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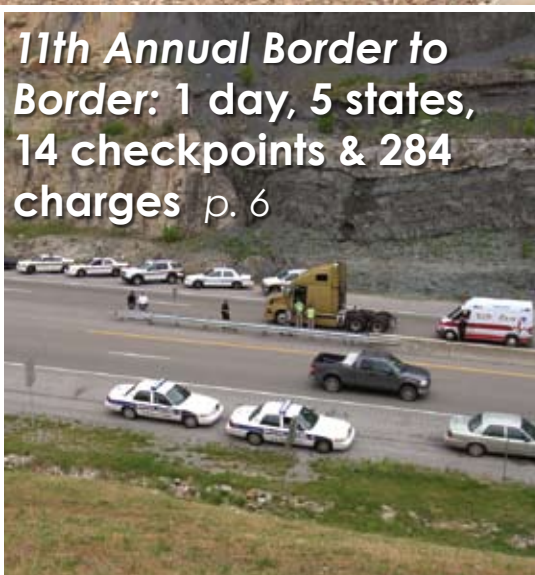
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# We Are Making a Difference!

May 2007 Click It or Ticket Mobilization results in increased safety belt usage rate

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Virginia's official safety belt usage rate has improved to 79.9 percent, an increase over the 78.6 percent usage rate recorded a year ago, according to the Virginia Transportation Safety Research Council at the University of Virginia. The most significant growth in the safety belt rate is in the more than 30 targeted communities where education and enforcement efforts were prioritized. Those communities recorded an 11 percent increase, which contributed significantly to the overall usage rate increase.

This tremendous success can be attributed to the hard work of our state and local law enforcement agencies that participated in the 2007 Click It or Ticket May Mobilization. Our latest figures show that Virginia law enforcement officers wrote a total of 111,361 summonses statewide during the mobilization.

The media coverage generated statewide by the outstanding enforcement effort, coupled with the distribution of materials, helped create a comprehensive and intense public education campaign that blanketed the Commonwealth. The May mobilization generated 49 television news stories, 112 radio news stories, 94 press conferences and news releases, 2,474 school activities, and the distribution of 2,558

posters and window clings. Sixty-seven child safety seat checks also were conducted during the mobilization to help secure child passengers and better educate the adults who are responsible for their safe transportation. There was an array of media tools in use, including billboards, company signs, and ads by car dealers that included the Click It or Ticket message. We even received a report of an actual cow with the Click It or Ticket message stenciled on it!

The *Click It or Ticket: Next Generation* project is progressing well and we are hopeful for participation in more localities across the state. Virginia has been selected by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) as one of three

states in the nation (in addition to Pennsylvania and Iowa) to determine whether utilizing three additional "mini-mobilizations" will increase seat belt usage. Additionally, NHTSA will be providing media support in the form of television, radio and cable public service announcements. DRIVE SMART® Virginia will fill your requests for more materials in support of these additional mobilizations and DMV Program Managers have been given a limited amount of funding to support additional overtime toward this effort. Mark your calendars now for **November 18-25** and **March 13-22, 2008** to plan to participate in these mini-mobilizations. Together, we are all helping to save lives on Virginia's highways.

Citations	Total Written
Seatbelt	7,030
Child Safety Seat	1,250
Speed	31,094
Reckless Driving	2,655
DUI/DUID	1,133
Underage Drinking	193
Stolen Vehicles Recovered	71
Felony Arrests	930
Weapons Seized	57
Fugitives Apprehended	137
Suspended/Revoked	5,497
Uninsured Motorists	240
Drug Arrests	760
Other	45,523



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## Virginia Law Enforcement Mobilizes In Statewide Sobriety Checkpoint Blitz

**2006 spike in local alcohol-related traffic fatalities signals warning**

(August 28, 2007) RICHMOND, Va. — In preparation for countless Virginian motorists hitting the highways for the long Labor Day weekend — historically the third deadliest drunk driving holiday of the year — Checkpoint Strikeforce launched a five-month statewide campaign to raise public awareness about drunk driving. Attorney General Robert McDonnell helped kick off the million-dollar campaign atop an overpass of one of Virginia's main arteries, Interstate 95.

State and local data was analyzed at the launch event and indicated a 16-percent increase in alcohol-related traffic fatalities in Virginia in 2006. In 2006, Virginia had 374 fatalities and 7,543 injuries in alcohol-related crashes. Despite this data increase, there has been a trend of decreased fatalities over the past five years, and since the 2002 debut of Virginia's Checkpoint Strikeforce campaign. (Virginia saw more than a 14-percent decline between 2002 and 2005 in drunk driving deaths.) The increases in 2006 are a startling contrast to the significant strides made in recent years to combat drinking and driving via Checkpoint Strikeforce and other initiatives.

This rise should serve to remind not only law enforcement and government officials, but also the public that eliminating drunk driving is an ongoing struggle and everyone must remain vigilant. In 2006, 29,595 persons were convicted of driving under the influence (DUI) — a five percent increase from 2005, according to the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles Highway Safety Office (DMV). To put this sobering figure into perspective, this translates into someone being found guilty of drunk driving every 19 minutes in the Commonwealth over the course of the year.

"Last year should be a wake up call for Virginia about drunk driving. It should remind us all that drunk driving remains a serious problem on our roadways," said Attorney General Robert McDonnell. "The fight to eliminate drunk driving is far from over

and we will continue to prosecute drivers that endanger others by failing to act responsibly."

Throughout the rest of 2007, Virginia law enforcement agencies will hold a minimum of one sobriety checkpoint and or saturation patrol every week across the state. Through the utilization of these anti-DUI enforcement efforts, the statewide campaign works to keep impaired drivers off Virginia's roadways. Studies performed for the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety show that sobriety checkpoints can reduce alcohol-related crashes by as much as 20-percent. Deploying sobriety checkpoints and patrols when and where drunk driving is most likely to occur both deters motorists from driving under the influence and arrests those who do.

Virginians are also seeing the difference and supporting checkpoints. A July 2007 public opinion survey of 700 Virginia drivers, conducted for Checkpoint Strikeforce by the Richmond-based polling firm MWR Strategies, found that 89-percent of drivers support the anti-DUI initiative. Moreover, nearly three-quarters of Virginia drivers surveyed perceive drunk drivers as a dangerous threat with the majority (71-percent) saying drunk drivers are among the most serious dangers they face on the road.

