# **Holiday Travel Safety**

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Independence Day is a prime time for celebration. It's also a time for high alert. In 2014, the National Safety Council declared Fourth of July the deadliest American holiday.

Between 1986 and 2002, July 4th weekend consistently ranked at the top of car crashes, totaling 2,743 deaths annually.

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The factors of such high crash rates are

what you might expect. Of the major U.S. holidays, the Fourth is one of the most notorious for alcohol abuse. Forty-one percent of deaths generally involve high blood alcohol concentrations, second only to New Year's Eve. Drivers also must share the road with more people traveling over the long weekend. You'd be doing yourself a favor by remembering these safety tips. **Drink responsibly** 

There's nothing wrong with enjoying a beer or a cocktail. There is something wrong when you've had several and make poor choices. It's not worth the trouble, even if you're not driving. Dumbing your sense makes you more susceptible to significant injury, whether it's car-related or handling fireworks. That said, moderation is the key to a stress-free holiday. Manage your limits, or enlist a buddy to make sure you're staying within the bounds of normal. You

might also consider purchasing a certain amount of booze and sticking to it; once it's gone, switch to seltzer.

#### Avoid rush hour traffic

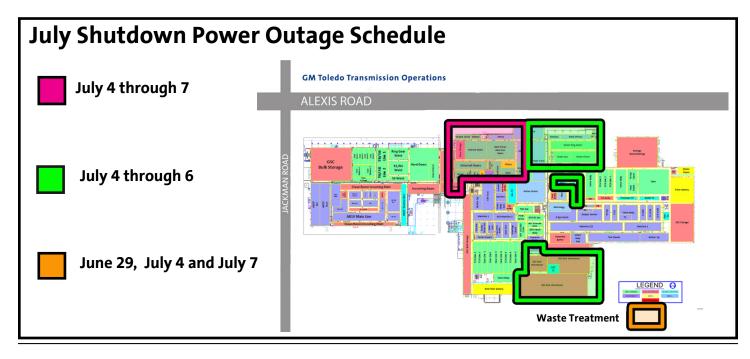
Traffic spikes over the July 4th weekend. AAA estimates that 42 million drivers will travel more than 50 miles from home close to or on the Fourth. Anticipate busy roads on the following dates and times:

- 3 to 5 p.m. Thursday, June 27
- 2 to 4 p.m. Friday, June 28
- 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, July 3
  - 3 to 5 p.m. Thursday, July 4

Another thing to remember: Driving fatigue accounts for at least 100,000 crashes per year. Packing and organizing for a road trip often deprives people of sleep, or at the least, alters their normal schedule. Consider taking 15-minute breaks at rest stops in between travel legs to recoup your energy.

#### Leave the car at home

Most towns and cities organize firework displays from public areas. As a result, people gather en mass. You're better off taking public transit, an Uber, or alternate forms of transportation to get where you need to go. As noted by several people on TripAdvisor, specifically having to do with the fireworks display at the National Mall, it is "crazy crowded." You can bet other parts of the country—from Illinois to California—will be too, as thousands of people gather at one central location. It goes without saying, driving anywhere near a mass crowd is a headache you don't want to deal with.



# Local 14 Union Hall Shutdown Schedule

Monday, July 1, 2019 – Wednesday, July 3, 2019 (Open 7:30 AM – 4:30 PM) PLAN AHEAD!

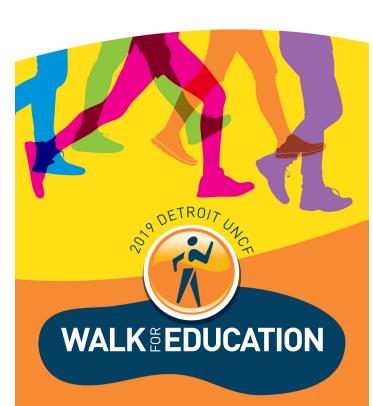
Purchase your discount tickets to Cedar Point, Zoo, Mud Hens, etc. before Wednesday, July 3, 2019.

Normal business hours resume on Monday, July 8, 2019.





A mind is a terrible thing to waste.



# Saturday August 24, 2019

### **Belle Isle Casino**

(State Park Recreation Passport Required)

Registration, 8 a.m. / Program, 9 a.m. Warm-up and Walk Begins, 9:30 a.m.

College Fair sponsored by the Detroit Inter-Alumni Council



## **GMS Communications**

# Short Lead Time (SLT-1) FIFO (First In – First Out) Process

Our Calibration told us: "Multiple FIFO violations observed in multiple shops. No evidence of documented process for repair / buffer parts areas."

How we can change our behaviors to win!

- · Use the oldest stock first.
- If you see stock out of date order question 'why?'.
- Correctly tag parts (disposition, part number, date, shift, time) that are out of the OEM dunnage. For example, in Reprocessing and Analysis areas, parts MUST be identified as to their condition. Are the parts Suspectwhy? Are the parts Scrap why? Are the parts Ready For ... write in the next process or Operation they are prepared for. Identification of components for all involved makes the job easier, and the product defect free!
- Our SLT Basketweave has initiatives they are working on, so please look for new information SOON.

# Continuous Improvement (CI-2, CI-14, and CI-19) BPD Level 4 and 5 Boards Problem Solving Goals

## **Alignment**

Our Calibration told us: "No BPD Target Alignment on levels 4 and 5. Standardized criteria and process for problem solving resolution was not clearly used by production and Maintenance, specifically - point of cause and 4 diamonds. Lack of documentation telling the before and after stories at the Team level."

How we can change our thought process to win!

- We are converting to the GMNA problem solving tool. More information will be rolled out soon.
- Alignment is necessary to achieve the goals at all levels under any metric, SPQRCE. This guidance will be coming through the BTMs, and GLs, and continuing training with GMS.
- · An example:
- Level 1 BPD Develop and implement initiatives that prevent injury to anyone in the building
- Level 2/3 BPD Develop and implement initiatives that prevent injury to anyone in rear wheel drive
- Level 4 BPD Prevent safety injuries in all clutch sub assemblies
- Level 5 BPD Ensure all employees are wearing Kevlar Sleeves at Op 180 to prevent lacerations

#### How to contact us...

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