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Virginia Reaches Highest Safety Belt Usage Rate 74.6 percent of motorists buckle up

RICHMOND, Va.—Recently, five Virginia college students were driving to the beach in a Jeep Cherokee when another vehicle pulled out in front of them. The Jeep swerved violently, causing it to roll over – wheels to wheels.

Nearly all the glass shattered, the back seat broke and there was extensive body damage to the vehicle. However, all five students walked away from the crash. They all had one thing in common: they were all wearing their safety belts.

This past summer, Virginia enjoyed the highest safety belt usage rate ever recorded – 74.6 percent. “Law enforcement mobilizations have been extraordinarily successful at steadily raising the overall safety belt usage rate,” said Vince Burgess, DMV Assistant Commissioner for Transportation Safety. “This year, we directed our educational efforts to one of the most at-risk populations – 18 to 34-year-old males.”

“Through the Click It or Ticket campaign, law enforcement agencies in Virginia conducted zero-tolerance mobilizations to enforce safety belt laws to protect motorists in Virginia against the threat of traffic crashes. These efforts – coupled with paid advertising and the support of government agencies, local coalitions and school officials – have helped us

reach our record safety belt usage rate.”

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, increased safety belt use is the most effective action motorists can take to save lives and prevent injuries on America's roadways. More teenagers and children are killed in motor vehicle crashes than from any other cause. And, motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for people from four through 33 years of age.

Across the U.S., seat belt use has increased dramatically since the mid-1980s, jumping from a mere 15 percent in 1984 to today's record rate of 75 percent. But although many people buckle up every time they get into a motor vehicle, many others wait until they get on a highway or start a long trip.

In Virginia, persons stopped for a traffic violation can receive a ticket if they or their children are not using safety belts or child safety seats. According to NHTSA, safety belts reduce the risk of fatal injury to front seat passengers by 45 percent.

Remember to buckle up this summer – and always drive smart, safe and sober. For more information on seat belt use, child passenger safety and traffic safety, visit DMV's web site at www.dmvnow.com.

Testimonial from Lt. R.K. Culpeper, Portsmouth Sheriff's Office, on CIOT

An incident occurred to me just after the CIOT commercial spots stopped running that I would like to share with others. I was on Cavalier Boulevard in Portsmouth, returning from having one of our motorcycles calibrated. I approached the intersection and observed a white work truck with two workers in it. I came to a stop beside them and they were smiling, I smiled back and said “Click It!” They continued smiling and the driver responded back “or Ticket!” They then clicked in their seat belts and we proceeded through the light!

Just an illustration that CIOT works and we are saving lives!



Governor Warner Announces Retirement of Colonel Massengill and Appointment of New State Police Superintendent

Virginia State Police leadership found again within the force

RICHMOND, Va.—Governor Mark R. Warner announced that Colonel W. Gerald Massengill, Superintendent of the Virginia State Police will be retiring effective October 1, 2003. Colonel Massengill ends a 37-year career with the department, having served as the Superintendent since June 22, 2000. The Colonel was originally appointed to the top post by Governor Gilmore and re-appointed by Governor Warner shortly after the Governor took office in January of 2002.

“Colonel Massengill has been an exemplary Superintendent, as well as a valued advisor to me,” said Governor Warner. “Colonel Massengill is truly a leader in every sense of the word and he has served the employees of the Virginia State Police and the citizens of Virginia with honor, dignity, and respect. I have twisted the Colonel’s arm more than once to try to convince him to stay on the job longer, but I respect his decision and wish him well.”

“It has been an honor to serve the Virginia State Police for 37 years,

the last three as Superintendent,” said Colonel Massengill. “I actually made this decision to retire some time ago, but wanted to work with the Governor in determining the date because of the tremendous respect I have for him. It has been my pleasure and honor to serve during his administration.”

Colonel Massengill looks forward to enjoying retirement with his wife, daughter, two sons, and three grandchildren.

Colonel Massengill was hired as a Trooper in 1966. Upon graduation from the State Police Academy, he was assigned to Isle of Wight County. He began his career as a supervisor in 1975 when he was promoted to Sergeant. Colonel Massengill progressed through the ranks, and was promoted to Captain in 1993, commanding the Safety Division. In 1994 he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel, Director of Field Operations. He served in that capacity until being appointed Superintendent.

