

APCA Safety Meeting

November 2, 2023, Houston, Texas

Safety Moments

1. Watch out for deer, they're on the move this time of year.

Precautions & Preventative Actions:

- Wear your seatbelt at all times.
- Be aware of deer-crossing signs.
- Stay alert and slow down for deer, especially –
 - Near wooded areas
 - At dawn and between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m.
 - In areas where you've seen deer grazing previously.
- Use high beams when there isn't oncoming traffic.
- Don't rely on car-mounted deer whistles.

Encountering Deer:

- Brake, don't swerve.
- Maintain control. Give the deer time to get out of the way.
- If you see one deer, assume there are others nearby.
- If a deer is standing still in the road –
 - Slow down.
 - Flash your lights.
 - Hit your horn for one long blast.
- If you hit an animal
 - Safely move your car off the road.
 - Call emergency services if injuries are involved.
 - Call the local police if no one is injured.
 - Take photos of the scene.
 - Never touch an injured animal.

2. Karl Schwartz, Beard Oil (<https://beardoil.com/safety>) provided safety moment on fleet refueling safety with a slide deck that showed a lot of big errors that could lead to big problems.

Speaker: Setahrae Gross, Samsara

www.samsara.com

Setahrae outlined her company's fleet management solution that offers features such as GPS tracking, trailer tracking, dashboard camera, etc. She discussed positive results with construction clients and gave a brief demo of the company's product.

Good discussion from the group about experience with Samsara and other similar companies. One contractor said they had an 80% reduction in phone usage events, 50% fewer speeding events & 50% fewer vehicle safety events. A few people gave examples of how this type of service helps get back stolen vehicles. It can be a two-edge sword: clears drivers in some cases, show they're at fault in others. Some companies use incentive programs to reward safe drivers. Asked about employee turnover when cameras were installed, one contractor said that there was a lot of talk & "sniveling" but no real turnover.

NHTSA Holiday Season Drunk Driving Campaign

2023 Winter Holiday Season National Enforcement Mobilization, Dec 13, 2023 - Jan 1, 2024

www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/get-materials/drunk-driving/drive-sober-or-get-pulled-over/holiday-season

Dates for 2024 APCA Safety Meetings

Q1 - February 8
Q2 - May 9
Q3 - August 22
Q4 - November 7

All meetings will be at the Sheraton North Houston at George Bush Intercontinental
<https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/hougi-sheraton-north-houston-at-george-bush-intercontinental/overview/>

New Safety Chair

Vince Chapa, Primoris Pipeline

Assistant Chair

Andy Drake, Drake Medical

Speakers for 2024

Q1 - Sunland DOT team - compliance issues
Q2 - Drake Medical - injury management