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Stay Safe On The Road and Earn Points on Your DMV Record Too!

Ever wonder just how those speeding tickets, reckless driving and suspended license convictions effect your driving record? Poor driving habits can not only be dangerous but could ultimately result in ones driving privileges being temporarily suspended or even revoked. When you are convicted of a traffic violation, the court notifies the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). DMV then does the following:
(1) Post the conviction to your driving record
(2) Assigns demerit points according to the offense
(3) Issues an order of suspension, if applicable
(4) Issues an order requiring the successful

completion of a driver improvement clinic, if applicable
(5) Notifies your insurance company upon request.
DMV demerit points remain on your record for two years from the date that you commit the offense. Different violations carry different demerit point values depending on the seriousness of the offense. Here are some of the point values for some of the most common traffic infractions:

Speeding (1-9mph)-3 points
Speeding (10-19mph)-4 points
Reckless driving- 4 points
Follow too closely-4 points
DUI-6 points
Suspended D/L-6 points

So you may be wondering how you can earn safe driving points to either help improve

your record or to keep your record clean. First, for every calendar year that a motorist holds a valid Virginia license and incurs no moving violations or suspensions, the Virginia DMV will award you one safe driving point. You can continue to earn points in this fashion until your point balance reaches +5. You may also earn points by voluntarily completing a driver improvement class. You will need to consult with DMV to determine how often you may take a safe driving class and earn points. For more information about how long convictions and points will be reflected on a Virginia driving record please visit dmv.virginia.gov.

In Memoriam

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Julia Wood. Julia passed away on February 13, 2015 after battling several months with cancer. Julia served as our office manager and was a valued member of our team since 2007. We were sad not only at the loss, but at the loss of a great individual who helped our firm achieve new heights.

Julia will be deeply missed here, leaving behind now only those fond memories we have of her. She always had a smile for everyone and was highly regarded by everyone who ever had the opportunity to meet her. This is truly a great loss to

our firm and to our community as a whole. She will be profoundly missed by everyone whose lives she touched.

The firm and her family would like to thank everyone for all their flowers, cards and words of encouragement.





With spring around the corner, this makes for a quick and fast recipe!

Maria's Pepper Steak

TOTAL TIME: Prep: 20 min. Cook: 30 minutes

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 2 large bell peppers, sliced into thin strips
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/3 cup soy sauce
- 1/3 cup honey
- 1/3 cup red wine vinegar
- 1/1/2 pounds flank steak cut into thin strips

Directions

1. Heat olive oil in a skillet over medium heat. Cook onion, bell peppers, and garlic in oil until tender-crisp, stirring frequently. Set aside.
2. Heat a large skillet over medium-high heat. Pour soy sauce, honey, and red wine vinegar in pan, then add beef. Cook beef, stirring frequently, until done, about 10 to 15 minutes. Stir in cooked vegetables, and cook another 10 to 15 minutes.

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Employee Highlight Corner



Meet our new attorney Kendra Johnson! She is a native of Virginia Beach and graduated from Green Run High School. From there she went on to attend James Madison University where she majored in Political Science.

Kendra graduated from Liberty University School of Law with a J.D. in 2013. In her spare time she enjoys playing softball and drawing.

Kendra joined our firm in October 2014. Her primary areas of practice are criminal and traffic law and you can find her over in our Hampton Office. We are so happy to have her on board!!



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