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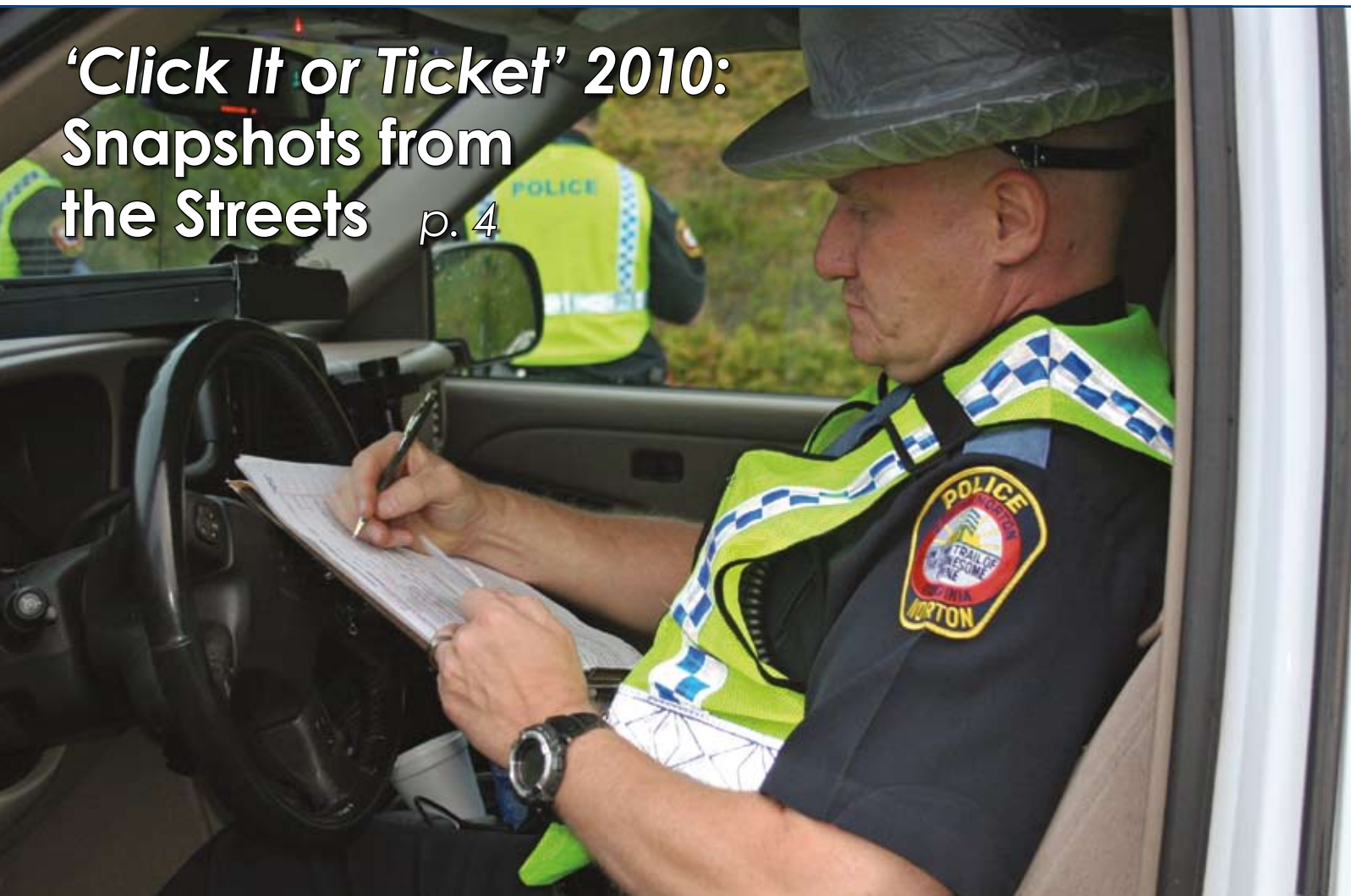


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## NEWSLETTER

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# DMV Reminds Law Enforcement Agencies to Request Driver Transcripts Electronically Effective July 1, 2010

In July of 2009, the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) contacted Virginia law enforcement agencies and associations regarding **HB 2233**, which was enacted during the 2009 General Assembly session. The law allows DMV to require business partners to conduct business with the agency electronically.

DMV is reminding law enforcement agencies that they are now utilizing this authority to require all law enforcement officers to request driver transcripts electronically as a cost cutting measure that will enhance the efficiency of DMV operations. The ability to electronically request these transcripts through VCIN was implemented by DMV over 10 years ago. Once requested, the transcripts are produced in overnight batch, certified for court, and mailed to the requesting law enforcement officers. The electronic process provides efficiencies for the law enforcement entities because there is no need to batch up the last page of the citation forms and mail them to DMV for processing.

Most law enforcement entities utilize this VCIN application; however, there are still approximately 35 law enforcement organizations that continue to mail in the last page of the citation form in order to request transcripts. This small number of law enforcement entities request between 80,000 and 100,000

transcripts each year. The manual data entry required to process these paper requests necessitates the dedication of 1.2 FTEs at an annual cost of \$45,000.

**Effective July 1, 2010 law enforcement entities will need to utilize the VCIN application to obtain transcripts.**

DMV understands there are a few small law enforcement entities that currently do not have access to VCIN, but they will be able to obtain transcripts electronically by entering into a use agreement with DMV, which will allow them to print certified transcripts via a web-based application. You may contact Janet Williams at (804) 497-7191 or via email at [Janet.Williams@dmv.virginia.gov](mailto:Janet.Williams@dmv.virginia.gov) to obtain the necessary applications for online access through the web-based application. Or, you may visit DMV's web site at [www.dmvnow.com](http://www.dmvnow.com) — go to "Forms and Publications", then "Searchable List" and download forms US 531A and US 531E. Mail the completed forms to Janet Williams, User Services, Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles, P.O. Box 27412, Richmond, VA 23269.

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## 10 Killed on Virginia Roadways During Memorial Day Holiday Weekend

*Three motorcyclists, one pedestrian among fatalities; remaining six were unbelted*

Sadly, the Memorial Day weekend proved to be a deadly one on Virginia's highways. During the four-day statistical counting period, which began at 12:01 a.m. Friday, May 28, 2010, ended at midnight Monday, May 31, 2010, preliminary reports indicate 10 men and women died in 10 traffic crashes across the Commonwealth. Last year, seven people died during the Memorial Day weekend.

Of the 10 killed in traffic crashes, three were motorcyclists. Those fatal crashes occurred in the City of Virginia Beach, and the counties of Prince William and Clarke. The Clarke County crash claimed the life of a 54-year-old Frederick County man when his motorcycle struck a deer. Excessive speed was a factor in the crash that claimed the life of a 35-year-old Dale City motorcyclist on I-95 in Prince William County. All three motorcyclists were wearing helmets.

One of the 10 holiday traffic deaths involved a pedestrian walking through the intersection of J. Clyde Morris Bou-

levard and Diligence Drive in the City of Newport News late Saturday, May 29, 2010. The 34-year-old Williamsburg man was struck by a vehicle. Alcohol was determined to be a factor in the crash.

The remaining six traffic fatalities involved passenger vehicles. Not one of the six individuals was wearing a safety belt. The crashes occurred in the city of Chesapeake and the counties of Grayson, Montgomery, Pittsylvania and Tazewell. Two of the crashes occurred in Pittsylvania County.

With 75 percent of its uniformed workforce patrolling over the holiday weekend, Virginia State Police investigated a total of 646 traffic crashes statewide and issued 10,780 summonses and arrests. Among those stopped included 10,592 speeders and 2,609 reckless drivers. State Police statewide charged 121 drivers with DUI. A total of 1,007 adults failed to buckle up and 307 children were not properly restrained as required by state law.

The holiday weekend enforcement efforts were part of Operation CARE, the Combined Accident Reduction Effort, a state-sponsored, national program designed to reduce crashes, fatalities and injuries caused by speeding, impaired driving and failure to use occupant restraints. Virginia's state and local law enforcement are committed to increasing seat belt usage in Virginia through stepped-up enforcement and education.

"For the past couple of years, Virginia has been experiencing a significant decline in traffic deaths statewide," said Colonel W. Steven Flaherty, Virginia State Police Superintendent. "As of June 1 in Virginia, 11 more people have died this year when compared to this same time last year. As we head into the summer travel season, Virginians of all ages must make traffic safety a priority by using a seat belt, not driving distracted, obeying speed limits and never driving impaired."

# 'Click It or Ticket' 2010 Snapshots

## Central Virginia Agencies Join Forces for Regional Checkpoint

On the afternoon of Wednesday, May 19, the Central Virginia Highway Traffic Safety Board kicked off the "Click It or Ticket" campaign with a traffic safety checkpoint on the Monacan Bridge heading from Amherst County into Campbell County.

Officers, deputies and troopers from Lynchburg Police Department, Bedford Police Department, Amherst County Sheriff's Office, Campbell County Sheriff's Office, and the Virginia State Police took part in the regional checkpoint and wrote a total of 31 traffic tickets.



## Culpeper County Sheriff

Deputies from the Culpeper County Sheriff's Office issued 523 citations during the recent nationwide "Click It or Ticket" initiative. More than 3,000 vehicles were stopped throughout the county during the seat belt enforcement effort that took place May 23 – June 6, 2010.

In the two-week period, deputies conducted saturation patrols and traffic checkpoints around Culpeper. Among the citations issued, 144 were for seat belt violations, 35 were for child restraint violations, 82 were for speeding, 63 were for driving without a license, and 11 were for reckless driving.

Culpeper County Sheriff Jim Branch said he was pleased with the number of adults complying with seat belt laws, but concerned about the number of tickets given for improper child restraints. The sheriff's office offers free training for families who need assistance with proper child seat installation.