Governor Warner also announced the appointment of Lieutenant Colonel W. Steve Flaherty to serve as the Department’s Superintendent, effective October 1, 2003. Lieutenant Colonel Flaherty, a 28-year veteran of the State Police, is currently the Director of the Bureau of Administrative and Support Services.

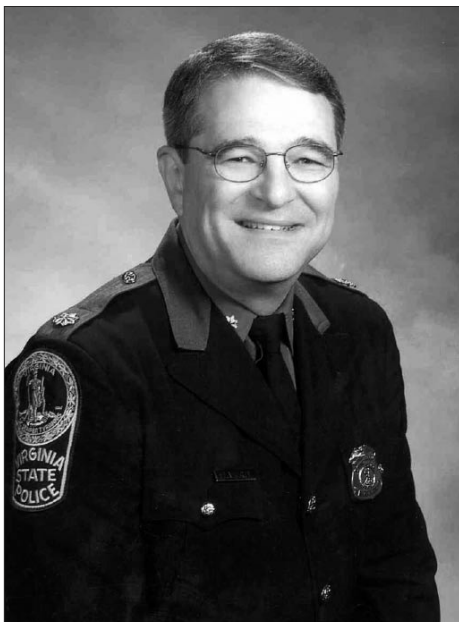
“I have no doubt that Lieutenant Colonel Flaherty will be a terrific Superintendent,” said Governor Warner. “He has a wide range of experience and a wealth of knowledge of the Department and its operations. Colonel Massengill has worked diligently to diversify the department at all levels and Lieutenant Colonel Flaherty understands that must also be his charge. Under his leadership, the citizens of Virginia can rest assured that the Department will continue to be the



Colonel Gerald Massengill retires from the Virginia State Police after 37 years with the department, three of those as Superintendent.

best State Police organization in the country. Lieutenant Colonel Flaherty has my complete confidence and support, and I look forward to working with him.”

Lieutenant Colonel Flaherty began his career as a Trooper in 1975. He served as a Trooper in Stafford County until being promoted to Sergeant and assigned to the Training Academy in 1983. In 1986 he was promoted to First Sergeant, in charge of the Troopers assigned to Wise and Lee Counties. Lieutenant Colonel Flaherty returned to Richmond in 1990 to be a Lieutenant in the Safety Division. In 1994, he was promoted to Captain, serving as the Safety Officer for the Department. He served in that capacity, until being promoted to Major and assigned to Administrative Headquarters as the Deputy Director of the Bureau of Field Operations. In 2002 he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel, the rank that he currently holds.



Lt. Colonel W. Steve Flaherty will take over the reigns as Superintendent, effective October 1, 2003.

What is the Friendship Patrol?

Virginia Beach wants to be known as a community where all people feel comfortable and welcome. The Friendship Patrol is a major opportunity on holiday weekends to help the city put its best foot forward.

Many cities that cater in large part to tourists experience a rush of visitors during the late evening hours who hang around on the streets, spend little money and sometimes intimate others. These folks just want to “see and be seen”. To promote a more friendly and safe walking atmosphere, the City initiated the Friendship Patrol, thanks to Cornell Fuller, a retired U.S. Army Colonel.

The Friendship Patrol is a group of volunteers who serve as ambassadors for the City of Virginia Beach. Volunteers ambassador each holiday weekend, including Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Labor Day Weekend. They walk the oceanfront extending a warm welcome to tourists and local visitors, providing information and encouraging personal decorum in accordance with the City’s Rules of Common Courtesy. Their goal is to help create a welcoming, family friendly atmosphere. Volunteers are usually able to calm a potential situ-

ation or squelch a noise issue. The Patrol has a positive impact on the community, which stimulates economic vitality.

In 2002, with a volunteer base of 300, patrols of two or three individuals patrolled in shifts generally along three to four blocks from 10th to 30th Streets. Shifts ran each evening from 9:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.

Volunteers are recruited from local businesses, civic groups, military and local colleges. Volunteers are mature individuals who are willing to contribute several hours in an effort to improve the environment at the oceanfront. Volunteers are asked to attend a two hour orientation, to wear dark color shorts, white polo shirts and safety vests.

To advertise the program, local businesses display the Friendship Patrol sticker proudly on their storefronts. Volunteers pass out the Friendship Patrol lapel pins. The city paid to erect the Friendship Patrol symbol on Atlantic and Pacific Avenues and side streets along the most heavily congested tourist areas.

