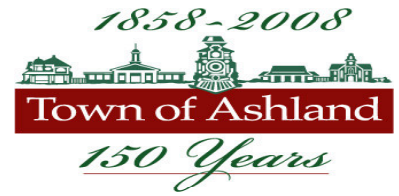




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On Saturday, January 31, 2009, the Ashland Police Department and Hanover County Sheriff's Office hosted a Safe and Sober Teen Driving Event in the Ashland/Hanover Shopping Center.

Officers educated more than 30 teen drivers as to the dangers and consequences of driving impaired. Teen volunteers wore "fatal vision goggles" while maneuvering a golf cart through traffic cones to simulate the effects that alcohol has on a person who operates a motor vehicle under the influence. Officers also offered field sobriety tests to the volunteers after they complete the driving course.

This was a very successful event and a special thanks to the media for covering this important event and to **M**other **A**gainst **D**runk **D**rivers and the Virginia Alcohol Beverage Control Board for providing information for all of the participants who braved the chilly weather Saturday morning.

If you would like more information about this event please contact the Ashland Police Department at (804) 798-1227 or visit us at www.ashlandpolice.us

In 2007, alcohol-impaired-driving crashes accounted for 32 percent of all motor vehicle traffic fatalities. On Super Bowl Sunday (12:01 a.m. Sunday to 5:59 a.m. Monday), 48 percent of the fatalities occurred in crashes where a driver or motorcycle rider had a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) level of .08 or higher.

Designating a sober driver should be on the top of everyone's Super Bowl party list.



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