"When it comes to the safety of children, there really is no excuse ... to have a child improperly secured," Branch said. "A child depends on an adult to do what's best for them."

Virginia law requires all front-seat passengers to wear a seat belt; and, people 16 and younger are required to wear a seat belt regardless of where they sit in a vehicle. Children younger than 8 must be in a safety seat while traveling in a vehicle.



## South Hill Police, Mecklenburg County Sheriff & Va. State Police

On May 28, 2010, the South Hill Police Department, with partners VSP and Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office, held a checkpoint on Highway 58 Bypass in the westbound lane. VDOT provided a message board.

This was the fifth year in a row that the agencies have held a checkpoint on Hwy 58 during the Memorial Day weekend.

Each year, tourists and travelers on their way to the Lake and other destinations are reminded to buckle up and not drink and drive.



## Front Royal Police

On May 12, Traffic Enforcement Officer Donald Orye of the Front Royal Police Department and Mary Ann Rayment of the Virginia Highway Safety Office kicked off the "Click It or Ticket" media blitz by conducting newspaper, radio and television interviews. This media blitz included a 30-second Public Safety Announcement that was created by TV 3 in Winchester. Officers from the Virginia State Police, Frederick County SO, Clarke County SO, Stephens City PD, Winchester PD, and Haymarket PD showed up in cruisers and participated in the PSA. The PSA was aired May 17 – June 6.

The FRPD also conducted 3 separate checkpoints during "Click It or Ticket" and screened a total of 1000 cars. Observed violations included 3 suspended drivers, 3 child restraint violations, and 2 seat belt violations.

## New Market Police

In 2009, Virginia had the highest recorded seat belt use rate in history at 82.27 percent. Even with that good news, 756 citizens lost their lives on Virginia roadways. And of those, 333 individuals were not wearing seat belts at the time of the crash.



That's why the New Market Police Department, in partnership with agencies along routes 7 and 11 in Virginia, came together on Friday, May 28 and beyond for the "Click It or Ticket" Route 7|11 Blitz — to enforce traffic laws in advance of the heavily traveled Memorial Day weekend.

The Route 7|11 Blitz focused particular attention on day and night time seat belt use.

New Market Police Department Sgt. Chris Rinker said, "There are still far too many of our citizens being injured or killed because they are not buckled up. Consistent research has shown that fewer people are buckling up at night when the risk of being in a fatal crash is greatest. This is why we are joining our law enforcement partners for this 'Click It or Ticket' Blitz — to make sure that everyone in every vehicle is buckled up and obeying all traffic laws.

"Regular seat belt use is the single most effective way to protect people and reduce fatalities in motor vehicle crashes. 'Click It or Ticket' is law enforcement's way of telling you we care about you and want you to arrive at your destination safely."

In the town of New Market itself, police issued 172 citations during the 2010 mobilization through a combination of extra patrols and checkpoints. Less than ten percent were related to seat belt use. New Market Police cited drivers for speeding, reckless driving, not having a license and several other things.



"Actually the roving patrols seem to be more effective as far as the serious crimes," said New Market Police Chief C. M. Peery. "We have signs up [when we have a] checkpoint and, for the most part, people have a means of avoiding it if they choose to."

Chief Peery said New Market officers spent an additional 90 hours patrolling during "Click It or Ticket".

## James City County Police



James City County Police Officer Marc Marchand was among several officers at Warhill High on Thursday, June 3 for a "Click It or Ticket" event to remind students to wear their seat belts. Police officers, with the help of the Chick-Fil-A cow, rewarded students who were buckled up with a coupon for a free Chick-Fil-A chicken sandwich.

Police also held the same event at Jamestown High and Lafayette High on Friday, June 4.



## Augusta County Sheriff

The Augusta County Sheriff's Office conducted a "Click It or Ticket" traffic safety checkpoint on May 24 from 2:30-5:30 p.m. Any driver that came through the checkpoint buckled up received a coupon for a free Slurpee from 7-11. Here are the enforcement results:

|                                      |           |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| Vehicles Through Checkpoint          | 367       |
| Vehicles Pulled for Suspected DUI    | 3         |
| DUI Arrests                          | 1         |
| Suspended/Revoked Operator's License | 2         |
| No Operator's License                | 8         |
| Safety Belt Citations                | 12        |
| Child Restraint Citations            | 6         |
| Other Arrests & Citations            | 12        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                         | <b>41</b> |





# More 'Click It or Ticket' Snapshots



## Harrisonburg Police

The Harrisonburg Police Department, in partnership with other law enforcement agencies, participated in the annual 'Click It or Ticket' safety belt enforcement campaign by increasing enforcement in the city and conducting several saturation patrols and checkpoints throughout the campaign.

A few hundred vehicles passed through such a checkpoint at the intersection of East Bruce Street and Myers Avenue Thursday, June 3. Police only cited one driver for not buckling up, but officers cited drivers for several other violations, including having an expired registration, having no registration, and driving on a suspended or revoked license. Police had three cars towed away from the checkpoint Thursday.

"If it comes through, and it's a violation as such that it's unsafe to be on the roadway or they don't have a driver's license, their car is typically going to be towed," says Sgt. William Keller.

A pre-enforcement survey was conducted in Harrisonburg and the current safety belt usage rate was 86 percent.

The goal in Virginia is to increase the safety belt usage from 82.27 percent to 83.7 percent statewide.

"We want to encourage drivers and passengers to always wear their safety belt when they get into a vehicle," said Mary-Hope Vass, HPD's Public Information Officer.

HPD also partnered with Chick-Fil-A to reward those drivers who were buckled up.

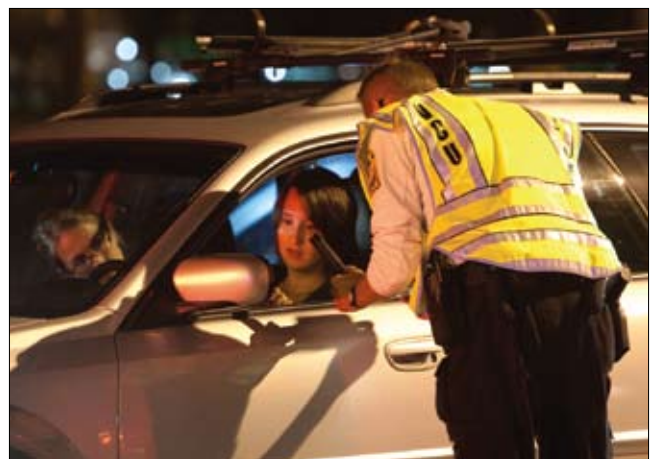
## Virginia Commonwealth University Police

VCU Police participated in the 2010 "Click It or Ticket" mobilization by conducting a traffic safety checkpoint during Memorial Day weekend. Officers operated the checkpoint from 11 p.m. on Friday, May 28, until 3 a.m. on Saturday, May 29. The checkpoint took place on campus along the 700 block of West Main Street in Richmond.

Media was invited to attend and cover the event. A crew from the local NBC affiliate came and did a live report of the enforcement effort on the 11:00 p.m. news.

Vehicles coming through the checkpoint were screened either by officers from the VCU Police Department or by officers from one of the assisting agencies — City of Richmond Police Department, Virginia State Police, and the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Bureau of Law Enforcement.

The checkpoint was funded through a Virginia Highway Safety Grant from the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles.



## Albemarle County Police

On Wednesday, May 26, 2010, the Albemarle County Police Traffic Unit conducted two traffic safety check-



points in the southern part of the county. Chick-Fil-A, who is a local partner in the "Click It or Ticket" campaign, was on hand giving out certificates for a complimentary sandwich to drivers who were properly belted.

The first checkpoint was conducted from 9:00-11:00 a.m. on the northbound side of Old Lynchburg Road, just south of Stagecoach Road. The second checkpoint was conducted from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the 1800 block of Irish Road, between Scottsville and Esmont.

A total of 491 vehicles were screened by officers between the two checkpoints. Of the 491 vehicles checked, 34 were pulled for further evaluation and processing. A total of 32 summonses

were issued to 25 drivers.

Of the summonses issued, 8 were for no valid Virginia drivers license, 6 were for inspection violations, 5 were for registration violations, 3 were for driving with a suspended license, 3 were for fraudulent inspection stickers, 3 were for defective equipment, 2 were for child restraint violations, 1 was for failing to update DMV, and 1 was for no seat belt.

The purpose of the of checkpoints was to promote public safety and to increase the awareness that drivers who operate a vehicle without a valid license, state inspection, registration or are not wearing their seat belt will be stopped and ticketed.

## Thanks to everyone for your participation in 'Click It or Ticket'!



### Bridging the Gap to Save your Life



## Click It or Ticket







## New Traffic Safety Laws Go Into Effect July 1

*Motorists required to 'Move Over' for vehicle displaying amber lights; 16, 17 year old passengers now subject to primary enforcement for not wearing a seat belt*

RICHMOND, VA—Effective July 1, 2010, two new traffic safety laws in Virginia will help to protect not only tow truck drivers and highway workers but also help to ensure that 16- and 17-year-old passengers are buckled up. AAA Mid-Atlantic and other transportation safety advocates applaud the changes, which they believe will help to save lives on the Commonwealth's roadways.

During the 2010 session, Virginia lawmakers voted to expand the Commonwealth's "Move Over" law to include protection for tow truck drivers and highway workers who display amber-colored flashing lights. The current law applies only to motorists approaching emergency vehicles displaying red or blue flashing lights, which are generally displayed by police, fire and rescue. In addition to protecting vehicles displaying red or blue lights, Virginia's new law also mandates that motorists, approaching a tow truck or highway maintenance vehicle displaying amber lights, change lanes away from the flashing lights, if possible to do so safely, and/or proceed with caution given the prevailing highway conditions. When the new law goes into effect on July 1st, Virginia will join 38 other states that already recognize the

dangers faced by these individuals and the need to give them added protection while they work. The offense is punishable as a traffic infraction.