For information or if you would like to volunteer, you can contact



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the Friendship Patrol Office within the Convention and Visitors Bureau at (757) 437-4700.



Safety At Sea

As sailors and Marines prepare to set foot ashore to Hampton Roads from the war in Iraq, forces already have state troopers looking out for them.

While at sea, troopers board ships bringing warning about the responsibilities and hazards of being home again. "I don't want to see you losing your life behind the wheel after you've been through so much at sea," said Trooper Jesse F. Dennis, 29, who has twice made the trip to Spain to sail back with returning fleets as part of the Safety at Sea program.

In the weeks after troops returned home from Operation Desert Storm, "we had more servicemen killed" nationally in car crashes than we did in combat," said Sgt. D.S. Carr of the Virginia State Police.

Dennis said the hourlong sessions given to every crew member, are intended to foster good judgment. He tells them to take advantage of a program for a free taxi cab after a night out, which is well deserved.

The program began in 1971 when troopers in Hampton Roads were asked to speak on several carriers. Then, Troopers were flown out five days ahead of the ships' return from Mediterranean

deployments. Afterward, there were fewer traffic crashes involving sailors and Marines. The program has since become a mainstay effort of the state police, and has been expanded. Troopers now fly to Rota, Spain to meet battle groups before they steam across the Atlantic. With two weeks of cruising time, they hop from vessel to vessel across the fleet, conducting 80 to 100 workshops.

Sometimes sailors vehicles have been sitting for months and are not ready for the road, either legally – tags or inspections have expired – or mechanically. Many returning servicemen and women simply try to do too much, too fast, with too little sleep. Sleepy drivers try to maximize 48 hours of shore time and are often mistaken for drunk drivers. Neither of which is safe.

Local and state police want all to be safe and will enforce the traffic safety laws. The Safety at Sea Program helps to review all laws and protect the safety of our American heroes returning home from the war zone.

Portions of this article were extracted from the Steve Stone article "Program aims to prepare sailors for return home"

Available Resource:

PRODUCT TITLE: Tres Maneras de Conservar a un Amigo Vivo (¡ Amigos no Dejan que los Amigos Manejen Borrachos!) / Three Ways to Keep a Friend Alive (Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk!)

REASON FOR DEVELOPMENT: This product was developed to inform Spanish-speaking audiences about the risk of drinking and driving. This brochure, which is in Spanish, lists three steps a friend can take to prevent someone who has been drinking alcohol from driving while impaired. Using these suggestions, injuries and fatalities resulting from alco-

hol-related traffic crashes can be reduced.

FORMAT: This product is a glossy, full-color, 4"x9" six-panel brochure.

TARGET AUDIENCE: This Spanish-language brochure is designed for the Hispanic general public, advocates, health educator, driver educator, program leaders, and consumers.

SUGGESTED MARKETING STRATEGIES / USE: Distribute copies or publicize availability of this document to individuals and organizations involved with the

health and safety issues for Hispanics.

DEVELOPER: NHTSA's Office of Impaired Driving and the Office of Communications and Consumer Information.

HOW TO ORDER: To order a copy of this brochure, fax your request to (301) 386-2194. The brochure will also be available for downloading from the NHTSA web site at www.nhtsa.dot.gov and www.nhtsa.dot.gov/multicultural.

CONTACT: Evelyn Avant at eavant@nhtsa.dot.gov

2003 Border to Border Initiative Successful



PHOTOS BY DON ALLEN, VACP

Law enforcement officers from the Pittsylvania Co. Sheriff's Office, North Carolina Highway Patrol, Danville Police Department, and the Va. Department of ABC worked together at the VA/NC border checkpoint in Pittsylvania County on Route 62.

Border to Border, an enforcement initiative, coordinated Virginia law enforcement agencies with those of bordering states to promote safe driving prior to the Labor Day holiday.

This year, Border to Border, coordinated by the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police, was held on August 28th prior to the long weekend. This event marked the 7th year Virginia had undertaken this type of enforcement initiative. The first effort began in 1997 with Virginia and North Carolina and this year, Virginia combined with West Virginia, Maryland, Kentucky and North Carolina for this initiative.

At the checkpoint sites, motorists were reminded to buckle up and have their children in properly installed restraints and the commercial truck drivers were checked to ensure they were transporting their loads safely and securely.