In addition to sobriety checkpoints and patrols, Virginia's Checkpoint Strikeforce campaign is employing ads in combination with other statewide outreach efforts in a robust \$1,000,000 effort to remind citizens of the many dangers and consequences of impaired driving. Throughout the next several months, nearly 25,000 radio and television spots will run throughout the Commonwealth and will target the most feared result (77-percent) of drunk drivers, killing or injuring someone. The campaign is supported locally by a grant from the Virginia DMV.

Listen to the ads and get more information on the campaign at <http://www.checkpointstrikeforce.net/educate.html>.

# Border to Border 2007

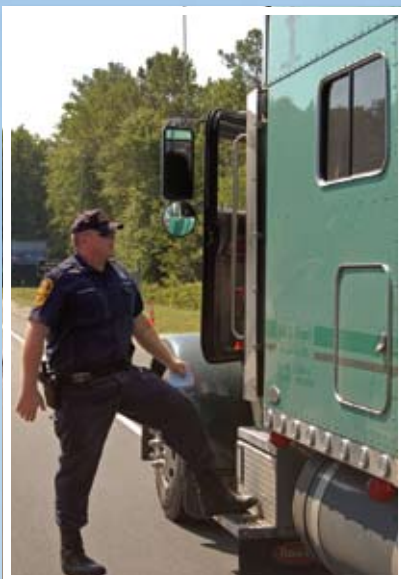
2007 marked the eleventh year of the "Border to Border" event, which brings law enforcement agencies in Virginia to its state borders to work with law enforcement agencies in adjoining states. The Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police annually coordinates the Border to Border project, which continues to be a success. "This project is not only about tickets and arrests but also about contacts with the public to keep them aware of our concern for traffic safety during the Labor Day weekend," stated Don Allen, VACP Law Enforcement Liaison and state coordinator for the annual project.

This year, there were 14 different checkpoints in 13 counties with border locations sufficient to check traffic with our neighboring states' law enforcement officers. Traffic checkpoints were held on August 30th from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the state border in Alleghany, Giles, Lee, Tazewell, Bland, Wise, Patrick, Carroll, Pittsylvania, Chesapeake, Accomack, Grayson and Rockingham counties. Virginia law enforcement officers worked with sister state law enforcement officers from

Maryland, West Virginia, Kentucky and North Carolina. Fifty-three different police agencies from Virginia and our bordering states participated in Border to Border, with a total of 214 officers working together at our fourteen checkpoints. Officers this year had to deal with the heat instead of the heavy rain they battled with last year when Hurricane Ernesto came through Virginia. Each location reported success and coordinators for the checkpoints stated that the majority of the motorists stopped expressed appreciation that they were out in force to remind drivers to obey traffic laws.

Regrettably, during this year's project an officer was struck and seriously injured. The North Carolina officer, with the Camden County Sheriff's Department, was setting up traffic cones on U.S. Route 17 at the border with Chesapeake when he was struck by an inattentive driver. Contacts with the agency indicate that he will indeed fully recover with time and medical attention. "Our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family during his recovery period," stated Don Allen.





*Accomack County Checkpoint*



*Accomack County Checkpoint at the VA-MD border on the Eastern Shore.*



*Wise County Checkpoint*



*Wise County (VA-KY border) Checkpoint*



<b>Charges Reported During Border to Border 2007</b>	
Fugitive Arrests	3
Speeding	56
Narcotics	9
Reckless Driving	1
Other Criminal Violations	23
Driving Impaired—DUI/DUID	1
Vehicle Equipment	74
Other Traffic Violations	38
Child Restraint Violations	8
Adult Restraints	24
Commercial Equipment	22
CPS Inspections (Parent Education)	9
Commercial Vehicles Removed	3
Commercial Overweight	13



*Participating officers from the Wise County checkpoint at the VA-KY border.*

## Henrico Police, Richmond Area Law Enforcement Kick-Off New School Year with Operation S.U.D.S.



**Building on the success of last year's initiative, the department is launching a new, multi-faceted operation to attack underage alcohol abuse — and this year they're joining forces with their neighboring agencies for a regional impact.**

The County of Henrico, Division of Police is excited to announce that the underage alcohol initiatives that began back in September of 2006 were a huge success. Henrico Police Chief Henry W. Stanley, Jr. identified it as a problem and made it a priority. Chief Stanley said, "If we can save even one young life, then all the effort is worthwhile".

To date we have placed over four hundred charges for underage possession or consumption of alcohol and over one thousand total arrests during our multi-disciplined attack on this problem. Through such operations as "Party Crashers", "Brew Thru", directed DUI patrols and a huge educational and Media blitz, we believe we have made a difference. During prom, spring break, beach week and graduation, we did not lose any young lives in this area as a result of underage alcohol consumption.

As part of the plan, we evaluated our progress and we are going to keep the pressure on in the future. Our new operation dubbed, Operation S.U.D.S. (Stop Underage Drinking & Sales), will be a continuation of our multi-faceted attack on

this problem. This continued emphasis will coincide with the beginning of the new school year.

A new addition to the plan will be a region-wide effort with other area law enforcement agencies teaming up to attack this problem. We have been contacted by numerous law enforcement agencies to use our program as a model to take back to their departments to combat the problem of underage alcohol possession or consumption.

The Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Enforcement Unit, Virginia State Police, Chesterfield Police, Richmond Police, Hanover Sheriff's Office, Goochland Sheriff's Office and New Kent Sheriff's Office have signed on to work together in a regional effort to fight this problem. These agencies have already been independently attacking this problem. By joining together we can show a united front against it.

The Hanover County Sheriff's Office is going to continue their ongoing strategies of directed DUI patrols, sobriety checkpoints and Operation Sticker Shock in cooperation with the Hanover ICARE

coalition, the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission, Hanover County Public Schools and Hanover County businesses. In addition, enforcement will also focus on the Underage Buyers Program, the Kill the Keg Program. Other area agencies will be continuing their efforts and programs while working together and sharing information. Chief Stanley said, "I am always impressed by the way that the law enforcement agencies in this area cooperate".

The anonymous tip line (804) 614-2923 (2923 = 2Y2D = 2 young 2 drink) will still be available twenty-four hours a day. This tip line was made possible through a generous contribution from Brown Distributing Company that is located here in Henrico County. Now the tip line will be available to anyone in the region to report underage alcohol violations. If a call is received regarding another jurisdiction then Henrico will pass this information on to the appropriate agency immediately.

Our goal is to keep our young citizens safe, and by working together towards a common goal, we believe we can accomplish this.

