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**THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR
AAA CENTRAL PENN SAFETY**

Oct '05

First-Ever Leadership Training Day a Success in Ephrata Area School District

Welcome Back to teachers and students alike! The school year has officially started and Safety Patrollers across AAA Central Penn territory are assuming their posts and keeping their peers safe on the way to and from school. Safety Patrol training is an annual event at some schools, and Dorie Weik, Traffic Safety Manager for AAA Central Penn has made the rounds administering training sessions to many schools in the weeks before and after the first day of school.

This year, for the first time on August 18th a district-wide training day was held at Fulton Elementary in Ephrata School District, Lancaster County. Safety Patrollers from Akron, Highland, Lincoln and Fulton Elementaries gathered together for a Leadership Training Day. "This was such a successful event," said Dorie Weik. "The kids really seemed to enjoy

being together and I think doing the training on a larger scale like this really makes it feel like a more grandiose affair."

Over 50 kids generously gave up sleeping in on one of their last days of summer vacation to attend the training day. Sgt. Brian Kurz of the Ephrata Borough Police Department and Chief Zell of the Akron Police Department were also in attendance.

"We feel that the relationship between the local police department and the School Safety Patrol should be as strong as possible" Kurz said.

Advisors and Principals from EASD schools were also a part of the training day. Enrica Gerhart; Akron Elem, Gary Oberly; Fulton Elem, Kim Schlemmer; Highland Elem, Joy Darkes and Dan Clark; Lincoln Elem

This program was such a success and the response from the

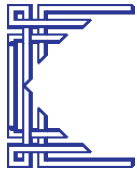


Dorie Weik speaks to EASD Safety Patrollers about their role in their school and community

kids and administrators was so positive that Dorie is now working to expand the program to other school districts.

If you would like to organize a similar event for your patrol, Leadership Training Days can be scheduled for summer of 2006. Talk with other Safety Patrol Advisors in your school district to see if there is interest in offering a training day, then contact Dorie to secure a date.

HAVE A HAPPY & SAFE YEAR!



2005 Hall of Fame



M. KEMMERLY



C. WELCH



A. MARTIN



E. EPLER



L. SNYDER

The AAA Central Penn School Safety Patrol Hall of Fame celebrated its fifth year in recognizing outstanding Safety Patrollers in Central Pennsylvania. Eight Inductees were chosen and honored at recognition dinner ceremony at the Sherwood Knoll Comfort Inn Lancaster on May 21, 2005. These special students, their parents, Patrol Advisors, Principals and an officer from their local Police Department were in attendance, as well as Len Sempier, Chairman and CEO of AAA Central Penn.

The night was emceed by Dorie Weik, AAA Central Penn Traffic Safety Manager. This year's guest speaker was Lt. Col. Hank Oleyniczak of the PA State Police. Lt. Col. Oleyniczak offered congrats to the inductees and shared his thoughts on honor, respect and loyalty; important qualities for Safety Patrollers and good citizens alike.

The Safety Patrol Hall of Fame is a very prestigious program and is open to **all** Safety Patrollers in the Central PA region. The process begins with nominations from Patrol Advisors. Advisors may nominate up to 3 of their top Patrol members. Please know that **nominees do not have to perform any heroic act or lifesaving deed**. Good attendance, positive attitude, punctuality, respectfulness and

scholarship are just some of the qualities that nominations can be based on.

Upon arrival of nominations from Advisors, AAA Central Penn will send a list of essay questions to the nominees home address. These are completed and returned to AAA where they will be collectively judged and scored by a panel of judges independent from AAA. The winners are informed of their induction status and formally invited to the Induction Banquet.

The inductees pictures are mounted on plaques that are prominently displayed in their local AAA office for one year. After one year, their names are immortalized on the AAA Central Penn School Safety Patrol Hall of Fame Honor Roll on display at our Estelle Drive office in Lancaster.

AAA Central Penn is proud of ALL Safety Patrollers in Adams, Dauphin, Cumberland, Huntingdon, Juniata, Lancaster, Lebanon, Mifflin and Perry Counties. **KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK EVERYONE!**



The 2005 Safety Patrol Hall of Fame Inductees May 21, 2005



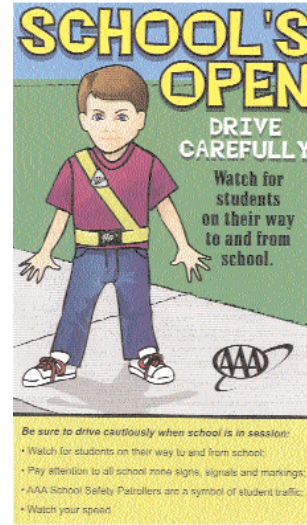
M. FOSTER



M. PERCHERKE



K. RAYMOND



Be sure to drive cautiously when school is in session:
• Watch for students on their way to and from school.
• Pay attention to all school zone signs, signals and markings.
• AAA School Safety Patrollers are a symbol of student traffic.
• Watch your speed.

Safety Patrollers Are:

Always polite
Never late
Quick thinkers
Safety-minded
Respectful
Studious
Role Models

OUR FUTURE LEADERS



Save these



- Feb 6th- Hall of Fame Nominations sent out
- March 30th- Safety Patrol End of Year Award order forms and Supply order forms sent out
- April 10th- Hall of Fame Inductees announced by mail
- April 29th- Hall of Fame Recognition Dinner at the National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg
- June 1st- End of Year Awards and Supply order forms due back (supplies will be available in September)

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