During the 3-hour checkpoint, 154 law enforcement personnel from 43 departments set up at 18 checkpoints. They reported the following citations issued:

- 32 speeding citations
- 1 reckless driving citation
- 1 child safety seat violation
- 9 child safety belt violations
- 22 safety seats checked for proper installation
- 60 safety belt violations
- 154 other traffic violations
- 71 commercial motor vehicle equipment violations
- 18 overweight commercial motor vehicles
- 28 trucks removed from service
- 7 narcotics violations
- 32 other criminal offenses

Of special interest, 2 stolen vehicles were recovered when the drivers were stopped at the checkpoints. Commercial motor vehicles found to be overweight can yield a hefty fine. One overweight truck was fined over \$39,500. Trucks are taken out of service for brake failure or worn tires, items that can seriously hamper a truck from being driven safely on the roadways.

Compared with checkpoints in 2002, more people had their children buckled up and riding in child safety seats this year and there were no DUI's reported, which shows that traffic safety programs are working.

Conducting these types of traffic stops enhance the safety of the motoring public. Border to Border demonstrates to the public that highway safety doesn't stop at the borders.



The Border to Border initiative drew plenty of interest from local television media at each of the checkpoints.

U.S. Traffic Deaths Increase; Injuries Fall

WASHINGTON (AP)—Highway deaths reached the highest level in 12 years in 2002, but the number of injuries dropped to a historic low, according to new government statistics.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said Thursday that 42,815 people died in auto accidents in 2002, an increase of 1.5% from 2001. At the same time, the number of injuries dropped, from 3.03 million in 2001 to 2.92 million in 2002. NHTSA said the differences may be explained by safer vehicles and more people wearing seat belts, leading to fewer injuries in lower-speed crashes. People wore seat belts about 75% of the time in 2002.

Jonathan Adkins, a spokesman for the Governors Highway Safety Association, added that more people are driving more miles than ever, and that the number of deaths per miles traveled has remained relatively constant.

Adkins said the statistics will need more research. "There's still a lot about highway safety we don't know," he said. Fatalities in rollover crashes accounted for 82% of the increase in 2002, NHTSA said. The agency said 10,666 people died in rollover crashes, up 5% from 2001. The number of people killed in sport utility vehicle rollovers increased 14%, NHTSA said. Officials remained frustrated by the high number of deaths caused by drunken drivers. Alcohol-related fatalities accounted for 41% of the total number of deaths, or 17,419. That was up slightly from 17,400 deaths in 2001.

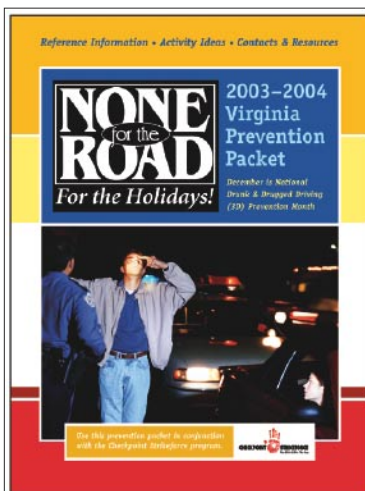
Fifty-nine percent of those killed in accidents also weren't wearing seat belts, NHTSA said. In a meeting with employees from NHTSA and other safety agencies Wednesday, Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta said his priority for the next 18 months will be reducing traffic deaths and injuries.

"Once and for all we must resolve the national epidemic on our highways," Mineta said. He said a first step would be passing laws requiring seat belt use in every state. Right now, only eighteen states and the District of Columbia have primary belt laws, which allow police to pull over motorists for failing to wear a seat belt. NHTSA statistics also showed:

- Motorcycle fatalities increased for the fifth year in a row, to 3,244. It was the smallest increase in that five-year period, but NHTSA said it was concerned that a rising number of deaths are riders 50 and older;
- Fatalities from large truck crashes dropped from 5,111 in 2001 to 4,897 in 2002;
- Fatalities among children ages 7 and younger dropped to a historic low of 968, from 1,059 in 2001;
- Pedestrian deaths declined 1.9% to 4,808;
- In side-impact crashes between cars and light trucks, including SUVs, the occupants of the car were 20.8 times more likely to be killed. In head-on collisions, the car occupants were 3.3 times more likely to be killed.

The USDOT issued their final counts on year 2002 traffic fatalities. The good news is that NHTSA reduced their previously issued totals for alcohol-related fatalities from 17,970 to 17,419 for year 2002, and from 17,448 to 17,400 for year 2001.

