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### SCHOOL SAFETY STARTS STRONG WITH AAA SAFETY PATROLLERS

*AAA Safety Patroller's are gearing up, ready to keeps hundreds of students safe*

**VIRGINIA BEACH, VA**, (September 12, 2013) – School safety begin with student leaders. In Hampton Roads, over 150 schools have student leaders who participate in the AAA School Safety Patrol Program™. These students take on the responsibility of helping teachers, bus drivers and school administrators keep fellow students safe each day. One Virginia Beach elementary school has gotten a head start on safety this year with the swearing in of their AAA safety patrollers.

Green Run Elementary, and its 450 students, commenced their school year with a safety patrol training session for 10 students, teaching responsibility and dependability along with traffic safety skills. Wearing bright lime green belts and SSP badges, these students patrol the school sidewalks, help the crossing guards, and patrol the halls to help keep other students safe with the assistance of their Safety Patrol Supervisor, Jennifer Schmidt.



On an average day at Green Run Elementary, a safety patroller encourages students to stay on the sidewalk, not run into the streets, and sometimes even keep them from tripping over their shoelaces! This is all to ensure that they get to and from school safely. Safety patrollers are trained to spot oncoming vehicles and judge when it would be safe to cross. It gives parents and caregivers a great comfort knowing that the safety patrol will be there to keep their loved ones safe.

For more than 90 years, AAA Tidewater Virginia has sponsored School Safety Patrols in schools across the Hampton Roads area by supplying training materials, recognition programs for service, and patrol equipment, including the iconic patroller badge and belt. AAA is dedicated to educating, training and raising the level of traffic and travel safety awareness.

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