Delegate Glenn Oder sponsored the House Bill 1159, which enacts the change. "The Move Over Law in Virginia has proven to be an effective tool in protecting our police and first responders during traffic incidents," said Delegate Oder. "The time has come to recognize that our tow truck drivers and Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) workers face the same danger as they fulfill their duties. I am hopeful that this new law will prevent further tragedies to the people who serve in this industry."

The unfortunate and preventable death of Andy Starmer, a tow truck driver who was struck and killed on the shoulder of Interstate 64 in Newport News in August of 2009, highlighted the need for such a law and helped lawmakers see the need for the change. Andy did everything right on the night of August 9th when he arrived to assist a stranded motorist – he pulled onto the right shoulder, was wearing reflective clothing and had his truck's amber lights flashing – and yet he was struck and killed by another vehicle on the highway.

VDOT workers are afforded the protection as well. "Highway work zones are one of the most dangerous places for both drivers and our workers," said Acting VDOT Commissioner Greg Whirley. "Moving over to allow more distance between your vehicle and the highway workers will result in greater safety for everyone."

The Virginia State Police also support the change. "This is more than just a courtesy — this law is intended to save lives," said Colonel W. Steven Flaherty, Virginia State Police Superintendent. "Drivers must remember, there are mothers and fathers, sons and daughters, sisters and brothers working the road every day to help motorists. Whether the job is removing a disabled vehicle, repairing our roads, or stopping a reckless driver – all of us need the room to do our work safely, so we can return home to our families at the end of the day."



*Delegate Glenn Oder (R-Newport News) sponsored House Bill 1159, which enacted the changes to the Commonwealth's "Move Over" law.*



## Changes to current seat belt law

The second change impacting motorist safety will require 16- and 17-year-old passengers to wear seat belts in the back seat of a vehicle and subject them to primary enforcement for lack of belt use in any passenger seat. SB 219, sponsored by Senator Janet Howell, accomplished this change. "A high school teacher from Herndon, Barbara Glakas, suggested the bill. During her career, she had known several students who died or were seriously injured because they were not wearing a seat belt in the back seat. It was always a needless tragedy," said Senator Howell. "Teens we talked to were prepared to wear seat belts in the back seat 'if it was the law' but not otherwise. Fortunately, the General Assembly saw the wisdom of requiring those under 18 to wear their seat-belt. Hopefully, we will avoid many tragedies."

The following chart highlights the new seat belt law:

|                                       | Seat Belt Required: |                       | Change to Current Law   |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---|
|                                       | PRIMARY Enforcement | SECONDARY Enforcement |   |
| Driver (any age)                      |                     | X                     | NO CHANGE – Required to buckle up.  |
| Front Seat Passenger: 18 and over     |                     | X                     | NO CHANGE – All required by law to buckle up.   |
| <b>Front Seat Passenger: Under 18</b> | X                   |                       | <b>Changed from secondary to primary enforcement for ages 16 and 17.</b>                |
| Back Seat Passenger: 18 and over      | --                  | --                    | NO CHANGE to the current law – no seat belt required.                                   |
| <b>Back Seat Passenger: Under 18</b>  | X                   |                       | <b>Ages 16 and 17 now required to buckle up AND are subject to primary enforcement.</b> |

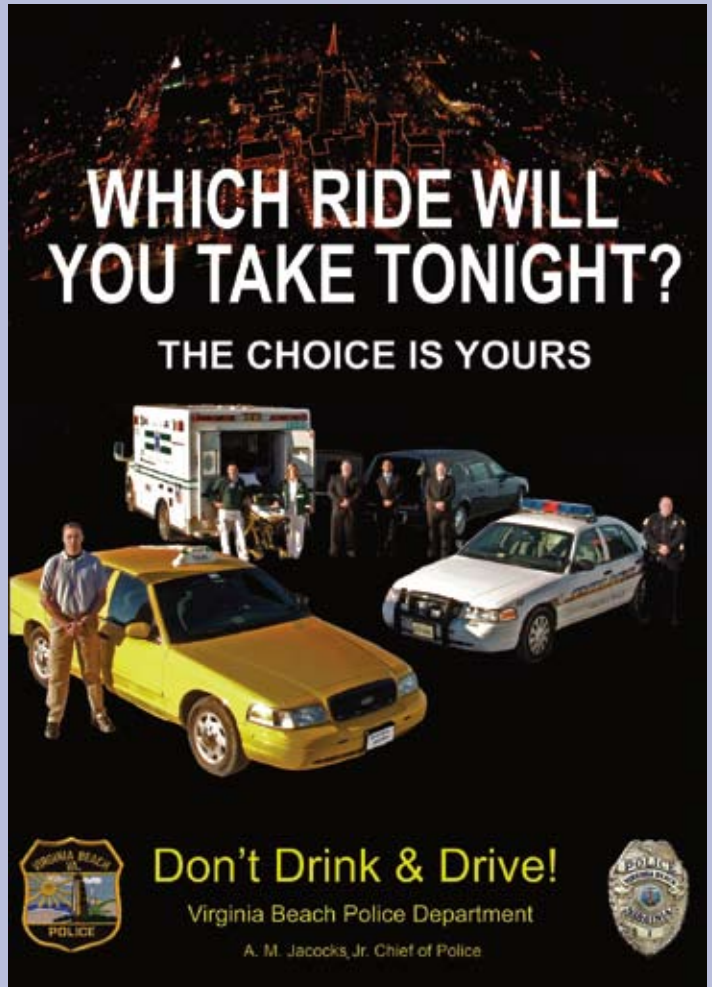
*NOTE: PRIMARY enforcement allows a police officer to pull and ticket motorists for failure to comply with the law. A SECOND enforcement law only allows police to ticket motorists for the infraction if they first witness another offense for which they may stop the motorist. Only then would they be permitted to ticket for non compliance of, for example, the seat belt law.*

AAA strongly supported both bills during the 2010 General Assembly. "AAA salutes lawmakers for providing protection for not only AAA affiliated tow truck operators who provide close to 225,000 tows annually but also all of the other towing service providers in Virginia. AAA also believes that any strengthening of Virginia's seat belt law will increase the number of lives saved on our roads and highways. Our hope is that teenagers and their parents will embrace the new law as one that could save their lives in the event of a crash," said Martha Mitchell Meade, Manger of Public and Government Affairs for AAA Mid-Atlantic.

For more information on changes to Virginia laws effective July 1, 2010, go to [www.vachiefs.org/resources/legislative\\_issues](http://www.vachiefs.org/resources/legislative_issues) for links to the **Selected Acts of the 2010 General Assembly** (produced by Virginia State Police) and the **2010 DMV Legislative Bulletin**.

## Virginia Beach Police Launch Poster Campaign

"The Virginia Beach Police Department is a recognized leader among public agencies in the area of traffic safety. We are nationally recognized for our efforts to combat impaired driving through enforcement, education and engineering. As part of our continuing education efforts, a traffic safety poster was developed by the Fatal Accident Crash Team and Traffic Safety Unit. The 'Which Ride Will You Take Tonight' poster presents a grim reminder of the possible consequences for someone who decides to drive while impaired. The poster will be targeted towards all ABC stores and commercial establishments that both sell and serve alcohol." — Sgt. Chris Hession, VBPD



# Criminal Entrepreneurs Take Advantage of Down Economy, Inexpensive Technology

*Sale, use of fraudulent inspection stickers observed to be on the rise*

by Corporal Sean C. Hackney

Albemarle County Police Department

In recent years, the Albemarle County Police have noticed an ever increasing occurrence of fraudulent Virginia State inspection stickers being used. While this type of violation has taken place through the years, readily available technology today has allowed fraudulent stickers to be easily reproduced at home. With low price supplies, digital cameras and software, mass production of the stickers is easy and cost effective for the criminal entrepreneur. This problem has become so rampant that we are now beginning to verify inspection stickers at crash scenes. In the event of fatalities, we may start taking the stickers and the accompanying pink second half to prove or disprove known mechanical deficiencies that may have existed.

Of particular concern is that the department is now noticing an increase in the "open air" sale of these stickers. Drivers that admitted to using the illegal sticker have reported that they were approached and offered the sticker. Naturally, we hear this excuse on a regular basis; however, we are now hearing it in the same few business parking lots and locations.

We have found that prices for the fake stickers vary from \$25 to \$50. The traffic unit has begun to collect and compare the stickers that we have seized and we are beginning to see the same serial numbers on a regular basis. In the instance of one serial number, it has appeared over 10 times. The collection and comparison of these stickers is helping the department to isolate defined geographical areas.

Some younger officers — or those who do not regularly work traffic — are sometimes intimidated about fraudulent stickers. To be honest, when was the last time you really looked at an inspection sticker or tried to detect a fraudulent one? Below we have a few indicators:

- Discoloration of the surface colors, especially the yellow;
- Excessive "peeling" — sometimes over half the sticker is hanging;



- Tape and/or hot glue residue (*We had one guy use Duct Tape!*);
- Non-matching serial numbers on the front and back;
- No, or improper, vehicle information on the back;
- A normal sticker is somewhat transparent — photo-paper copies block the light entirely; and
- Ask for the accompanying pink slip.

Hopefully, we can track back to the one person or group that is producing these for profit. We have spoken with the local Commonwealth Attorney and, at this point, it is only a class 1 misdemeanor to possess or manufactures an inspection sticker. While we have a lot of drivers that make stickers for their own use, we are more concerned with the "for profit" subjects. Upon further research, we believe there is a strong case for forging the state seal and the Superintendent of Transportation's signature — both felonies. We hope that an aggressive stance with the profiteers will deter others.

Any questions or best practices are more than appreciated. Please feel free to contact us. We'll see you out there.

