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Thank You!

Sponsors, as you head into the final stretch of the school year, we would like to thank you for your time and effort in implementing a successful AAA School Safety Patrol program. Your support allows AAA to have a strong, flourishing AAA School Safety Patrol program. We thank you!

The Patroller is Going "Green"

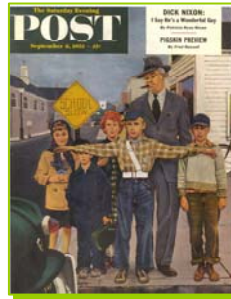
In an effort to save paper and reduce costs, the Foundation will be posting all future editions of *The Patroller* online at <http://AAA.com/Foundation> (link to **School Safety Patrol**). Beginning with the September edition, your school will be notified via postcard that the newsletter is online and ready to be downloaded or viewed. There will be two editions of *The Patroller* each year. Look for new editions in February and September.

Coming Soon!

Due to numerous inquiries, the Mid-Atlantic Foundation for Safety and Education is in the process of designing a AAA School Safety Patrol t-shirt for patrols to purchase. Watch for more details in September!

We Need Your Help!

Do you have an Outstanding AAA School Safety Patrol? On April 30, 2009 (New Jersey), and on May 26, 2009 (Delaware), AAA Mid-Atlantic and the Mid-Atlantic Foundation For Safety and Education will be hosting Outstanding AAA School Safety Patrol Luncheons in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. These annual events are held to honor AAA School Safety Patrol members. Individuals are recognized for their leadership, dependability, academic achievements, promptness, and neatness. We encourage you to consider nominating your best patrol for this award.



Nomination forms have been mailed. The deadline for nominations is March 13 for New Jersey, and April 10 for Delaware. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Massaferi.

Have a question regarding the AAA School Safety Patrol Program? Visit AAA.com/foundation

Visit the Mid-Atlantic Foundation for Safety and Education website, and view the expanded AAA School Safety Patrol webpage, which contains valuable information for sponsors, parents, and patrols. Our hope is to provide updated information, helpful tips, guidelines, and special events for the AAA School Safety Patrols.

Patrol Training

Now is the time to recruit new AAA School Safety Patrols. When possible, train new patrol members for the upcoming school year before the end of this school year.

Refresher training for both new and veteran members should be provided before the new school year begins. Chris Massaferi, Safety Services Manager, is available to speak at area schools and to patrol groups regarding traffic safety issues and patrol training. Please feel free to contact Chris at (800) 999-4952, extension 61515, or via e-mail at cmassaferi@aaamidatlantic.com.

Welcome New Patrols

Henry M. Brader Elementary School
Newark, DE

Sunnyside Elementary School
Smyrna, DE

St. Elizabeth School
Wilmington, DE

Christ the Teacher Catholic School
Newark, DE

Pike Creek Christian School
Newark, DE

Elbert-Palmer Elementary School
Wilmington, DE

Lord Baltimore Elementary School
Ocean View, DE

Galloway Community Charter School
Galloway, NJ

Pleasantville Tech Charter School
Pleasantville, NJ

North Main Street School
Pleasantville, NJ



AAA School Safety Patrol Training Corner

Part of the pledge school patrols take is a promise to "report dangerous student practices." Just what are those practices? A dangerous practice endangers students. When a patrol member observes a dangerous practice, he or she should:

- ◆ Politely explain the risk to the offender (if it is another student).
- ◆ Seek assistance from an adult, if the behavior continues.
- ◆ Never touch another student unless it is an emergency situation.
- ◆ Report dangerous situations to a patrol officer or the patrol sponsor for follow-up.

If another patrol member is involved in a dangerous practice, this should be reported to the Patrol Supervisor. Individual school system guidelines should be in place to handle such disciplinary actions, including probation, suspension, and dismissal.

Look, Act, and Be Alert!

A good AAA School Safety Patrol is always on the job. Patrols should strive to set a good example, making their school and classmates proud of the way they appear and behave while on post.

- ◆ Look, act, and be alert.
- ◆ Report to duty on time.
- ◆ Be neat and clean while on duty.
- ◆ Wear your belt and badge proudly.

AAA School Safety Patrol Members Are Role Models

AAA School Safety Patrol members lead by example. They follow all their school's rules first.



AAA School Safety Patrol Sponsor Survey

A survey was recently sent to several area schools in the AAA Mid-Atlantic service area. The following are suggestions/ ideas from patrol sponsors:

- ◆ Have police officers come to patrol meetings and interact with patrols.
- ◆ Make membership a revered position.
- ◆ Provide an "end of the year" picnic.
- ◆ Check posts regularly.
- ◆ Have a school bus brought in for patrol training.
- ◆ Select a Patrol of the Month.
- ◆ Provide small treats—hot cocoa, Halloween candy, etc.
- ◆ Frequently change patrol responsibilities.
- ◆ Create a monthly bulletin board highlighting different safety concerns within the school. In addition, display patrol photos and recognition.
- ◆ Have safety patrols provide lessons on traffic safety to children in lower grades at the school.
- ◆ Ride the bus with students to reinforce rules and model for patrols.
- ◆ Insist that belts be worn properly. See <http://AAA.com/Foundation> (link to **School Safety Patrol**).
- ◆ Participation should be based on schoolwork completion.

Traffic Safety Tip Cards

To learn more about traffic safety education and to download the following guides for parents, sponsors, and patrols, visit <http://AAA.com/Foundation>.

- ◆ "The Safest Route to School"
- ◆ "Parents: Avoid Becoming a Traffic Hazard"
- ◆ "Drivers: When the School Bus Stops..."
- ◆ AAA School Safety Patrol Belt Positioning
- ◆ AAA School Safety Patrol Equipment Care
- ◆ AAA School Safety Patrol Reminders
- ◆ *And much more!*

Proper Belt Placement

Belts should be worn over the right shoulder and clasped in the front. For photos of proper belt placement, visit <http://AAA.com/Foundation> (link to **School Safety Patrol**).

Did You Know?

- ◆ The AAA School Safety Patrol Program started in 1920.
- ◆ AAA provides, free of charge, all training material, equipment, and awards that schools need to run a successful patrol program.
- ◆ There are now over 560,000 safety patrols across the country, with over 93,000 safety patrols in the AAA Mid-Atlantic service area.

End of the Year Awards

The following are guidelines used for distributing awards to AAA School Safety Patrols at the end of each school year.

- ◆ An Award of Merit certificate should be provided to every AAA School Safety Patrol.
- ◆ Second-year patrols should receive an award of merit certificate and a silver lapel pin.

To obtain materials, contact Chris Massaferi at (800) 999-4952, extension 61515, or via e-mail at cmassaferi@aaamidatlantic.com.

Collection of Patrol Equipment

Please do not provide belts and badges as awards and souvenirs. At the end of each school year, please be certain to collect all patrol equipment (belts, badges, and printed materials).

Supplies are limited!



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