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### *2013 - Another Year of Savings for CommuteInfo Poolers*

With 1,288 participants in CommuteInfo's vanpool and carpool programs during 2013, the number of single-occupant vehicles on the region's roads was reduced by 1,001 vehicles each workday.

If each participant's previous round trip to work or school each day was made by driving alone, then over 260,260 fewer vehicle round trips were made by Program participants last year. Or, using an average of a 15 mile one way commute (30 miles round trip), this is a savings of over 7,807,800 vehicle miles traveled.

Each participant saved an average of \$800 just in gas costs during 2013 (assuming 25 miles and \$3.30 per gallon of gas). Combined, the 2013 "pooler" fuel savings was \$1,030,629.

CommuteInfo is looking forward to 2014 and helping even more regional commuters share a ride!

### *CommuteInfo Hiring Ridesharing Coordinator - Outreach Specialist*

The CommuteInfo program is currently looking for a Ridesharing Coordinator - Outreach Specialist to join our team. This position supports, develops and implements the efforts of the CommuteInfo ridesharing program services including the outreach to employers, employees, schools, and the general public to provide information on travel demand management strategies and alternate modes of transportation. The detailed position description can be found on the SPC website: <http://www.spcregion.org/emp.shtml>.

Applicants can send their resume and cover letter to: Ridesharing Coordinator, SPC, Two Chatham Center, Suite 500, 112 Washington Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15219 or E-mail: [hr@spcregion.org](mailto:hr@spcregion.org).

If you know of someone who might be interested in applying for this position, please forward this information to them.

### *Winter Safety Driving Tips*

Winter weather can pose special challenges for motorists. And CommuteInfo wants all your trips to be safe; so we wanted to let you know about some winter safety resources available to you.

The CommuteInfo program provides Street Smarts information and a winter driving webinar on its website. Street Smarts is an educational campaign to provide safety information to commuters. To download the cards, visit the CommuteInfo website page: [http://www.commuteinfo.org/comm\\_safety.shtml](http://www.commuteinfo.org/comm_safety.shtml). The winter weather driving webinar is also available on the CommuteInfo website: [http://www.commuteinfo.org/comm\\_webinar.shtml](http://www.commuteinfo.org/comm_webinar.shtml).

There are also resources available to check road conditions on more than 2,900 miles of state roads before leaving to get on the road, by calling 511 from your phone or by visiting [www.511PA.com](http://www.511PA.com). 511PA is free and available 24 hours a day, provides traffic delay warnings, weather forecasts, average traffic speeds on urban interstates and access to more than 670 traffic cameras.

In addition, PennDOT provides resources on winter preparations and additional winter-driving resources on their "Ready for Winter" website, [www.dot.state.pa.us/winter](http://www.dot.state.pa.us/winter).

*"... I'm in van pool  
No. 137, from  
Latrobe to  
Pittsburgh...I love  
our van pool...I,  
personally, have  
been on the van  
since June 2010.  
Don't know why I  
waited so long to  
join! One of the  
smartest decisions  
I ever made." -  
Sheila G.,  
from Ligonier*

The Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission's CommuteInfo program is designed to increase the number of people who travel to work or school by transit, carpool, vanpool, or bikepool. CommuteInfo operates the region's carpool and vanpool program. The goal is for commuters living, working, or attending school within the 10-county SPC region (including Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Greene, Indiana, Lawrence, Washington and Westmoreland counties) to choose ridesharing at least twice a week. Over 1,250 commuters a day ride in a CommuteInfo carpool or vanpool.

The CommuteInfo program is coordinated in partnership with transportation management associations, transportation providers, businesses, and non-profit service organizations throughout Southwestern Pennsylvania.

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