Corporal Sean C. Hackney can be reached at (434) 296-5807 or [hackneys@albemarle.org](mailto:hackneys@albemarle.org).



## Casting Call!

**Now seeking agencies to be featured in the 2011 Smart, Safe & Sober Calendar!**

If your agency has not yet been featured in the SS&S Calendar, 2011 could be your year! We are looking for a diverse group of agencies (police, sheriff, university, etc) from all parts of the state who are interested in being showcased in the annual traffic safety calendar. The only requirement is that you must be able to provide **high-resolution photos** of your officers working in an area of traffic safety!

**If interested, contact Erin Schrad at [erin@vachiefs.org](mailto:erin@vachiefs.org) for more information.** Preference will be given to agencies who inquire by August 31, 2010.



# Henrico Police Recommend “SPF 100” This Summer

## Agency kicks off summer traffic safety initiative to prevent fatalities

Henrico County Division of Police is launching a summer traffic safety initiative entitled, “SPF-100”. The acronym stands for “Safety Prevents Fatalities — 100%”.

“Summer is the time when people are out and about doing fun things as pedestrians, bicyclists, motorcyclists, and motorists,” said Sergeant A.J. Gordon of the Traffic Safety Unit. “Our goal is to prevent death or injury crashes during the summer months by reminding folks of a few, simple, traffic safety tips to keep them safe while enjoying their summer activities. Citizens should also be aware that Henrico’s Traffic Safety officers will be increasing patrols and enforcement on county roadways to ensure that drivers and pedestrians are kept safe this summer.”

The Traffic Safety Unit has several enforcement initiatives planned this summer to include: checkpoints, traffic light enforcement, speed enforcement, seat belt enforcement, and impaired driving enforcement. Sergeant Gordon offered some common sense safety tips for motorists and motorcyclists such as:

- Buckle up! (Yourself *and* your children!)
- Motorcyclists should wear a DOT-approved helmet.

- Never drive under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- Don’t become distracted while driving.
- Watch for pedestrians and bicyclists.
- Obey speed limits.
- Stop for red traffic signals.

In 2008, there were over 4,000 pedestrian fatalities in the United States, so Sergeant Gordon also said that pedestrians and bicyclists can be safe by following the rules of the road. Some of these include:

- Never wear headphones, so you can be aware of your surroundings
- Walkers should always walk facing traffic, but out of the roadway.
- Bicyclists are required to ride to the right edge of the roadway.
- Bicyclists are required to ride with the flow of traffic, not against it.
- Bicyclists should always wear helmets.
- Bicyclists have to follow the same rules that motorists follow such as obeying stop signs, traffic signals, signaling when turning, etc.

Sergeant Gordon also warned pedestrians about playing in the street. It is not only dangerous, but also it is illegal. The Division



of Police has a brochure that explains this on its web site, and citizens can download this and many other brochures regarding various traffic safety tips.

For more information on SPF-100, call the Henrico County Division of Police Traffic Safety Unit at 804-328-2573, extension 2223, or visit their web page at [www.henricopolice.org](http://www.henricopolice.org) and click on the SPF 100 poster.

## Virginia Western Community College Police Hold Campus Safety Day

The Virginia Western Community College Police Department sponsored the college’s first annual “Safety Day” on March 17, 2010 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Virginia HSO Law Enforcement Liaison Don Allen participated, setting up the DMV: Highway Safety Office display and speaking with passersby about Virginia’s traffic safety concerns. Additionally, fourteen law enforcement agencies from the New



River Valley participated in the event and put up a variety of displays that dealt with a wide range of highway and community safety issues.

Child safety seat inspections also were offered to the public in attendance by staff members from the Carilion Injury Prevention Center and the Safe Kids Coalition of Roanoke Valley. The weather was just right for the event, which brought out many college students and faculty members as well as people from the surrounding area.

Many of the local restaurants in the Roanoke Valley furnished various foods and drinks for those in attendance, helping make this event a success for its first year.



# 2009 Law Enforcement Challenge Awards



| CATEGORY                      | PLACE | DEPARTMENT                            | SPECIAL AWARDS / NATIONAL CHALLENGE  |
|-------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------------|--|
| Municipal 1: 1-10 Officers    | 1     | New Market Police Department          |  |
|                               | 2     | West Point Police Department          |  |
|                               | 3     | Berryville Police Department          |  |
| Municipal 2: 11-25 Officers   | 1     | Ashland Police Department             |  |
|                               | 2     | Bedford Police Department             |  |
|                               | 3     | Norton Police Department              |  |
| Municipal 3: 26-50 Officers   | 1     | Culpeper Police Department            | Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Award  |
|                               | 2     | Front Royal Police Department         |  |
|                               | 3     | South Boston Police Department        |  |
| Municipal 4: 51-75 Officers   | 1     | Christiansburg Police Department      |  |
|                               | 2     | Martinsville Police Department        |  |
|                               | 3     | Herndon Police Department             |  |
| Municipal 5: 76-125 Officers  | 1     | Albemarle County Police Department    | Speed Awareness Award  |
|                               | 2     | Harrisonburg Police Department        |  |
|                               | 3     | James City County Police Department   |  |
| Municipal 6: 126-300 Officers | 1     | Lynchburg Police Department           | Child Passenger Safety Award<br><i>NLEC Winner: 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Municipal 6 (101-200 Officers)</i>   |
|                               | 2     | Roanoke City Police Department        |  |
|                               | 3     | Danville Police Department            |  |
| Municipal 7: 301-450 Officers | 1     | Arlington County Police Department    |  |
|                               | 2     | Newport News Police Department        |  |
|                               | 3     | Chesapeake Police Department          |  |
| Municipal 8: 451-700 Officers | 1     | Henrico County Division of Police     | <i>NLEC Winner: 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Municipal 8 (501-1,000 Officers)</i>   |
|                               | 2     | Chesterfield County Police Department | <i>NLEC Winner: 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Municipal 7 (201-500 Officers)</i>   |
| Municipal 9: 701+ Officers    | 1     | Virginia Beach Police Department      | Impaired Driving Award & Technology Award<br><i>NLEC Winner: 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Municipal 8 (501-1,000 Officers)</i>  |
|                               | 2     | Fairfax County Police Department      | Underage Alcohol Awareness Award<br><i>NLEC Winner: 1<sup>st</sup> place, Municipal 9 (1,001+ Officers) &amp; Special Award for Underage Alcohol Awareness</i> |
|                               | 3     | Richmond Police Department            |  |
| Military                      | 1     | Fort Lee Police                       |  |
| University                    | 1     | University of Richmond Police Dept.   |  |
|                               | 2     | Virginia Tech Police Department       |  |



The Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police (VACP) on Monday, August 9, 2010 will present the 2009 Virginia Law Enforcement Challenge awards for the best traffic safety programs in the state. The awards luncheon will be held during the VACP's 85th Annual Training Conference at the Hyatt Regency in Reston, VA.

Celebrating its twenty-first year in Virginia, the Law Enforcement 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.

The Virginia Challenge is held in cooperation with the National Law Enforcement Challenge Awards, presented by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). This year, a record **sixty Virginia agencies** entered the 2009 state and national competitions! Forty-four will receive state awards and nine will receive national awards, including the VACP itself which once again won 1st place in the State Associations category in the National Challenge. (A full list of National winners is available at <http://www.theiacp.org/awards/NLEC>.)

This year, the VACP decided to hold a separate state judging process for the first time in many years, rather than simply ranking agencies in their state Challenge categories based on their National Challenge scores. We believe that this state-specific judging process provides a more accurate assessment of the traffic safety programs of Virginia agencies because they are judged only against their colleagues in the state and not against agencies from other states with different laws and resources. Competition was very stiff this year due to the record level participation and the judges were very impressed with the submissions. Four judges spent three long days carefully reviewing the entries and providing feedback to the agencies that they can use when putting together their 2010 submission. The Virginia Highway Safety Committee certified the results of the judging.

Agencies will be presented with first, second and third place awards in each category at the luncheon in August as well as special awards for outstanding enforcement and education efforts in the areas of occupant protection, impaired driving, speed awareness, child passenger safety, underage alcohol awareness and many more. Additionally, we will announce awards for the best first-time entry, or "Rookie of the Year"; for the most outstanding traffic safety program in Virginia in 2009 regardless of agency size or type — the "Commonwealth Award"; and for the 2009 Traffic Safety Officer of the Year.

The Virginia Law Enforcement Challenge Awards program is supported by a grant from the Virginia Highway Safety Office.

| CATEGORY                    | PLACE   | DEPARTMENT                            | SPECIAL AWARDS / NATIONAL CHALLENGE                                    |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------------------------------------|--|
| Sheriff 1: 1-10 Deputies    | 1       | Craig County Sheriff's Office         |  |
| Sheriff 2: 11-25 Deputies   | 1       | New Kent County Sheriff's Office      | Occupant Protection Award  |
| Sheriff 3: 26-50 Deputies   | 1       | Wythe County Sheriff's Office         | <i>NLEC Winner: 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Sheriff 2 (26-50 Deputies)</i>   |
|                             | 2       | Smyth County Sheriff's Office         |  |
|                             | 3       | Isle of Wight County Sheriff's Office |  |
| Sheriff 4: 51-75 Deputies   | 1       | Augusta County Sheriff's Office       | <i>NLEC Winner: 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Sheriff 3 (51-100 Deputies)</i>  |
|                             | 2       | Amherst County Sheriff's Office       | "Rookie of the Year" (Best First-Time Entry)                           |
|                             | 3 (tie) | Dinwiddie County Sheriff's Office     |  |
|                             | 3 (tie) | Washington County Sheriff's Office    |  |
| Sheriff 5: 76-125 Deputies  | 1       | Fauquier County Sheriff's Office      |  |
|                             | 2       | Montgomery County Sheriff's Office    |  |
| Sheriff 6: 126-300 Deputies | 1       | Hanover County Sheriff's Office       | <i>NLEC Winner: 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Sheriff 4 (101-250 Deputies)</i> |
|                             | 2       | Stafford County Sheriff's Office      | Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Award                                  |
|                             | 3       | Spotsylvania County Sheriff's Office  |  |
| Sheriff 7: 301-450 Deputies | --      | <i>no entries in this category</i>    |  |
| Sheriff 8: 451-700 Deputies | 1       | Loudoun County Sheriff's Office       |  |

## National Law Enforcement Challenge Only

| DEPARTMENT                               | PLACE | CATEGORY           |
|--|-------|--------------------|
| Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police | 1     | State Associations |

# PHOTO-SAFE Comes to Newport News

Newport News has begun participating in Photo-Safe, a program designed to reduce the number of accidents at key intersections. Photo-Safe uses cameras at selected intersections to assist in traffic signal enforcement.

