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CommuteInfo's New Emergency Ride Home Service Makes Finding a Better Way to Work Even Easier

Pittsburgh – Have you thought about joining a carpool or vanpool, but are worried about what might happen if you need to leave work suddenly to pick up a sick child or take care of an unexpected personal or family emergency? What if your boss asks you to stay late at the last minute and you need a way to get home? CommuteInfo has a new service that can put those concerns to rest and make carpooling and vanpooling more convenient than ever.

Starting January 1, 2006, registered commuters in the CommuteInfo program who also participate in a registered carpool or vanpool are eligible for the new regional Emergency Ride Home service. The Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission's CommuteInfo Program Emergency Ride Home service is designed to provide a contingency option for registered commuters participating in a registered carpool or vanpool in the event of an unexpected personal or family emergency, personal illness, unscheduled overtime, or other eligible event.

“The regional Emergency Ride Home service was developed as a direct response to commuters’ concerns about what they would do in case of an unexpected emergency,” said Lisa Kay Schweyer of the CommuteInfo Program. “CommuteInfo helps commuters connect with vanpools and carpools by suggesting match-ups with fellow travelers, and provides information on transit, walking and biking. Now commuters can feel even more comfortable giving carpooling or vanpooling a try, knowing that this service is available.”

For more information about the Emergency Ride Home service or CommuteInfo, please visit www.commuteinfo.org or call toll free 1-888-819-6110.

CommuteInfo is a program of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission, operated in partnership with transportation management associations, transportation providers, businesses and non-profit service organizations throughout Southwestern PA. The CommuteInfo program is designed to serve as an information clearing house for commuters and employers. The alternatives include transit, carpooling, and vanpooling. The program serves employers and commuters in Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Greene, Indiana, Lawrence, Washington, and Westmoreland counties.

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