

Suspension of License

If a driver under the age of 21 is convicted for any of the following offenses, their license will be suspended for at least 6 months:

- Fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer
- Racing
- Reckless driving
- Hit and run / leaving the scene of an accident
- Any moving violation for which four or more points are assessed
- For drivers under age 18, an accumulation of four or more points in a 12-month period will also result in a suspension
- A first conviction for DUI in which the driver's blood-alcohol concentration (BAC) is 0.08 grams or higher will result in a 12-month suspension

Stay Alert and Watch Out for Other Drivers

What You Need to Know About School & Your License

School Enrollment Required

No individual under the age of 18 can obtain a driver's license or instructional permit unless he or she is enrolled in a public school, a private school or home school authorized by law; or has graduated from high school, received a certificate of high school completion, or has completed his or her secondary education and is enrolled in a post-secondary school.

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How can I satisfy the Driver Education Requirement?

Method #1				
30 hours of Classroom Instruction at a DDS approved school	+	6 hours of Behind the Wheel Training at a DDS approved school	+	40 hours of Supervised Driving with parent/ guardian

Method #2		Completion of the Parent Teen Driving Guide (NO additional Supervised Driving Required)	
30 hours of Classroom Instruction at a DDS approved school	+		

Method #3		6 hours of Behind the Wheel Training at a DDS approved school		40 hours of Supervised Driving with parent/ guardian	
30-hour online course with a DDS approved school	+				

Method #4		Completion of the Parent Teen Driving Guide (NO additional Supervised Driving Required)	
30-hour online course with a DDS approved school	+		

Drivers 16 years old wanting to obtain a Class D license will need to complete an approved driver education course at a licensed private or public driver training school or other training approved by the Georgia Department of Driver Services. A total of at least 40 hours of supervised driving, including 6 hours at night, is also required. Individuals who do not complete an approved driver education course must wait until age 17 to become licensed.

Drivers 17 years old wanting to obtain a Class D license will need to complete a total of at least 40 hours of supervised driving, including 6 hours at night. A driver education course is not mandated for 17-year-olds, although it is highly recommended.

THE PARENT/GUARDIAN MUST ATTEST THE SUPERVISED DRIVING WAS COMPLETED BY SIGNING A DRIVING EXPERIENCE AFFIDAVIT AVAILABLE AT THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF DRIVER SERVICES.

Specific information about these requirements is available at www.gateendrivereducation.com.



Driving and Cell Phone Usage

is illegal for anyone to engage in any wireless communication while driving in Georgia

Examples of wireless communication include:

- Use of cell phone
- Any text messaging device
- Personal digital assistant
- Standalone computer
- Any other wireless device used to initiate or receive communication with another person

is illegal for anyone to write, send or read a text message while driving in Georgia.

- A conviction for this violation will result in the addition of 1 point on your driving record.

NEVER DISTRACTED DRIVING

What You Need to Know About

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TADRA Violations

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- DUI
- Fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer
- Racing
- Reckless driving
- Hit and run / leaving the scene of an accident
- Any moving violation for which four or more points are assessed

Suspension of License

If a driver under the age of 21 is convicted for any of the following offenses, their license will be suspended for at least 6 months:

- Fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer
- Racing
- Reckless driving
- Hit and run / leaving the scene of an accident
- Any moving violation for which four or more points are assessed
- For drivers under age 18, an accumulation of four or more points in a 12-month period will also result in a suspension
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TADRA



Earning Your License

The Teenage and Adult Driver Responsibility Act established graduated driver licensing for Georgians between the ages of 15 to 18, with three separate classifications.

Step 1: Instructional Permit (Class CP) This permit is available to persons age 15 and up after passing a knowledge examination. While driving, the permit holder must be accompanied by a licensed (Class C) adult 21 years of age or older who is fit and capable of exercising control of the vehicle and who is occupying the front passenger seat beside the driver.

Step 2: Provisional License (Class D) This license is issued to 16- and 17-year-olds who have held an Instructional Permit for one calendar year and a day without committing any major traffic violations and have passed a comprehensive on road driving test.

- A total of at least 40 hours of other supervised driving, including 6 hours at night, is also required. Individuals who do not complete an approved driver education course must wait until age 17 to become licensed. A driver education course is not mandated for 17-year-olds, although it is highly recommended.
- Driver education requirements must be met prior to initial issuance. For specific requirements, please visit www.gateendrivereducation.com

The Provisional License has the following restrictions:

- A Class D License Holder may not drive between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. **NO EXCEPTIONS**
- During the first six (6) months following issuance, only immediate family members may ride in the vehicle
- During the second six (6) months following issuance, only one (1) passenger under 21 years of age who is not a member of the driver's immediate family may ride in the vehicle
- After the first and second six-month period, only three (3) passengers under 21 years of age who are not members of the driver's immediate family may ride in the vehicle

Special Notes:

- Immediate family is defined as the license holder's parents and step-parents, grandparents, siblings, step-siblings, children and any other person who resides at the license holder's residence.
- Visit the GOHS website (www.gahighwaysafety.org) for a copy of a Teen Driver/Parent Agreement and also click on the "Links" to Department of Driver Services for information.

Step 3: Full License (Class C) This license is available to persons age 18 and up if there have been no major traffic convictions for the previous 12 months. Your Class D license must be upgraded to Class C or you will be held to Class D restrictions regardless of your age.

Special Notes:

- The supervised driving requirement also applies to an initial Class C license applicant who has not previously been issued a Class D license.

— Your Life Depends on It!