The intersection of Jefferson Avenue and Mercury Boulevard was the first of three Newport News intersections to be equipped with the cameras, which went live at midnight on May 15. Cameras at the second intersection, Jefferson Avenue and Denbigh Boulevard, went live at midnight on June 26. Installation is on-going

at the third intersection.

Once the cameras were activated, a 30-day warning period began, during which a warning notice was sent to the registered owners of vehicles violating the red traffic signal. After the 30-day warning period, violation notices began to be sent to the vehicle owners charging a \$50 penalty. Violations are civil fines, equivalent to a parking ticket.

It should be noted that this program is not designed to provide additional income to the City, but rather as an effort to reduce traffic crashes.



# PhotoRED Light Cameras Activated in Arlington County

ARLINGTON, Va.—The Arlington County Police Department is pleased to announce that red light cameras have been installed at four intersections. American Traffic Solutions (ATS), the vendor for the county, installed the cameras at the intersections. Construction took approximately two weeks.

The cameras at all four intersections were activated in mid-June, beginning with a 30-day awareness period for each intersection as the cameras became operational. Following the awareness period, fines go in to effect and motorists caught running a red light will pay a \$50 fine. However, the infraction is treated as a civil offense, such as a parking ticket, and does not go on the offender's driving record.

The four heavily trafficked County intersections outfitted with PhotoRED light cameras are:

- Eastbound Lee Highway at North Lynn Street;
- Southbound Ft. Myer Drive at westbound Lee Highway;
- Westbound Lee Highway at Washington Boulevard; and,
- Northbound North Glebe Road at Fairfax Drive.

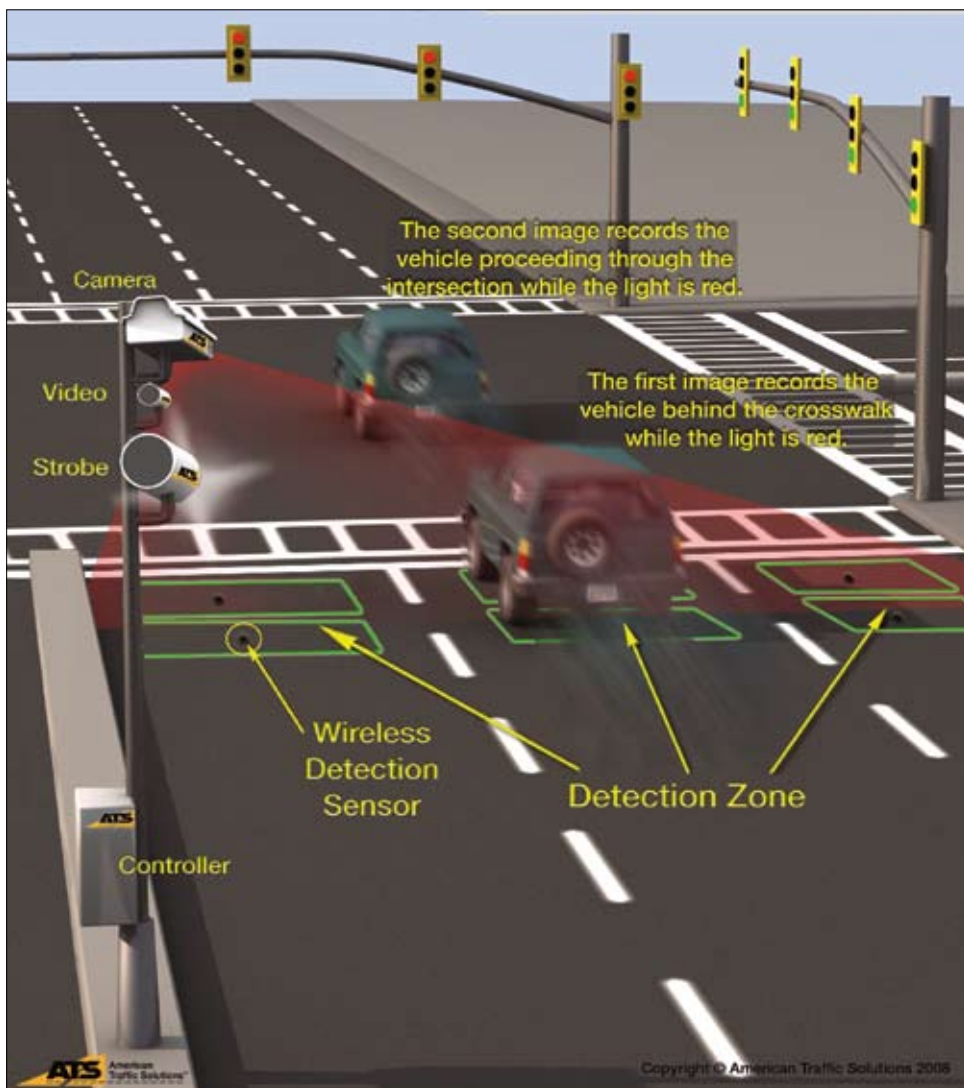
Factors used to determine the intersections to be equipped with the cameras include:

- Accident rate at the intersection
- Rate of red light violations at the intersection
- Ability of officers to safely apprehend violators at the intersection

Under Virginia state code, the County is authorized to install PhotoRED cameras at up to 20 intersections.

Further information on the PhotoRED

Program can be found on the police department's web site at <http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/police/PhotoREDPhotoRED.aspx>.







# State Police Issue 6,000+ Summonses During Operation Air, Land & Speed on I-81 & I-95

RICHMOND—A two-day traffic safety program by Virginia State Police troopers resulted in thousands of speeders and reckless drivers receiving citations as part of the Department’s Operation Air, Land and Speed initiative. The enforcement effort began Sunday, May 23, and concluded Monday, May 24, 2010. Troopers patrolled the north-south corridors of both interstates and there were no fatal traffic crashes reported on either interstate during the entire operation.

Virginia State Police cited 6,081 summonses and arrests between both I-81 and I-95 during the May enforcement blitz. Troopers stopped a total of 3,263 speeders, 557 reckless drivers and 16 drunk drivers. The operation yielded 21 drug and felony arrests and there were 252 safety belt violations.

The following is a breakdown for each interstate during May’s Operation Air,

Land and Speed project:

| Category               | I-81         | I-95         |
|------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Speeders               | 1,943        | 1,320        |
| Reckless Driving       | 207          | 350          |
| DUI                    | 6            | 10           |
| Safety Belt Violations | 108          | 144          |
| Drug/Felony Arrests    | 19           | 2            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>           | <b>3,222</b> | <b>2,859</b> |

“With only two days from the start of a busy holiday travel weekend, it is disappointing to see the number of drivers issued summonses for speeding and driving recklessly,” said Colonel W. Steven Flaherty, Virginia State Police Superintendent. “Remember, it only takes a second for a crash to occur. Don’t put yourself or the passengers in your car at risk by driving over the speed limit. Your best defense is to buckle up and slow down

this holiday weekend and all year long.”

The May enforcement program was the fourteenth one conducted on I-81 and I-95 since its inception in 2006. Including this latest operation, a total of 129,581 summonses and arrests have resulted from the 25 Operation Air, Land and Speed initiatives carried out in the Commonwealth.

Funds generated from summonses issued by state police go directly to court fees and the state’s Literary Fund, which benefits public school construction, technology funding and teacher retirement.

The comprehensive enforcement project utilized troopers, supervisors and motor carrier troopers. State police operational duties on other interstates, primary and secondary roads were not affected during the operation. Funding for the enforcement initiative was provided through federal highway safety monies.

## VSP Stop Vehicle for HOV Violation, Yield \$17,500 in Drugs

(June 4, 2010) PRINCE WILLIAM CO.—A Virginia State Police traffic stop for an HOV violation resulted in the arrest of a New Jersey man and the seizure of five pounds of marijuana in Prince William County Thursday afternoon (June 3, 2010).

Virginia Trooper E.D. Haynie was on patrol Thursday on Interstate 95 when he spotted a southbound 2006 Nissan Altima in violation of the High Occupancy Vehicle lane regulation. At 4:03 p.m. at the 152 mile marker, Trooper Haynie stopped the car for having only two occupants, when HOV requires three during that time period.

A check of the driver’s information indicated that he was driving on a suspended license and was also wanted by police in Charles County, Md. At this point, Virginia Trooper A. Shahbaz and Trooper A.B. Absher responded to assist Trooper Haynie with the traffic stop.

The car’s passenger also had a suspended license, so the trooper had to have the car towed from the interstate. In order to “store” a vehicle, the trooper must take inventory of the vehicle’s contents. While preparing the car to be towed, the trooper discovered six packages of high-quality marijuana inside the trunk.

The driver of the car, Anthony E. Green Jr., 26, of Stratford, N.J., was taken into custody and charged with possession of marijuana with the intent to distribute, transporting five or more pounds of marijuana into the Commonwealth, driving on a suspended license and first offense HOV. Green is being held at the Adult Correctional Center in Prince William County.

