

How to Become a “Shotgun”

Through the grace of God and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, First Presbyterian Church of Santa Barbara strives to be active in our changing world by ministering to all God’s people

Duties of “Shotguns”:

- There is a signup sheet next to the phone in the workroom where ‘Shotguns’ and ‘Van Drivers’ sign up for the use of van use and scheduling of drivers and shotguns. If you find it is necessary to change the date you have signed up for, please exchange or make arrangements to have the date you signed up for covered by another person.
- Assist in the listening of telephone messages and planning the routing. We meet in the workroom about twenty to thirty minutes before departure time. There is also a van drawer where the keys, notes, maps and miscellaneous items are kept. The number for retrieving the telephone messages from the workroom phone is also kept in this drawer.
- Under the direction of the driver, prepare and check out the church vehicles. They are to be checked out each trip.
- Assist the driver by making phone calls to the prospective passengers about the approximate time of arrival of the van. This sometimes requires teamwork to keep the schedule timely. Safety use of phones is to be observed at all times. There are no cell phones in the vans, so we must have at least one cell phone in each van to make timely calls and to keep each van informed for changes and updates of passengers.
- Help the driver with the wheelchair passengers to enter and have wheelchair brake on, lock down the wheelchair with a 4 point anchor, and passenger strapped in properly. Also help with their departure of the van on the lift.
- Help to secure all walkers for the safety of all passengers
- Assist each passenger on and off the vehicle. This is for the safety of each passenger upon entering and exiting the vehicle. You may need to assist the person to or from their respective door.
- Assist in making sure all passengers use seatbelts properly and fastened. All passengers are required to use seatbelts. Each van does have an extension seatbelt if one is needed.
- Offer candy to the passengers.
- Assist in any emergency as the Drivers and Shotguns are responsible for the safety of all the participants.