### Operation "Call The Ball" Red Light Special

Henrico Police Officers from Uniform Operations Day, Evening, and Midnight watches conducted an Operation "Call The Ball" Red Light Special in the intersection of West Broad Street and Glenside Drive on Thursday, September 13. The operation began at 1500 hours and concluded at 1800 hours. As a result of the operation, the following summonses were issued:

- 36 red light violations
- 4 expired state inspections
- 1 seat belt violation
- 1 expired license plate
- 1 equipment violation
- 1 fail to notify DMV of an address change





# Chesterfield County Targets Underage Drinking

*Zero-tolerance effort results in 150 arrests over 7 weeks*



**A Chesterfield County police crackdown on underage drinking during the prom and high school graduation season has resulted in the arrests of 150 people under the age of 21.**

(June 21, 2007) A Chesterfield County police crackdown on underage drinking during the prom and high school graduation season has resulted in the arrests of 150 people under the age of 21.

Police filed 162 charges during a seven-week enforcement effort dubbed "Operation Prom Night," which began May 1 and ended Friday. Nearly 50 percent of the charges were for unlawful purchase or possession of alcohol, police said.

The effort was designed to curb alcohol-related offenses during the traditional prom and high school graduation season, which typically corresponds with a spike in underage drinking.

"We wanted to make a point with this, and we wanted people to see how severe it was," said Chesterfield police Lt. Terry Patterson. "First and foremost, we wanted to try not to have any traffic fatalities or anything related to alcohol-related crashes during the prom season."

In Hanover County, sheriff's deputies made 16 arrests early yesterday at a party involving underage drinking at a Mechanicsville home.

In Henrico County, the police division's Party Crashers unit, which focuses on underage drinking at homes, arrested six juveniles and three adults — all teenagers — Friday night at a residence in the 8800 block of Patterson Avenue in western Henrico.

The Hanover arrests resulted from a 3 a.m. call to the sheriff's office about a suspicious vehicle. Deputies responded and heard and saw signs of an outdoor party in the 7400 block of Lexington Drive, said Hanover Lt. Darrell Stanley.

The discovery led to 13 people being charged with underage possession of alcohol. Police also issued one drunk-in-public charge, one charge of carrying a concealed weapon and one charge of possessing a controlled substance.

Officers are still investigating whether any adults provided alcohol to the minors,

as appears to be the case with another party in Hanover last week, Stanley said.

In Chesterfield, the department instructed its officers to take a zero-tolerance approach to alcohol-related offenses, Patterson said. People under the legal drinking age of 21 were the focus.

Normally, officers have the discretion to seek "alternatives other than arrest" when encountering teens with alcohol, such as calling their parents to pick them up, Patterson said. But officers were instructed to make arrests without exception during the enforcement effort, he added.

*"We wanted to make a point with this, and we wanted people to see how severe it was. First and foremost, we wanted to try not to have any traffic fatalities or anything related to alcohol-related crashes during the prom season."*

**Lt. Terry Patterson  
Chesterfield County Police**

Officers made the arrests during the normal course of their duties as they responded to calls for service, Patterson said. "We didn't use traffic checkpoints or anything like that."

When police received reports of parties causing a disturbance, they would send more officers than normal in case they found juveniles abusing alcohol.

In addition to 76 charges for illegal use or purchase of alcohol as part of the seven-week campaign, Chesterfield police filed 63 charges for disorderly

conduct, seven for public intoxication, six for driving under the influence, three for contributing to the delinquency of a minor, two each for obstruction of justice and resisting arrest, and one each for providing alcohol to a minor, possession of alcohol in a public place and use of profane or abusive language.

Yesterday's party bust in Hanover was the second of its kind in a week.

Last Thursday, deputies went to a home in the 8000 block of Kerrick Trace in Mechanicsville after receiving an anonymous telephone call about a party with underage drinking.

Eight people were charged with underage possession of alcohol. Further investigation led to charges against two adults for providing alcohol to underage individuals.

The homeowner, Pamela Maynard, 35, was charged with five counts of providing alcohol to a person under 21 and three counts of contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Jessie Weber, 19, of the 1500 block of Forest Run Drive in Henrico was charged with four counts of providing alcohol to a person under 21 and three counts of contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Though he remembers a time when officers would pour alcohol out on the side of the road and call the parents, Stanley said Hanover takes a zero-tolerance standpoint on underage drinking.

"We're in a society now that it's such a serious matter that we are in a position where we are forced to arrest these children and address it through the court system," Stanley said. "I don't know sometimes if they understand how serious a matter this is."

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# Operation Air, Land & Speed VII Nets Record Number of Summonses, Arrests on I-95, I-81 & I-77

## Zero Fatalities on Targeted Interstates During Traffic Safety Campaign

RICHMOND—The saturation of Interstate 81, Interstate 95 and the southern portion of Interstate 77 on Friday and Saturday, June 22-23, 2007, by Virginia State Police resulted in a total of 7,092 summonses and arrests statewide – the most generated since the first four-day operation launched last July.

On I-81, state police stopped 2,110 speeders, including commercial vehicles, and cited 304 reckless drivers. On I-95 troopers cited 1,660 passenger and commercial vehicles for speeding and 638 reckless drivers. On I-77 from Wytheville to the North Carolina border, 154 speeders were stopped and 24 reckless drivers cited by state police. Average speeds cited on the interstates ranged from 78 mph to 80 mph.

The enhanced enforcement effort resulted in 120 adult and child restraint violations being cited on I-81. On I-95, there were 130 child restraint violations cited by state police. Seven safety belt citations were issued on I-77.

Troopers took a total of 10 drunk drivers off all three interstates as part of the initiative. Three were arrested on I-81, six were arrested on I-95 and one on I-77. In addition, troopers made 20 drug and felony arrests between the three targeted interstates.

There were no fatal traffic crashes on any of the three heavily-traveled corridors and overall traffic crashes were at a minimum throughout the operation. The June 22 and June 23, 2007, traffic safety effort focused on all 324 miles of I-81, all 177 miles of I-95 and

approximately 32 miles of the southern portion of Interstate 77.

In the three weeks following the 2007 Memorial Day, 20 adults, teens and children were killed in 10 traffic crashes on Virginia's interstates alone. Four of the crashes took place on I-95, one occurred on I-495 at the I-95 interchange in Northern Virginia, and another one of them was on I-81 in Roanoke County. Of the 20 killed at least five were not wearing safety belts.