The passenger, a male from New York, was not charged.

## Chesapeake Police Conduct Cinco de Mayo Operation

The Chesapeake Police Department conducted a special enforcement effort for Cinco de Mayo. From 10:00 p.m. on May 5 until 3:00 a.m. on May 6, extra officers were out cracking down on impaired driving and other traffic infractions. Here are the enforcement results:

|                                       |           |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| Vehicles Pulled Over                  | 181       |
| Speeding Citations                    | 18        |
| DUI Arrests                           | 4         |
| Safety Belt Citations                 | 3         |
| Child Restraint Citations             | 6         |
| Juveniles Cited for Underage Drinking | 3         |
| Suspended/Revoked Licenses            | 8         |
| Uninsured Motorists                   | 2         |
| Open Container Citations              | 2         |
| No Operator’s License                 | 2         |
| Red Light Violations                  | 3         |
| Other Arrests & Citations             | 41        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                          | <b>92</b> |



## 'Routine' Stop for Speeding Bags Large Amounts of Drugs, Cash

**Richmond Police Fourth Precinct Officers Robert Jamison and Toney Waldorf** stopped a vehicle for speeding Saturday night, but found more than just a heavy foot.

When they approached the vehicle just after 10 p.m. in the 400 block of West Main Street, they immediately smelled a strong odor of marijuana coming from the car.

After searching the vehicle, the officers found more than 25 pounds of bagged marijuana as well as more than \$10,000 in cash. The driver of the vehicle, William L. Bowman, 33, of the 200 block of South Mulberry Street, was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana with intent to distribute.

### Advanced DUI Enforcement and Prosecution

August 25-27, 2010 • Blacksburg

Registration is open for the Advanced DUI Enforcement and Prosecution program to be held in August at the Inn at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg. Attendance is limited to 25 teams, each of which consists of a prosecutor and a law enforcement officer from a given jurisdiction. Law Enforcement in-service credit hours and MCLE credits have been approved.

There is no charge for this training, which includes breakfast and lunch for all attendees and three nights lodging for students that need it. For more information, contact Ed Hibbard at [whibbard@wm.edu](mailto:whibbard@wm.edu).

Register on line at [www.cas.state.va.us/trainingprograms.htm](http://www.cas.state.va.us/trainingprograms.htm).

### DUID Training for Prosecutors and Law Enforcement

September 9, 2010 • Newport News

Registration is currently open for presentations of the DUID Program. Topics to be covered include: Recognizing the Drugged Driver, Keys to Winning DUID Cases, Blood Testing Issues, and many more. The latest version of the DUI Manual will be distributed to participants. This program utilizes a team-training format requiring a team consisting of a prosecutor and a law enforcement officer from the same jurisdiction. There is some flexibility to accept expanded teams as long as space is available. (6 hours of in-service credit, or 5.5 hours of MCLE credit, has been approved.)

There is no charge for this single day training program. Lunch will be provided. For more information, contact Ed Hibbard at [whibbard@wm.edu](mailto:whibbard@wm.edu).

Register on line at [www.cas.state.va.us/trainingprograms.htm](http://www.cas.state.va.us/trainingprograms.htm).

## VAADAC's Citizen of the Year Awarded to Newport News Sheriff Gabe Morgan

On March 26, 2010 the Virginia Association for Addiction Professionals (VAADAC) selected Newport News Sheriff Gabe Morgan as their Citizen of the Year.

Sheriff Morgan is an integral part of the on-going substance abuse services provided by the Newport News city jail and programs in the community and is well respected by his colleagues as well as the community. He presently has partnered with the Newport News Drug Court to provide drug screen monitoring and encourages his staff do learn as much about drug abuse as possible.

Sheriff Morgan's community involvement is widespread. He is the Chairman of the Southeast Community Weed and Seed initiative, weeding out blight and crime in a designated area and seeding it with promising new opportunities. He organized meetings for the Weed and Seed program to focus on substance abuse and re-entry.

Sheriff Morgan was also named by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia to the Virginia Supreme Court's Commission on Mental Health Reforms. As a member of the commission, Sheriff Morgan served as the committee chairman for Emergency Detention Orders and Temporary Detention Orders. Sheriff Morgan's committee took on increased importance after



the Virginia Tech shooting. The work of his committee was submitted for legislative approval and was made into law. He continues to participate on a transportation working group and is spearheading sweeping changes that will benefit law enforcement and mental health consumers alike.





## RPD reminds motorists traffic laws are enforced year round — not just during national campaigns

In an effort to keep traffic safety on the minds of Roanoke drivers all year long, and not just during the two weeks of the national campaigns, the Roanoke Police Department has been conducting regular stepped-up traffic enforcement details. Below are some results of their continual efforts to enforce traffic laws and keep the roads safe:

### March Saturation Patrols

On March 19 and 20, Roanoke Police conducted saturation patrols focusing on traffic offenses. Officers patrolled city-wide and made a total of 113 traffic stops, resulting in the following 121 charges:

- DUI – 6
- Suspended/Revoked License – 8
- No Operator's License – 10
- Reckless Driving – 2
- Seat Belt Citations – 12
- Child Seat Citations – 2
- Underage Drinking Citation – 1
- Speeding Citations – 28
- Drug Charges – 1
- Open Container Violations – 6

- Felony Arrest – 1
- Warrants Served – 1
- Other Arrests and Citations – 43

### Distracted Driving Awareness Day

On April 28, the Roanoke Police Department conducted a citywide special traffic detail for Distracted Driving Awareness Day. During that day, drivers were reminded of the dangers of driving while distracted through PSAs.

Officers participating in the special detail issued the following summonses:

- Speeding – 6
- Expired Inspection – 5
- Suspended/Revoked License – 5
- Expired Registration – 4
- Disregard Stop Sign – 4
- Follow Too Close – 2
- Seat Belt Violations – 6
- Hit and Run – 2
- Reckless Driving – 2
- Equipment Violations – 1
- Disregard Highway Sign – 2
- No Operator's License – 2
- Fail to Yield – 1

- Improper Lane Change – 1
- Wrong Way – 1
- Drugs and Equipment Violations – 4

Drivers were also reminded that traffic enforcement occurs year round, not only during special state or national campaigns, or during holiday travel.

### May Checkpoints

On May 3, 2010, Roanoke officers conducted traffic checkpoints citywide, focusing on validating operator's license status and vehicle compliance (i.e. expired registration, expired inspection).

A total of 57 summonses were issued in the following areas:

- 9th Street and Woodrow Avenue – 13 summonses issued;
- 10th Street and Roy L. Webber Expressway Underpass Northbound – 14 summonses issued;
- 10th Street and Roy L. Webber Expressway Underpass Southbound – 12 summonses issued; and,
- Bridge Street and Russel Avenue – 18 summonses issued.

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## Tidewater agencies team up to conduct simultaneous traffic safety checkpoints

On May 7, the Virginia Beach Police Department, Norfolk Police Department, and Chesapeake Police Department conducted simultaneous checkpoints on S. Military Highway near the border of all three cities. Virginia Beach conducted two checkpoints — one at the border with Chesapeake and the other at the border with Norfolk — while Chesapeake and Norfolk Police Departments set up checkpoints in each of their jurisdictions near the border with Virginia Beach. The enforcement results for each department are as follows:

### Norfolk Police

- 600 vehicles checked
- 2 felony arrests
- 5 suspended licenses
- 11 no operator's license
- 67 other traffic violations

### Virginia Beach Police

- 866 vehicles checked
- 2 DUI's
- 1 seatbelt violation
- 2 child seat violations
- 1 open container
- 5 suspended licenses
- 6 no operator's license
- 32 other traffic violations

### Chesapeake Police

- 260 vehicles checked
- 3 DUI's
- 1 underage possession of alcohol
- 3 felony arrests
- 1 fugitive apprehended
- 8 suspended licenses
- 8 narcotic arrests
- 3 open containers
- 8 no operator's license
- 13 other traffic violations





## Operation ‘Extra Eyes for DWIs’

*Multi-agency operation aimed to save young lives during prom, graduation season*

On Saturday, May 22 at 7:00 p.m., in the midst of the spring prom and graduation season, law enforcement officers from seven local, state, regional, and federal agencies saturated the streets in several Northern Virginia jurisdictions with personnel specifically targeting drunk drivers.

“Extra Eyes for DWIs” involved officers and resources from the City of Falls Church Police, Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority Police, Town of Vienna Police, County of Fairfax Police, City of Fairfax Police, the United States Park Police, and troopers from the Virginia State Police. Thirty-seven officers from these seven Northern Virginia police agencies teamed up in a collaborative effort to conduct saturation patrols to detect and arrest drunk drivers.

Debbie Sausville, a Fairfax County M.A.D.D. mother who lost her step-daughter to an alcohol-related crash, addressed the participating officers before they took to the streets. Six years ago, her 16-year-old step-daughter — a part of Sausville’s

life for nine years — made a poor choice. A 27-year-old man supplied the teen with the alcohol that impaired her driving ability. In a crash on a dead-end street, Lauren Gray Sausville died in a crash witnessed by her friends in the lead car. Debbie Sausville has been an anti-drunk driving activist ever since. “You’re my heroes for going out tonight and stopping drunk drivers,” said Sausville, to the assembly of officers. “You’re doing your best to stop drunk drivers. I am, with M.A.D.D., doing our best to eliminate drunk driving.”

The media also was invited to attend this pre-event briefing at the Vienna Town Hall. Cruisers from all involved agencies were on display and participating officers and administrators and Ms. Sausville from M.A.D.D. spoke to reporters. Several ride-along opportunities were also made available.