Possibly, this change reflects a recalculation using their statistical procedures that impute alcohol involvement. The bad news is that alcohol-related deaths are still up slightly from 2001 to 2002 – from 17,400 to 17,419. This marks the third year in-a-row that AR fatalities have increased. Alcohol-related fatalities constitute 41% of all traffic deaths.



None for the Road – A Year-Round Campaign

The fight to combat drunk driving is a 12-month challenge. Please join us this year to combat impaired driving. You can help by participating in Virginia's "None for the Road for the Holidays" campaign.

You can order the "None for the Road" Prevention Packet to help enhance your local efforts. To get your copy, e-mail your name and mailing address to the Education Section of the Virginia Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control at education@abc.state.va.us or fax your request to (804) 213-4457. You can also download a copy from the web site at www.abc.state.va.us

Remember to make it "None for the Road" during the holiday season and throughout the year!

Virginia Begins Long-term Targeting of Drunk Drivers

by the Associated Press

Police across the state have begun a long-term program of intensified weekly dragnets set to snare inebriated motorists, particularly serial drunken drivers and those with extraordinary levels of alcohol in their blood.

Paired with legislation Gov. Mark R. Warner will offer next year, the consequences stand to become far tougher for people who go directly from the bar stool to the driver's seat. "If you drink and drive, we – the law enforcement community of Virginia – are going to be looking for you," State Police Superintendent Col. W. Gerald Massengill said Wednesday at a news conference set in the Henrico County Jail recreation yard where coils of razor wire bristle from the high brick walls.

The new offensive will sustain the sort of crackdowns usually reserved for major travel holidays in hopes of reversing a climb in car crashes tied to drinking – a trend on the rebound after tough measures 10 years ago reduced alcohol-related accidents and deaths.

Virginia's 375 traffic fatalities related to drunken driving in 2002 were the highest since 1994, and up from 358 in 2001, according to the state Department of Motor

Vehicles. In the past 20 years, deaths attributable to driving under the influence of alcohol has ranged from a high of 535 in 1990 to a low of 302 in 1997.

"Unfortunately, the facts are that after a number of years of declining fatalities from drunk driving we're seeing those numbers creep back up," Warner said.

The increase in roadblocks is part of a package recommended by a panel Warner appointed last year to study ways to reverse the increase in drunk driving. It includes legislative proposals that would reinstate a form of the Habitual Offender Act and lower the blood-alcohol content threshold for subjecting drivers to harsher penalties.

The Habitual Offender Act was repealed in 1999 and replaced with a law that makes a third DUI conviction a felony. Restoring it would allow courts to declare people repeatedly arrested for driving drunk as habitual offenders, a distinction the administration believes will act as a deterrent.

People with blood-alcohol levels of 0.08 or more are arrested for driving under the influence in Virginia, taken to jail and booked. Their

driver's licenses are suspended. Total costs, counting attorneys fees, fines and higher car insurance, totals about \$6,000, Massengill said.

Those with blood-alcohol levels of 0.20, however, are subject to even harsher punishment and courts can intervene more forcefully to require treatment. Warner's legislation would reduce that threshold to 0.15, a level that would be the nation's strictest.

Reminders of the drunk-driving crackdown will be as close as the car radio. The state has sent public service ads to 52 radio stations statewide, including a Spanish-language version.

One, with a "Twilight Zone" theme playing softly in the background, has a Rod Serling sound-alike warning, "Your imagination races ahead - to your arrest, court appearance, losing your license. Life as you know it is suddenly altered. Your next stop: the checkpoint zone."

Another, a parody of MasterCard's familiar spots, gets right to the bottom line: "Cost of a good drunk-driving lawyer, \$1,500. Check you'll have to write to cover your fine, \$1,000. Car insurance jump, \$1,500. Loss of your driver's license? Priceless."