In 2006, the Virginia State Police conducted four separate, multi-day operations on Interstates 95 and 81. The enforcement projects resulted in more than 26,000 traffic summonses and arrests being made between the two heavily-traveled corridors. Traffic fatalities and injuries were at a minimum, and the operations were hailed as a success by the motoring public.

In 2007, *Operation Air, Land & Speed* campaigns targeted I-295, I-85 and I-64. The fifth operation in February that concentrated on I-295 and I-85 resulted in 1,810 summonses and arrests. In March, Virginia State Police focused its enhanced enforcement efforts on the 200-mile stretch of Interstate 64 from Staunton to Hampton Roads and yielded a total of 3,560 violations and arrests. All seven operations combined have yielded a total of 38,824 summonses and arrests.

State police operational duties on other interstates, primary and secondary roads were not affected during the operation. Funding for the enforcement initiative is provided through federal highway safety monies.

## 15 Crashes Claim 19 Lives Over Labor Day Weekend

### 12 of 15 crashes on Virginia highways caused by driver running off road

RICHMOND—The most prevalent cause of fatal traffic crashes over the 2007 holiday weekend in Virginia was a vehicle running off the right or left side of the road. Driver inattention, speed, alcohol or driver inexperience then caused the vehicles to be overcorrected and/or overturned and/or to strike a pole or embankment. Running off the road accounted for 12 of the 15 crashes that claimed 19 lives statewide during the four-day statistical counting period.

The preliminary number of 19 deaths is the highest Virginia has experienced during a Labor Day weekend in more than 10 years. Last year 11 individuals lost their lives on Virginia's highways during the extended holiday.

"Virginia has four months left in 2007 to curb the alarming increase in traffic fatalities on our highways," said Colonel W. Steven Flaherty, Virginia State Police Superintendent. "Twenty-five more people have

lost their lives in traffic crashes this year when compared to last. Drivers have an obligation to be responsible, limit distractions, slow down, buckle up and share the road. It's the only way we can save lives and make our highways safer."

Eight of the 17 drivers and passengers required to wear safety belts were not buckled up. Alcohol was a factor in one of two fatal crashes involving motorcycles.

The traffic fatalities occurred in the cities of Manassas and Virginia Beach, and the counties of Carroll, Chesterfield, Culpeper, Halifax, King George, Loudoun, Page, Patrick, Prince William, Rockingham and Spotsylvania.

Two separate fatal holiday crashes occurred in Culpeper County. Two people were killed in one of the two Culpeper County crashes. Fatal crashes in Patrick and Rockingham counties each claimed two lives, as well. Three teenagers were

killed in the Carroll County crash.

During the holiday weekend, Virginia State Police also participated in Operation C.A.R.E., a state-sponsored national program that emphasizes safe driving. An acronym for Combined Accident Reduction Effort, Operation C.A.R.E. operates in all 50 states and Canada. The statistical counting period for 2007 Labor Day traffic fatalities extended from Friday, Aug. 31, through midnight Monday, Sept. 3.

During the Labor Day 96-hour statistical counting period, Virginia State Police

- patrolled 295,680 miles;
- assisted 3,521 motorists;
- stopped 8,091 speeders;
- cited 2,560 reckless drivers;
- cited 821 safety belt violations & 258 child restraint violations;
- cited 5,313 other hazardous violations; and,
- responded to 622 traffic crashes.



All across the Commonwealth, law enforcement agencies recognize individuals from young to old, even some in their own ranks, who were involved in a traffic crash and, because they were wearing a safety belt or were in a child safety restraint, their injuries were reduced or their lives were saved.

The Saved by the Belt & Bag Program is open to any law enforcement agency regardless of affiliation with the VACP. Nominations for individuals who were involved in traffic crashes and were wearing safety restraint devices are being accepted. You may download the application from the Smart, Safe & Sober website — [www.smartsafeandsober.org](http://www.smartsafeandsober.org).

On June 27, 2007, VACP Law Enforcement Liaison Frank Kowaleski and Virginia Highway Safety Office Occupant Protection Coordinator MaryAnn Rayment presented Saved By the Belt & Bag Awards to the Wadsworth Family of Virginia Beach. Pictured, from left to right, are Heather, Linda, Ashley, and George Wadsworth; Mayor Meyera Oberndorf; and Investigating Officer Keith Acosta, Sgt. Chris Hession, and Officer Colin Elliot of the Virginia Beach Police Department.

The crash occurred on Sunday, June 18, 2006 — Father's Day — in the 1500 block of Princess Anne Road in Virginia Beach. The Wadsworths' Ford Explorer was struck head on when the driver of an oncoming Jeep lost control of their vehicle and crossed the center line. The family was treated for only minor injuries and was released from a local hospital that day.

The driver and passenger of the Jeep, however, were not belted. They were airlifted to an area trauma center in serious condition.

During the award presentation, Mr. Wadsworth commented, "Seat belts were the best Father's Day gift I could have ever received."



On May 17, 2007 at the Virginia State Police area office in Dinwiddie County, Mrs. Nancye Manes was presented with the Saved by the Belt award.

On January 30, 2007, at the intersection of Route 153 and Davis Mill Road in Augusta County, a pregnant Mrs. Manes was driving her passenger vehicle when a tractor-trailer truck pulled out in front of her, resulting in a crash. Also in the car with her was the four-year-old child whom she was babysitting. Fortunately, because of the proper use of safety belts and a child passenger safety seat, Mrs. Manes, her unborn daughter, and the 4-year-old child all avoided serious injury.

The award was presented by MaryAnn Rayment, Occupant Coordinator for the Virginia Highway Safety Office, and Frank Kowaleski, VACP Law Enforcement Liaison for Eastern Virginia. Assisting with the presentation were Trooper J.B. Inge, the crash investigator, and Captain Steve Chumley, Division I.

# 2006 Virginia Law Enforcement Challenge Awards



On August 27, 2007, the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police (VACP) presented the 2006 Virginia Law Enforcement Challenge awards for the best traffic safety programs in the state. The awards luncheon was held as part of the VACP's 82nd Annual Training Conference in Colonial Williamsburg.

The Challenge program promotes professionalism in traffic safety enforcement and encourages agencies to share best practices and programs with each other. The awards are based on entries prepared by the participating agencies that highlight their traffic safety activities in the past calendar year. This year's winning agencies are listed here.