“Our main goal is to stop and detect drunk drivers, prevent accidents and save lives,” said Fairfax County Police McLean

District Assistant Commander Mike McAlister, who thought up the “Operation Extra Eyes for DWIs” beefed-up patrols. “I thought a saturation patrol targeting DWI would help achieve that goal.” McAlister helped to forge the partnership of all the cooperating agencies.

“We want to make sure the kids get the message not to drink and drive,” said VPD Public Information Officer Bill Murray. “We’re all about having fun. We were kids once. We know what proms are like.

“We want to help make their proms and graduations a success, to make those occasions safe events. We’re out there to help them stay safe, stay alive.”

Even though the weather was far less than desirable on May 22, the officers and troopers participating in “Operation Extra Eyes for DWIs” conducted 226 vehicle stops. As a result of those 226 stops, 32 drivers were given field sobriety tests, 9 were ultimately arrested for DWI, and 252 summonses and warnings were issued.

### SAVE THE DATE! Regional Smart, Safe & Sober Workshops

- August 3:** Abingdon — Southwest Va. Higher Education Center — for Bristol Region grantees
- August 4:** Roanoke — Higher Ed Center — for Roanoke Region grantees
- August 5:** Harrisonburg — James Madison Univ. Festival Center — for Staunton Region grantees
- August 18:** Fredericksburg (location pending) — for Fairfax Region grantees
- August 19:** Richmond (location pending) — for Richmond Region grantees
- August 20:** Suffolk — Hilton Garden Inn — for Portsmouth Region grantees



The workshops will begin around 10 am and will re-cap programs from the past year as well as prepare grantees for the upcoming year. Following the morning session will be an awards lunch where the “Click It or Ticket” Awards for that region will be presented. The day will close with the distribution of the FY 10-11 highway safety grants.

Look for more information in the near future from the Virginia Highway Safety Office.



# Virginia Beach's Frank W. Cox High School Conducts 'Every 15 Minutes' Program

This award winning anti-drinking and driving awareness program was conducted at Frank W. Cox High School, on Wednesday, April 21 and Thursday, April 22. "Every 15 Minutes" is a two-day role-playing interactive program involving junior and senior students and their parents. Students learn the results of their decisions in dealing with teenage drinking, personal safety, and making mature decisions when lives are involved.

At 8:00 a.m. Wednesday 20 preselected students were removed from class by the "Grim Reaper" followed by police officers reading the students' obituary which were written by their parents to the participants' classes. At 11:00 a.m. a "mock" driving under the influence crash scene was staged on school grounds where students viewed "injuries" and the "death" of a student as Police, Fire, and Rescue personnel investigated the scene. The "driver", who was suspected of DUI, went through the actual sobriety testing and arrest procedures, and a funeral hearse transported the body of the "deceased" student to the morgue. The "living dead" students then went on an overnight field trip where they visited a hospital



trauma unit, a mock court DUI trial, and the city jail. Afterwards, they had dinner together before going back to their hotel rooms to write a final letter to their parents.

At 9:10 a.m. Thursday morning, students watched a music video during an assembly, which was compiled from footage of the events — the mock crash, the visit of the morgue and trauma center — which took place on the first day of the program. Letters of sensitivity written by parents to their child and by students to their parents about their tragic untimely death and the effects on their lives were then read.

This program was the result of months of coordination by the VBPD Crime Prevention Unit involving the Police and Fire Departments, Emergency Medical Services, Virginia Beach Public Schools, Virginia Beach Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney, Virginia Beach Sheriff's Office, Sentara Virginia Beach General Hospital, Kellum-Smith and Williams Funeral Home, The Oceanfront Inn, and GEICO Insurance.

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## Stafford County Sheriff's Office Conducts ABC Sting

*'Party Pooper' campaign once again held throughout prom, graduation season*

(April 22, 2010) STAFFORD, Va.—The Stafford County Sheriff's Office conducted an ABC Sting last night at 11 local stores to determine if these stores were allowing the sale of alcohol to minors. A 17-year-old minor, a paid employee of the Virginia Alcohol Beverage Board, entered stores and attempted to purchase alcohol under the supervision of members of the Sheriff's Office Special Problem Unit. If an employee of the store allowed the underage purchase of alcohol, Deputies of the Special Problem Unit entered the store and gave the individual who allowed the purchase a summons. The information about the store in violation of VABC laws is being sent to the Virginia Alcohol Beverage Control Board.

Four of the eleven stores received summons. The employees who sold the alcohol to the undercover minor received a summons for the ABC violation. Those receiving summons were Lilian Matinez-Cruz, age 45, employed by Taylor's Grocery at 3306 Jefferson Davis Hwy; Ji Hoon Kim, age 25 of Onville 7-11, 378 Garrisonville Rd; Manan K. Goyani, of Onville Quick Mart, 115 Onville Rd; and, Arshad M. Malik, age 46, employed by Handi Mart, 1186 Warrenton Rd in Stafford.

The remaining seven stores that did not sell alcohol to the underage buyer were the Texaco, 3884 Jefferson Davis Hwy; Last Stop Mart, 3315 Jefferson Davis Hwy; Hidden Valley 7-11, 3623 Jefferson Davis Hwy; Kangaroo Mart, 34 Prosperity Dr; Valero, 624 Garrisonville Rd; Valero, 1075 Garrisonville Rd; and, the Texaco at 372 Warrenton Rd.

In conjunction with the ABC Sting, the Stafford County Sheriff's Office once again rolled out the Party Pooper campaign aimed at curbing underage drinking. The Sheriff's Office ran extra patrols during the numerous prom and graduation weekends in Stafford County.

Sheriff Charles Jett acknowledged that prom and graduation weekends are very special times for young people. He stated, "We want to make sure that all of our young people have a wonderful prom and graduation experience and have an opportunity to have that special time in a safe, alcohol free environment. We take this campaign very seriously and will be maximizing our efforts to ensure that any teenage parties or gatherings are alcohol free."

The Party Pooper Program has three important phases. The first phase is the gathering of intelligence concerning the

location of parties or gatherings where minors would be consuming alcohol. The second phase involves getting the word out to the public and the media concerning the intent of this program, which is having an alcohol-free environment for the students participating in prom or graduation activities. The third phase is strict enforcement that includes the arresting and or summoning of minors in violation of alcohol laws as well as any adult found contributing, aiding or abetting. Specific patrols will be in a caravan, responding to parties or gatherings where alcohol is being served to minors. Undercover deputies will be utilized to infiltrate parties where alcohol is being served and consumed by minors. The Party Pooper campaign will start at prom season and will continue through graduation weekend.

The Stafford County Sheriff's Office is also working in partnership with local businesses such as hotels, motels and convenience stores. These businesses are helping the Sheriff's Office ensure compliance of state laws in regard to the purchasing of alcohol by minors or the consumption of alcohol by teenagers in areas they may be gathering for after prom or graduation celebrations.



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. Here are the stories of just some of the individuals who were recognized during the second quarter of 2010:

On May 12, Chief Richard Furr of the Front Royal Police Department and MaryAnn Rayment of the Virginia Highway Safety Office awarded **Roxanne Bauserman** with the Saved By the Belt Award.

Mrs. Bauserman was involved in a head on collision at a major intersection in the town of Front Royal in February. She was temporarily knocked unconscious from the shock of the impact but was able to regain her composure and, with assistance from a witness, was able to get out of the vehicle. Her vehicle engine compartment temporarily caught fire, but was extinguished by a citizen with a fire extinguisher.

During a television interview, Mrs. Bauserman credited her seat belt for saving her from serious injury or death. "I never leave my house without wearing it," stated Bauserman.



The trip that upended a Spotsylvania family's life for six months started out as a simple errand.

**Erica Davison**, 32, was driving to pick up a television for her Lake Anna home on the night of Dec. 4, 2009. It was early evening, shortly after 6 p.m. Davison was behind the wheel of her Ford Explorer Sport Trac, with her children — **Tyler Davison**, 10, and **Macie Davison**, 6 — buckled up in the truck's back seat. Friend **Jason Morgan**, 34, was riding in the front passenger seat.

The drive on Stubbs Bridge Road was uneventful. Then, suddenly, another truck appeared in their lane, headed straight at them. There was no time to react; there "wasn't even time to say, 'Hey!' It happened that fast," Morgan said.

Their vehicle was struck head-on by an intoxicated driver in a GMC Sierra pickup truck, according to the Spotsylvania County Sheriff's Office. John Edward Hilldrup, 58, of Spotsylvania, has been charged with DUI and maiming while DUI.

Despite the severity of the crash, everyone survived. The Sheriff's Office credits the survival of everyone in Davison's vehicle to the fact that they were wearing their seat belts. The air bags in the truck also deployed.

On May 25 at a Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors meeting, the Davison family and Morgan accepted Saved by the Belt Awards for wearing their seat belts.

"There is no doubt that, had they not been properly belted, the Davison family would have suffered much more significant traumatic injuries and possibly even died as a result of this crash," read a summary of events given to supervisors.

"I hope you're an example for the rest of the people in this county," said Gary Jackson, Board of Supervisors chairman.

The family is still grappling with the aftermath of the crash.

Ms. Davison, a school bus driver for Spotsylvania public schools, suffered severe leg injuries and uses crutches to walk. She has not been able to return to work as a bus driver for Thornburg Middle School and Riverview Elementary. Morgan suffered a shattered hip, and hopes to return to work this summer.

Davison and Morgan praised the quick response of the Sheriff's Office and fire and rescue officials at the scene, and their ability keep the children calm as she and Morgan were treated.

Both urged other drivers not to drink and drive, and to always buckle up. "They definitely save lives," Morgan said. "We're living proof of that."







On June 9, Buchanan County Sheriff Ray Foster and Don Allen from the Virginia Highway Safety Office presented the Saved by the Belt Award to Buchanan County Sheriff's Office Administrative Assistant **Ms. Vicky Jones**.