Traffic Safety Calendar

October	November
6 – 10 Drive Safely Work Week	3 Final Vouchers Due
7 Non-Profit Training – University of Richmond	17 – 12/1 Click It or Ticket Mobilization
9 Smooth Operator Awards Luncheon – University of Maryland	18 – 19 Military/Civilian Transportation Safety Workshop – Ft. Eustis
10 Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day	24 – 30 Operation ABC Mobilization
15 Final Project Monitoring Reports Due	26 – 30 Operation CARE and National Holiday Lifesavers Weekend
19 – 25 National School Bus Safety Week	
28 – 29 Traffic Records Conference – Richmond	
	December
	9 – 1/4 You Drink & Drive. You Lose. Mobilization

2002 Virginia Law Enforcement Challenge Winners

This year, 46 Virginia agencies entered both the Virginia Law Enforcement Challenge and the National Chiefs' Challenge, and many of them will be recognized as national winners at the IACP Annual Conference in

Philadelphia this October. The Virginia Law Enforcement Challenge has been such a success in promoting traffic safety that now seven other states have conducted their own state challenge programs. Of those seven

Municipal Categories				
<i>Organization Name</i>	<i># of Sworn Officers</i>	<i>Category</i>	<i>Placement</i>	<i>Notes</i>
West Point PD	9	Municipal 1 (1-25 Officers)	1	3rd place, National Challenge – Category: 1-10 Sworn Officers
Hillsville PD	11			
Smithfield PD	18		3	
Vinton PD	20		2	
South Boston PD	27	Municipal 2 (26-50 Officers)		
Pulaski PD	28		2	
Culpeper PD	30		3	
Front Royal PD	37			
Vienna PD	40			
Christiansburg PD	45		1	tied for 2nd place, National Challenge – Category: 26-50 Sworn Officers
Waynesboro PD	50			
Blacksburg PD	54	Municipal 3 (51-150 Officers)		
Herndon PD	54			
Leesburg PD	61		1	3rd place, National Challenge – Category: 51-100 Sworn Officers
Salem PD	63		2	
Fairfax City PD	65			
James City County PD	72		3	Rookie Award
Lynchburg PD	150			
Roanoke City PD	247	Municipal 4 (151-400 Officers)	1	3rd place, National Challenge – Category: 101-250 Sworn Officers
Hampton PD	276		2	1st place, National Challenge – Category: 251-500 Sworn Officers
Chesapeake PD	325		3	
Arlington County PD	344			
Chesterfield County PD	413	Municipal 5 (401-750 Officers)	2	
Prince William County PD	419		3	
Newport News PD	421		1	
Henrico County PD	488			
Virginia Beach PD	773	Municipal 6 (750+ Officers)	2	1st place, National Challenge – Category: 501-1,000 Sworn Officers
Fairfax County PD	1297		1	Speed Awareness Award; 1st place, National Challenge – Category: 1,001-2,000 Sworn Officers

states, Virginia leads with sixteen National winners – almost one in every category! (Florida comes in second with thirteen National winners.) In one National category, Virginia sheriff's offices took first, second, and third place!

For the fourth year in a row, the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police won first place in the National Challenge State Association category, edging out the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police. Congratulations to all of the winners!



Sheriff's Categories				
<i>Organization Name</i>	<i># of Sworn Officers</i>	<i>Category</i>	<i>Placement</i>	<i>Notes</i>
King William County SO	16	Sheriff 1 (1-25 Deputies)	2	1st place, National Challenge – Category: 11-25 Sworn Deputies
New Kent County SO	25		1	
Wythe County SO	27	Sheriff 2 (25-50 Deputies)	1	1st place, National Challenge – Category: 26-50 Sworn Deputies
Fauquier County SO	98	Sheriff 3 (51-150 Deputies)	2	Child Passenger Safety Award; 1st place, National Challenge – Category: 51-100 Sworn Deputies
Montgomery County SO	98		1	
Stafford County SO	125		1	Occupant Protection Award; 1st place, National Challenge – Category: 101-250 Sworn Deputies
Hanover County SO	153	Sheriff 4 (151-400 Deputies)	1	2nd place, National Challenge Category: 101-250 Sworn Deputies
Rockingham County SO	155		2	3rd place, National Challenge – Category: 101-250 Sworn Deputies
Loudoun County SO	370			

College/University Category				
<i>Organization Name</i>	<i># of Sworn Officers</i>	<i>Category</i>	<i>Placement</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Old Dominion University PD	31	University	3	
Virginia Tech PD	36		1	Youth Alcohol Prevention Award; 1st place, National Challenge – Category: Universities
University of Virginia PD	50		2	tied for 3rd place, National Challenge – Category: Universities

State Police Category				
<i>Organization Name</i>	<i># of Sworn Officers</i>	<i>Category</i>	<i>Placement</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Virginia State Police Div. V	137	State Police	2	
Virginia State Police Div. II	139		1	
Virginia State Police Div. III	140			
Virginia State Police Div. VI	167		3	

For a complete list of National Chiefs Challenge winners, visit <http://www.chiefschallenge.org>.