Additionally, the VACP President's Award for the most outstanding traffic safety program in Virginia in 2006 was presented to the Arlington County Police Department.

Photos from the awards ceremony are available online at [www.smartsafeandsober.org](http://www.smartsafeandsober.org).

Applications for the 2007 Virginia (& National) Law Enforcement Challenge Awards will be available soon, so start gathering your materials now! Staff from the VACP are happy to help you with preparing your entry. (Contact information is available on page 2 of this newsletter.)



***The Arlington County Police Department received the VACP President's Award this year in the Virginia Law Enforcement Challenge for the best overall traffic safety program in 2006, regardless of agency size or type.***

*(Pictured from L to R: David Mosley, DMV; Highway Safety Committee Co-Chair Sheriff Wakie Howard, New Kent County; Chief Doug Scott, Arlington County; Highway Safety Committee Co-Chair Chief Jake Jacocks, Virginia Beach; Deputy Chief Murray Farr, Arlington County; Bill Tower, NHTSA Mid-Atlantic; Asst. Chief (Ret) Larry Ball, Virginia & National Challenge Judge.)*

CATEGORY	PLACE	DEPARTMENT	SPECIAL AWARDS / NATIONAL CHALLENGE
Municipal 1: 1-10 Officers	1	West Point Police Department	
	2	Pearisburg Police Department	
Municipal 2: 11-25 Officers	1	Vinton Police Department	
	2	Smithfield Police Department	
Municipal 3: 26-50 Officers	1	Christiansburg Police Department	
	2	Culpeper Police Department	
	3	Bedford Police Department	Child Passenger Safety Award
Municipal 4: 51-75 Officers	1	Fairfax City Police Department	
	2	Salem Police Department	
	3	Herndon Police Department	Bike/Pedestrian Safety Award
Municipal 5: 76-125 Officers	1	Roanoke County Police Department	
	2	Albemarle County Police Department	Speed Awareness Award
	3	James City County Police Department	
	--	Harrisonburg Police Department	Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Award
Municipal 6: 126-300 Officers	1	Roanoke City Police Department	NLEC Winner: 3 <sup>rd</sup> place, Municipal 6
	2	Lynchburg Police Department	
	3	Portsmouth Police Department	
Municipal 7: 301-450 Officers	1	Arlington County Police Department	President's Award; NLEC Winner: 1 <sup>st</sup> place, Municipal 7
	2	Chesapeake Police Department	NLEC Winner: 2 <sup>nd</sup> place, Municipal 7
	3	Newport News Police Department	NLEC Winner: 3 <sup>rd</sup> place, Municipal 7
Municipal 8: 451-700 Officers	1	Henrico County Division of Police	NLEC Winner: 2 <sup>nd</sup> place (tie), Municipal 8
	2	Chesterfield County Police Department	
Municipal 9: 701+ Officers	1	Virginia Beach Police Department	Impaired Driving Awareness Award; NLEC Winner: 2 <sup>nd</sup> place (tie), Municipal 8
	2	Fairfax County Police Department	Underage Alcohol Awareness Award (VaLEC & NLEC)
	3	Norfolk Police Department	
Sheriff 1: 1-10 Deputies	--	no entries in this category	
Sheriff 2: 11-25 Deputies	1	King William County Sheriff's Office	
Sheriff 3: 26-50 Deputies	1	New Kent County Sheriff's Office	Occupant Protection Award
	2	Wythe County Sheriff's Office	"Rookie of the Year"; NLEC Winner: 2 <sup>nd</sup> place, Sheriff 4
	3	Wise County Sheriff's Office	NLEC Winner: 3 <sup>rd</sup> place, Sheriff 4
	--	Buchanan County Sheriff's Office	NLEC Winner: 3 <sup>rd</sup> place, Sheriff 3
Sheriff 4: 51-75 Deputies	1	Augusta County Sheriff's Office	NLEC Winner: 1 <sup>st</sup> place, Sheriff 5
Sheriff 5: 76-125 Deputies	1	Montgomery County Sheriff's Office	
	2	Gloucester County Sheriff's Office	NLEC Winner: 2 <sup>nd</sup> place, Sheriff 5
	3	Fauquier County Sheriff's Office	
Sheriff 6: 126-300 Deputies	1	Hanover County Sheriff's Office	
	2	Stafford County Sheriff's Office	
	3	Spotsylvania County Sheriff's Office	
Sheriff 7: 301-450 Deputies	--	no entries in this category	
Sheriff 8: 451-700 Deputies	1	Loudoun County Sheriff's Office	
University	1	Virginia Tech Police Department	NLEC Winner: 3 <sup>rd</sup> place, University
	2	University of Richmond Police Department	
	3	Virginia Commonwealth Univ. Police Dept.	
Military	1	Naval Amphibious Base-Little Creek	NLEC Winner: 1 <sup>st</sup> place, Military



## Back to Basics *in a New World*

**ACTS**

Annual Conference on Transportation Safety



More than 300 traffic safety professionals and law enforcement officers attended the 2007 Annual Conference on Transportation Safety (ACTS) from June 13-15 at the Sheraton Park South Hotel in Richmond, Virginia. The conference, hosted by the Virginia Highway Safety Office of the Department of Motor Vehicles, began with an Opening Ceremony that included welcomes from Colonel Steve Flaherty, Superintendent of the Virginia State Police, and Lt. Colonel Andy Scruggs of the Chesterfield County Police Department. The morning's featured speaker was The Honorable John W. Marshall, Secretary of Public Safety, who recalled his experiences working traffic crashes as a Virginia State Trooper. His memories served to remind everyone in attendance of the importance of their traffic safety efforts, and to encourage them to keep up the hard work.

At a luncheon following the Opening Ceremony, the 2007 Governor's Transportation Safety Awards were presented by Virginia's Transportation Safety Board. Deputy Secretary of Transportation Ralph Davis and David Mitchell, Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles, were also in attendance to help present the awards. This year, fourteen honorees from law enforcement agencies, non-profit organizations, and private industries were recognized for their efforts to promote transportation safety through innovative programs. (Detailed coverage of the awards can be found on pages 17-21.)

Opportunities to visit with traffic safety vendors and a variety of training sessions filled the rest of the three-day conference agenda. Attendees could choose from a number of breakout sessions that covered topics such as occupant protection, young drivers, employee safety, DUI enforcement, older drivers, transportation safety planning, emerging technology, police pursuits, and more. Featured on the second day of the conference was a General Session for all attendees on strategic planning, facilitated by NHTSA Mid-Atlantic Regional Administrator Elizabeth Baker. Child passenger safety training was also offered for NHTSA-certified technicians who needed to get continuing education credits to maintain their certification. Outdoor demonstrations showcased transportation safety technology and AAA's CarFit Program (see page 16).

