

Press Release

METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON AIRPORTS AUTHORITY

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Airports Authority Starts New Safety Service Patrol to Assist Motorists on the Dulles Toll Road and Dulles Airport Access Highway

The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority now provides a new Safety Service Patrol, a free service to assist motorists on the Dulles Toll Road and the Dulles Airport Access Highway.

The Safety Service Patrol is available Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and weekends from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and offers the following services:

- Fixing flat tires
- Providing emergency gas for an empty tank
- Jumpstarting a dead battery
- Removing disabled vehicles from travel lanes
- Assisting with traffic control at accident scenes

The Safety Service Patrol operates large white trucks clearly labeled with a blue “Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority” sign on the door and “Safety Service Patrol” along the side of the truck. The vehicles are equipped with large directional arrows that light up to indicate when a traffic lane is blocked.

Stranded motorists may dial #77 from their mobile phones to request assistance. Virginia State Police established this special phone number for stranded motorists. Calls placed to #77 from the Dulles Toll Road or the Dulles Airport Access Highway will be dispatched to the Airports Authority’s Safety Service Patrol. To help safety patrollers to better locate them, motorists should note the nearest landmark or mile marker when placing the call.



The Dulles Toll Road (Virginia Route 267) is an 8-lane, 14-mile highway that runs from the Dulles Greenway east to the Capital Beltway (Interstate 495). The Airports Authority assumed responsibility for the daily operation, maintenance and control of the Dulles Toll Road in November 2008. The Dulles Airport Access Highway is a 4-lane highway located in between the eastbound and westbound lanes of the Dulles Toll Road. The Dulles Airport Access Highway is free of charge and is restricted to traffic heading to or from Washington Dulles International Airport.

The Airports Authority formed the Safety Service Patrol as part of its commitment to bring improvements to the Dulles Corridor.

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