Congratulations to the 2002 Law Enforcement Challenge Winners!



AAA Announcement Regarding the CPS Certification Program

Over the past five years, the CPS Certification Program has grown beyond all expectations. To date over 30,000 technicians and 1,500 instructors have been trained nationally. During this time, AAA has served as the certifying body providing certifications and support services for the national program.

As you know, NHTSA, the CPS Board, in partnership with GHSA have been working to support the states in improving the efficiency of the processes and procedures of the overall program.

While this process has been going on, AAA has been reviewing

its internal programs and priorities to assess its future direction. Based on this review, AAA recently notified NTSA that effective December 31, 2003, they will no longer serve as the certifying body for the national CPS certification program. They will provide support and assist in transitioning the program to another certifying agency.

To ensure a smooth transition to another organization and to maintain the quality and effectiveness of the program, we have initiated discussion with those organizations represented on the National Child Passenger Safety Board that have

injury prevention and children's safety as part of their mission and who have been involved with the implementation of the training program at various levels.

We anticipate a seamless transition and will provide additional details over the next several weeks. In the interim, the certifying process will continue as is with no break in service.

Please feel free to contact Carole S. Guzzetta at 202-366-3665 or cguzzetta@nhtsa.dot.gov for additional information. Also, beginning July 1, the CPS Board will provide on-going updates at their website: www.cpsboard.org.

Washington Regional Alcohol Program's SoberRide Program

from *The Northern Virginia Journal* (7-7-03)

July 4th landed on a warm, sunny Friday this year, bringing out the masses to watch fireworks on the National lawn, enjoy backyard barbecues, and visit area parks.

This year's Independence Day SoberRide campaign potentially prevented a record 455 of these partygoers from getting behind the wheel. This breaks down to a would-be drunk driver being removed off our roadways every one and a half minutes, during the 12 hour running time. This astonishing rate is more than double the totals from the last two Independence Day campaigns and has raised the total number of rides since 1993 to 22,667.

Participating taxicab companies, which made this effort possible, include: Alexandria Yellow Cab; Barwood; Fairfax Yellow Cab; Loudoun Yellow Cab; Manassas Cab Company; Red Top Cab; Silver Cab of Prince George's County; Taxi Transportation Services; and Yellow Cab of Prince William County

Thanks to all of you who made this life-saving service possible. A special thanks to Red Top Cab who did a great job answering all those calls!

For more information on SoberRide and this event, contact Emily Detitta at either (703) 893-0461 or at emily@wrap.org regarding this successful and award-winning public safety initiative.

2002 Quick Facts About Virginia

General Facts:

- 913 persons were killed, a 2.35% decrease from 2001.
- 78,896 persons were injured, a 1.61% decrease from 2001.
- 147,737 traffic crashes were reported, a 2.18% increase from 2001.
- There were 5,182,497 licensed drivers, a 1.61% increase from 2001.
- There were 75,268,000,000 estimated vehicle miles traveled, a 6.44% decrease from 2001.*
- There were 6,659,560 registered vehicles, a 2.60% increase from 2001.

Alcohol-Related Facts:

- ⚔ 375 persons were killed in alcohol-related crashes, a 4.75% increase from 2001.**
- ⚔ 8,465 persons were injured in alcohol-related crashes, a 3.09% increase from 2001.
- ⚔ 45 teenagers, aged 15-19, were killed in alcohol-related crashes, 4.93% of the total (913) traffic fatalities.
- ⚔ 1,095 teenagers, aged 15-19, were injured in alcohol-related crashes, 1.39% of the total (78,896) traffic injuries.
- ⚔ 27,338 persons were tested with blood alcohol content (BAC) of .08% or greater a 4.00% decrease from 2001.
- ⚔ The average BAC of tested drinking drivers was .1382. ***
- ⚔ Of those convicted for DUI, 83.42% were male and 16.15% were female.
- ⚔ 27,322 persons were convicted of DUI, 2.57% decrease from 2001.

NOTES:

* Mileage from 1993-2001 was calculated using gasoline consumption; starting in 2002 annual vehicle miles of travel will be based on vehicle count using a program developed by the Virginia Department of Transportation's Traffic Monitoring System.

** Medical examiner data used in addition to police reports to determine alcohol-related status.

*** This includes an average of both breath and blood tests.

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