A stock car race-themed reception hosted by Decatur Electronics on the evening of June 14 was the highlight of the conference, with a drawing for prizes donated by a number of conference vendors and sponsors. Shirts, hats, jackets, and other race-themed items were awarded to attendees, with the top two prizes being tickets to the September NASCAR race at Richmond and a trip to the Richard Petty Driving Experience school.

The Annual Conference on Transportation Safety will be held again next year at a location to be determined. Watch your mailboxes for information!

Photos from this year's conference are available online at [www.smartsafeandsober.org](http://www.smartsafeandsober.org).



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# First-ever Senior Safety Check for Vehicle Fit, AAA's CarFit®, Helps Keep Seniors Protected While Driving

*Seniors have second highest crash death rate per mile driven*

(May 1, 2007) WASHINGTON, D.C.— America's leading senior citizen health and advocacy organizations have created the first in-car safety program to help reduce the number of older Americans injured in car crashes by ensuring a senior's proper fit in the vehicle. The program, called CarFit®, is designed to ensure older Americans have properly adjusted their vehicles to help reduce senior crashes and the death and injuries that result. A pilot evaluation found the program is strongly needed by seniors because more than one-third of seniors had at least one safety issue needing to be addressed, early data show.

CarFit was created by the American Society on Aging, in collaboration with AAA, AARP, and the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) after more than two years of research and development. As part of Older Americans Month, AAA clubs will unveil CarFit throughout the month of May by offering free car fittings in more than a dozen states, launching a new website and offering free brochures. To learn if a CarFit event is taking place in your area, contact your local club or visit [www.aaa.com/carfit](http://www.aaa.com/carfit).

The U.S. has more than 28 million drivers aged 65 and older on the roads today, with the number expected to surpass 40 million by 2020. More than 191,000 seniors were involved in crashes in 2005, according to statistics from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). With the exception of teenagers, older Americans have the highest crash death rate per mile driven.

"Although seniors are often the safest drivers in that they are more likely to wear their seatbelts, and less likely to speed or drink and drive, age-related fragility makes them more likely to be injured when a crash does occur," said Robert Darbelnet, President and CEO of AAA. "Older Americans need to take extra care to ensure that their cars are properly adjusted for them."

CarFit includes a 12-point check list to ensure that senior drivers are sitting properly in their vehicle and that the driver's seat,

seat belt, mirrors, steering wheel, head rest, gas/brake pedals and other controls are positioned properly. Each CarFit evaluation is administered by specially trained volunteers and health professionals such as occupational therapists.

"Occupational therapists help people improve their ability to perform tasks in their living and working environments," said AOTA President Penelope Moyers. "A senior who is safer behind the wheel can stay mobile and continue participating in their community, and participation is vital to maintaining good health."

Each CarFit evaluation takes only 15 minutes, and ensures a proper "fit" based on the following criteria:

1. Safety belt use
2. Steering wheel tilt
3. Head restraint setting
4. Positioning to air bag
5. Line of sight over steering wheel
6. Positioning to gas pedal
7. Positioning of brake pedals
8. Mirror adjustment
9. Neck Mobility
10. Operation of parking brake
11. Operation of ignition key
12. Operation of other vehicle controls

While many driver safety programs are directed toward improving senior safety by addressing the senior's cognitive abilities and skills, CarFit is the first program that determines a senior's proper fit in the vehicle.

A trial version of the program was administered last year with more than 300 senior citizens. The results found that

- 37 percent of participating seniors had at least one "red flag" issue;
- 10 percent of seniors did not have the right spacing between their steering wheel and chest; and,
- almost 20 percent did not have the right line of sight over their steering wheel.

"It is a fact of life that our bodies become frailer as we get older and an ill-fitting car can make travel both uncomfortable and unsafe," said Darbelnet.

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To learn more about CarFit log on to [www.aaa.com/carfit](http://www.aaa.com/carfit).

As North America's largest motoring and leisure travel organization, AAA provides more than 50 million members with travel, insurance, financial and automotive-related services. Since its founding in 1902, the not-for-profit, fully tax-paying AAA has been a leader and advocate for the safety and security of all travelers. AAA clubs can be visited on the Internet at [www.AAA.com](http://www.AAA.com).

The American Occupational Therapy Association, established in 1917, represents nearly 35,000 members. AOTA is an active advocate for the profession and for individuals who can benefit from occupational therapy services.



PHOTO BY ERIN SCHRAD, VACP

Representatives from AAA Mid-Atlantic conduct a demonstration on CarFit® for attendees at the 2007 Annual Conference on Transportation Safety in Richmond this past June.





# 2007 GOVERNOR'S TRANSPORTATION SAFETY AWARDS

The Virginia Board of Transportation Safety announced the winners of this year's Governor's Transportation Safety Awards on June 13, 2007 at the Annual Conference on Transportation Safety in Chesterfield County. The 12-member Board advises the Governor, Secretary of Transportation, and Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles on transportation safety matters. It also identifies elements of a comprehensive safety program for all modes of transportation in Virginia, including air, rail, water, motor carrier, public transportation and pupil transportation. The following pages showcase the 2007 honorees and their award-winning transportation safety programs.

## **LIFETIME SAFETY ACHIEVEMENT** **Sgt. Edgar Wimberly (Retired) – Fairfax, VA**

Sgt. Wimberly has devoted a lifetime to traffic safety. In 1970, when he joined the Washington Metropolitan Police Department in Washington D.C., he was keenly aware of the vital role law enforcement plays in traffic safety. For over sixteen years, he successfully supervised safety sections in the Traffic Division. His work with the Motor Carrier Safety Section and Crash Reconstruction Unit established his reputation as a local, regional, and national expert in his field.



## **AVIATION SAFETY** **Angel Flight – Richmond, VA**

This non-profit organization ensures that no patient is denied access to distant specialized medical treatment because they lack long-distant medical air transportation. In 2006, the organization's 311 volunteers flew 900 passengers and 565 missions with a 100 percent safety record on flights with patients.



## **GENERAL TRAFFIC SAFETY** **Blue Ridge Transportation Safety Board/Roanoke** **Regional Crash Investigation Team – Roanoke, VA**

This regional team assists law enforcement agencies with crash investigation and reconstruction, data collection, and special studies for crashes that result in serious injury. Their efforts last year included: child safety seat checkpoints, youth driving safety, impaired driving checkpoints, the "Click-It or Ticket" campaign with the 460 Blitz, joint jurisdictional checkpoints, and motor carrier checks.



# TRANSPORTATION SAFETY AWARDS

## IMPAIRED DRIVING

### Christiansburg Police Department – Christiansburg, VA

To keep impaired drivers off of the roads, Lt. Donald Cromer of the Christiansburg Police Department developed Project Straight Home. This innovative project encourages people to purchase ride certificates that can be redeemed for taxi rides anywhere in Montgomery County.



## LAW ENFORCEMENT

### Master Police Officer Robert Barton – Annandale, VA

When MPO Barton began coordinating youth alcohol stings, he combated underage drinking by dramatically reducing the number of violations from an average 34 percent to 15 percent. During his career, he has worked with schools, the Department of Alcohol Beverage Control, and the media to educate students, retailers, and members of the community.



## LEGAL

### Judge Norman “Dev” Morrison – Berryville, VA

Judge Morrison values the safety of Virginians, taking special interest in cases involving reckless and impaired drivers. In such cases, he strives to make offenders understand how their behavior impacts society. He also worked with agencies to introduce new courtroom technology that is now essential for officers.



## MEDIA

### Metro Productions – Richmond, VA

After noticing an increase in motorcycle enthusiasts in Virginia, Metro Productions produced a public service announcement (PSA) on motorcycle safety for the Virginia State Police at no cost. To further demonstrate its commitment to safety, it aired the PSA on its Vacation Channel in Hampton Roads.



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## MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY

**Senior Deputy Christopher Rizzo – Loudoun County, VA**

By reducing the number of unsafe trucks on the roads, Deputy Rizzo's diligence keeps Virginia's highways safe. In 2006, he found 4,214 safety violations. He inspected 832 trucks in Loudoun County, placing 503 of those trucks out-of-service for safety or mechanical problems. Rizzo educates motor carriers on proper vehicle safety maintenance and conducts safety inspections that demonstrate to drivers where violations often occur.



## MOTORCYCLE SAFETY

**Cundiff Simmons – White Stone, VA**

Mr. Simmons is dedicated to educating new and experienced motorcycle riders. He was instrumental in introducing and maintaining the Sidecar/Trike training program in Virginia. He is also a Motorcycle Safety Foundation Certified Rider-Coach, an Evergreen Safety Council Certified Chief Instructor, and a member of the Gold Wing Road Riders Association.



## OCCUPANT PROTECTION SAFETY

**Gloucester County Sheriff's Office – Gloucester, VA**

The Gloucester County Sheriff's office continued efforts to inform citizens of safety belt laws and violations. In 2006, they targeted their message to males 16-34 years of age. This group typically uses seat belts the least. The office also worked with VDOT to place electronic messages on highways.



## PEDESTRIAN / BICYCLE SAFETY

**The W & OD Trail Patrol – Ashburn, VA**

This volunteer group works to promote safe use of the Washington and Old Dominion Railroad Regional Park. In 2006, it performed 655 patrols totaling 1,257 hours, encompassing 12,746 miles. The group has found lost children, fixed flat tires, provided water, and pointed travelers in the right direction.



# TRANSPORTATION SAFETY AWARDS

## PUPIL TRANSPORTATION

### Henrico County Division of Police – Richmond, VA

Keeping school zones safe is a priority for Henrico County. The division deters violators by holding an annual Back to School Special. This event reminds drivers to slow down when children return to school. In addition, the division's "Bear on the Bus" initiative puts officers on school buses to call unmarked police cars when they see school bus light violators.



## YOUTH TRAFFIC SAFETY

### Ben Swecker, Partners for Safe Teen Driving – Manassas, VA

This community health initiative developed a parent awareness campaign to reduce the incidences of teenage automobile crashes in Virginia. The campaign encourages and assists schools and community members with the development and implementation of statewide programs that educate parents on Virginia laws and on how to coach their teens.



## WATER SAFETY

### Newport News Police Department (Marine Patrol) – Newport News, VA

With constant training and established procedures, the Newport News Marine Patrol has produced well-trained marine patrol officers. Their efforts make the waters of Newport News a safer place to work and play. Eleven people are alive today because of Marine Patrol assistance to boaters in 2006.



## ON THE WEB

All of the photos from the Awards Ceremony are available online at <http://www.smartsafeandsober.org>.

Click on "Resources", then "Photos" and select the 2007 ACTS & Governot's Transportation Safety Awards Gallery.

Prints may be purchased from the gallery and copies of the digital files may be downloaded.

# DUI Trainings Draw Big Crowds in Southwest Virginia

Three DUI workshops held this summer in Abingdon, Salem and Lynchburg provided valuable training to about 170 law enforcement officers in southwest Virginia. An all-day Impaired Driving Workshop was held on June 22, 2007, at the Southwestern Virginia Higher Education Center in Abingdon for about 70 officers. The training was organized by Don Allen, Law Enforcement Liaison for the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police, and Monty Mills, DMV Western Regional Virginia Highway Safety Office, in conjunction with Southwestern Regional Criminal Justice Training Academy in Bristol. Wythe County Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney, H. Lee Harrell, spoke on "The Perfect DUI", a total examination of the statutory and case law elements in impaired driving. Dr. Julia Pearson, Chief Toxicologist for the DFS Toxicology Laboratory in Richmond, explained how blood is analyzed and what drugs are typically observed in DUID cases.



Thirty-seven police personnel attended the second southwest regional workshop, held at the Cardinal Criminal Justice Training Academy in Salem on July 25. The workshop also was facilitated by Don Allen. Mr. Marshall Harrell, Salem Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney, and Dr. Pearson covered important related to impaired driving enforcement and investigation. The third workshop was held August 13 at Liberty University in Lynchburg.



Additional impaired driving workshops will be scheduled this fall to provide training on "DUI Checkpoints for Law Enforcement Agencies." The Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police has prepared a sample directive focused on dealing with impaired driving checkpoint policies. Low staffing sobriety checkpoints also will be addressed in the fall workshops.

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## Lynchburg Area Law Enforcement Kickoff 4th of July Holiday with Multi-Jurisdictional Impaired Driving Checkpoint

On June 29th, from 9:00 pm until 1:00 am, the Lynchburg Police Department hosted a multi-jurisdictional Impaired Driving Checkpoint as a kickoff to the 4th of July Holiday weekend. Police officers from Lynchburg and Bedford, along with deputies from Campbell County and the Lynchburg City Sheriff's Office, stood together on Route 29 to get the message across about the perils of impaired driving. As the officers checked each vehicle that came through during the checkpoint, motorists were reminded of their responsibilities for the safe operation of their motor vehicles on the highways during the holiday period.

Last year, Virginia lost over nine hundred lives on our highways — three hundred of those deaths were alcohol-related. With our law enforcement officers committed to the education and enforcement in every jurisdiction throughout Virginia, we can make a difference. Every life we can save is important to us all.



## Declining Traffic Deaths Lead to Lowest Highway Fatality Rate Ever Recorded, U.S. DOT Secretary Peters Announces

(July 23, 2007)—The number of people who died on the nation's roads fell last year, leading to the lowest highway fatality rate ever recorded and the largest drop in total deaths in 15 years, U.S. Transportation Secretary Mary E. Peters announced today.

"Tough safety requirements and new technologies are helping make our vehicles safer and our roads less deadly," Secretary Peters said. "But we all must do more when so many are killed or seriously hurt on our roads every day."

In 2006, 42,642 people died in traffic crashes, a drop of 868 deaths compared to 2005. This two percent decline in traffic deaths contributed to the historic low fatality rate of 1.42 per 100 million vehicle miles traveled (VMT), Secretary Peters said.

Most significantly, fatalities of occu-

pants of passenger vehicles—cars, SUVs, vans and pickups—continued a steady decline to 30,521, the lowest annual total since 1993, Secretary Peters said. Injuries were also down in 2006, with passenger car injuries declining by 6.2 percent and large truck injuries falling by 15 percent, she said.

Secretary Peters cautioned that troubling trends continue in motorcycle and alcohol-related crashes. Alcohol-related fatalities rose slightly in 2006 over the previous year, while motorcycle deaths rose by 5.1 percent. This is the ninth year in a row the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has seen an increase in motorcycle deaths.

"Proper training, clothing, gear and, above all, helmet use are essential to reversing this deadly trend," Secretary Peters said.

Drunk driving enforcement will continue to be a top priority for the Department, said NHTSA Administrator Nicole Nason, noting no improvement in last year's alcohol-related fatalities numbers. In 2006, 15,121 fatalities involved a driver or motorcycle operator, pedestrian or cyclist who had a .08 or above BAC (blood alcohol concentration) compared to 15,102 in 2005, she said.

"There is a personal story behind these statistics and for every alcohol related fatality, the family left behind is shattered forever," Administrator Nason said.

NHTSA collects crash statistics annually from the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico to produce reports on fatalities and injuries. This newly released report can be seen at <http://www-nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov/Pubs/810791.PDF>.

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## Secretary Peters Announces Tougher Vehicle Safety Standard To Protect Against Side-Impact Crashes

(September 5, 2007)—U.S. Transportation Secretary Mary E. Peters today announced new side impact safety requirements for all passenger vehicles. It is expected that the upgrade, developed by DOT's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), will save hundreds of lives every year. The new standard requires auto manufacturers – for the first time ever – to provide head protection in side-impact crashes. It also would enhance other protections for passengers involved in such crashes.

"This new standard will spare hundreds of families from losing a loved one in a side-impact accident, and will forever raise the bar on safety for drivers and passengers across America," Secretary Peters said.

Side-impact passenger vehicle crashes are a serious – and frequently severe – safety problem on the nation's roadways. Side impact crashes account for 28 percent of all fatalities, the majority of which involve a brain injury. NHTSA estimates that the new requirements will save over 300 lives and prevent nearly 400 serious injuries per year.

For the first time, a dummy representing a small adult female will be used in side-impact performance testing. A new and more technically advanced dummy representing an adult male of average height will also be used in crash testing.

"With these rigorous new requirements, we are building on the strength of innovative and life-saving side impact technologies that are already available to many new car buyers," NHTSA Administrator Nicole R. Nason said.

While NHTSA does not require specific technologies to meet its new performance requirements, manufacturers likely would meet this upgraded rule with various types of innovative head, chest and pelvis protection systems, such as side curtain air bags and thorax air bags.

Issued today by NHTSA, the new rule will require that manufacturers begin equipping all vehicles with improved side-impact protection that meets the federal standard, beginning with a phase-in schedule that starts in 2009. To view the new side-impact rule, go to <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov> and click on "Press Room".

# Traffic Safety Calendar

- Oct 1-5, 2007 **Drive Safely Work Week** — [www.netsnational.org](http://www.netsnational.org)
- Oct 10, 2007 **Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day** — [www.brakesonfatalities.org](http://www.brakesonfatalities.org)
- Oct 13-17, 2007 **International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Annual Conference** — New Orleans, LA  
*The 2006 National Law Enforcement Challenge Awards will be presented on Tuesday, October 16.*
- Oct 21-27, 2007 **National School Bus Safety Week** — [www.napt.org](http://www.napt.org)
- Oct 26-31, 2007 **Halloween Impaired Driving Awareness Campaign** — [www.stopimpaireddriving.org](http://www.stopimpaireddriving.org)
- Nov 5, 2007 **Final Vouchers/Monitoring Reports Due for 2006-2007 DMV Grantees**
- Nov 7-8, 2007 **39th Annual Military/Civilian Workshop** — Fort Eustis, VA  
*This year's workshop begins at 8am on November 7th and ends at 1pm on November 8th. Continental breakfast and lunch will be served both days. Cost is \$55 for attendees and \$100 for vendors. To register, download the form at [www.smartsafeandsober.org](http://www.smartsafeandsober.org).*  
*Planned sessions will address TREDs, Elder Drivers, New Technology, Evaluation of Photo Enforcement, Booster Seat Transitions, the Governor's Highway Safety Plan, "How to Handle Roadside Emergencies", and much, much more!*
- Nov 7-9, 2007 **56th Virginia Transportation Conference** — Roanoke, VA  
*The 2007 conference will explore "How Investments in Virginia's Transportation System Can Produce Economic Benefits for the State, Nation and World"; "Global Transport and International Trade"; "Moving Freight: Road, Rail & Barge"; and "Land Use, Transportation and Economic Development".*
- Nov 18-25, 2007 **Click It or Ticket Mini-Mobilization** — [www.smartsafeandsober.org](http://www.smartsafeandsober.org)