On December 18, 2009, Ms. Jones was involved in a vehicle crash on Interstate 81 when, during a heavy snow storm, her Volkswagen Beetle slid out of control while being passed by two tractor trailers.

"The first truck sent me into a spin as it passed in the heavy snow. The second truck actually ran over the back of my car — my Bug was squashed! I was up under [the truck's] trailer for a second [before being] spun out into the guardrail. I would have been killed had I not been wearing my seat belt," stated Ms. Jones. "Instead, I had only minor injuries and some bruising from the seat belt in the crash."

On May 27, officers from the Henrico County Division of Police and Ms. Mary Ann Rayment of the Virginia Highway Safety Office presented the Saved by the Belt Award to **Ms. Tanya Coles** and her son, **Taylor Cherry**, for being properly restrained by seat belts and child seats at the time of their crash.

On April 16, 2010, a three-vehicle traffic crash occurred within the intersection of Nuckols Road and Wheat First Drive in Henrico County. Ms. Coles was operating her Nissan Maxima north on Nuckols Road when a Honda Element failed to yield the right of way and pulled into her path; she struck the Honda.

Ms. Coles had her son, Taylor, restrained properly in a child safety seat and Ms. Coles or her son were injured as a result of the crash. Ms. Coles stated that her back was sore, but luckily she had her seat belt on, preventing further injury.



On May 17, Chief Charles M. Peery of the New Market Police Department presented Saved by the Belt Awards to **William and Betty Foltz** during the Town Council meeting.

On April 21, 2010, Mr. Foltz was operating his 2008 Ford Taurus southbound on South Congress Street (Route 11) when another vehicle came into his lane, hitting Mr. Foltz on the driver side and causing heavy damage.

Mr. and Mrs. Foltz were both wearing their seat belts, which prevented them from being injured.



*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 web site — [www.smartsafeandsober.org/programs/sbbb.php](http://www.smartsafeandsober.org/programs/sbbb.php).*

# AAA Statement on the Motor Vehicle Safety Act

(May 26, 2010) ORLANDO, FL.— Today, a House Committee gave further consideration to the Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 2010, legislation responding to crashes associated with recently-reported vehicle failures.

As an organization serving over 51 million motorists and an advocate for transportation safety, AAA shares the public's concern about deaths and injuries related to vehicle failures.

The attention garnered in the aftermath of the Toyota incidents has served as a wake-up call to Congress that the nation's leading transportation safety agency, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), needs better resources to quickly respond to vehicle safety problems. Not only do manufacturers have a responsibility to produce safe vehicles, but consumers have a right to expect that manufacturers and regulators have made every possible effort to ensure their safety.

A debate about how best to improve the vehicle recall process is appropriate. It is just one part, however, of Congress's larger role in traffic safety. As a nation, we lose more than 37,000 people and injure 2.3 million in over 5.8 million crashes each year. Relatively few are related to vehicle failures. AAA urges Congress not to lose sight of the bigger picture.

Unintended acceleration, which in part prompted the introduction of the Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 2010, has reportedly contributed to 102 deaths over the past decade. Since every life lost on the nation's roads is tragic, the goals of the Motor Vehicle Safety Act are indeed laudable. However, significantly

more deaths result each year in crashes associated with alcohol-impaired driving (11,773), speeding (11,674), and non-use of seat belts (12,865). If safety is truly a top priority, Congress should take swift action to reduce the deaths and injuries that occur on our roadways each year by passing a multi-year transportation bill with the same urgency and commitment given to the Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 2010.

Congress has delayed action on a long-term transportation bill for too long. Current law expired on September 30, 2009, and programs have been funded through a series of short-term extensions. To meet our 21st Century transportation challenges, changes are needed and are best addressed in the context of a comprehensive, multi-year bill.

AAA calls for at least 10 percent of all transportation investment to be spent on safety (currently we devote less than 4% to safety) to fund better data collection systems, road improvements and use of evidence-based strategies to change the culture of complacency about transportation safety. We need to ensure that legislation and regulation result in funding for the countermeasures that have the greatest impact on saving lives, and reducing crashes.

It's great to see Congress move quickly to address this particular issue. But there are 37,000 reasons why they should focus on passing a long-term transportation bill with a bigger commitment to safety. It will provide the funding needed to modernize our transportation system, and help save thousands of lives lost in the millions of preventable crashes on our nation's roadways each year.

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## AAA Survey Finds Dangerous Gaps in Parents' Knowledge of Car Seat Safety

(May 26, 2010) ORLANDO, FL.— Most parents rank safety as their top consideration when buying a car seat for their child, yet the majority of them don't know how long their child should ride in it or the best place to install it, according to a recent survey by AAA and Dorel Juvenile Group.

Based on a phone survey of 649 US adults with at least one child age 8 or younger living at home, the report comes just ahead of the busy summer road travel season.

AAA recommends that any child up to age 8 or 4 feet 9 inches tall should be secured in a child safety seat or booster seat. However, only about one in four (26%) survey respondents could identify proper child safety seat age and height recommendations. Additionally, less than half of parents surveyed (44%) knew the safest position for a single car seat was the center of the rear seat.

More than three-quarters (76%) of adults surveyed said safety was the most important consideration when purchasing a car

or booster seat. And while an overwhelming majority (92%) said they were very or somewhat sure that their current car seat or booster seat was installed correctly, data collected by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) suggest as many as 75 percent of car seats on the road today are not properly installed.

"We're encouraged that parents identified safety features as the most important consideration when purchasing a child safety seat, but these data clearly illustrate that more education is needed on this important topic," said Kathleen Marvaso, vice president, AAA Public Affairs. "The right car seat, installed correctly, is the best protection for a young child in the event of a crash," she added.

Even as children outgrow their booster seats and progress to using adult seat belts, AAA recommends that all children 12 years of age or younger ride in the back seat of a vehicle.

"Our car seat team is committed to

building the safest car seats in the world," said Dorel Juvenile Group President Dave Taylor. "It's equally important to educate parents, especially new ones, on how to use car seats to maximize their safety features. We are doing this through an upcoming series of videos on [www.Safety1stTV.com](http://www.Safety1stTV.com), through our retail partners, and in partnership with organizations committed to road safety, such as AAA."

For a free checklist of car seat safety and installation tips, visit [www.safety1st.com](http://www.safety1st.com).

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*Conducted in April 2010, the study is based on a telephone survey of 649 US adults who report they drive in a vehicle with children that are 8 years of age or younger. The study results have an average statistical margin of error of plus or minus 4.9 percent. Completed interviews were weighted by four variables — age, sex, geographic region and race — to ensure reliable and accurate representation of the total US population of adults 18 years of age and older.*



## New 'Safe Routes to School' Online Resources for Law Enforcement Officers

(April 13, 2010) WASHINGTON, D.C.—The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) announced today the launch of a new web-based resource for law enforcement officers. The Safe Routes to School for Law Enforcement Web site, [www.saferoutesinfo.org/lawenforcement](http://www.saferoutesinfo.org/lawenforcement), provides tips, tools and other materials to help law enforcement officers get involved in Safe Routes to School (SRTS), a national effort to enable and encourage children to safely walk and bike to school.

The new Web site, which is hosted and maintained by the National Center for Safe Routes to School, is designed to aid officers and law enforcement agencies in local SRTS efforts. The resource includes a wide variety of tools, such as:

- Tips for law enforcement officers on walking and bicycling safety;
- Take away materials for students, parents, school staff, and others;
- Talking points on bicycle and pedestrian safety;
- Tips on addressing parental concerns;
- Links to related sites for resource materials; and,
- Activities for children.

The participation of law enforcement agencies in SRTS is critical. First, law enforcement professionals command the attention of the public and audiences. Second, involvement of law enforcement enhances engineering and education efforts to provide a more comprehensive SRTS program and a greater likelihood of ensuring safe behaviors among pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists.

Participation in SRTS activities also provides the opportunity for law enforcement to engage in positive interaction with the public and enhance their image in the community.

For more information, visit [www.saferoutesinfo.org/lawenforcement](http://www.saferoutesinfo.org/lawenforcement).



### Walking and bicycling to school with your child has *many benefits!*



To learn more about the benefits of safe walking and bicycling to school, please visit

[www.saferoutesinfo.org](http://www.saferoutesinfo.org)

- Save money and buy less gas
- Get fit together as a family
- Help the environment by leaving the car at home
- Catch up with your kids during the walk

The National Center for Safe Routes to School assists communities in enabling and encouraging children to safely walk and bicycle to school. Visit our Web site to:

- Find out how to start a Safe Routes to School program
- Download tip sheets, fliers, videos and other resources
- Connect with other programs at the Safe Routes Forums
- Read success stories on how communities have encouraged walking and bicycling
- Learn more about celebrating International Walk to School Day in October at [www.walktoschool.org](http://www.walktoschool.org)

## Child Passenger Safety Week

September 19-25, 2010

REAR-FACING
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Sept. 25, 2010

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## Traffic Safety Calendar

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| August 2010         | <b>National Back to School Safety Month</b> — <a href="http://www.nhtsa.gov">www.nhtsa.gov</a>   |
| Aug 1-7, 2010       | <b>National Stop on Red Week</b> — <a href="http://www.stopedlightrunning.com">www.stopedlightrunning.com</a>  |
| Aug 1-7, 2010       | <b>Smooth Operator Enforcement Wave 3</b> — <a href="http://www.smoothoperatorprogram.com">www.smoothoperatorprogram.com</a>   |
| Aug 8-11, 2010      | <b>Va. Assn. of Chiefs of Police Annual Conference</b> — Reston, VA — <a href="http://www.vachiefs.org">www.vachiefs.org</a><br>2009 Virginia Law Enforcement Challenge Awards Luncheon is Monday, August 9.   |
| Aug 20-Sept 6, 2010 | <b>Checkpoint Strikeforce: Impaired Driving National Enforcement Crackdown</b> — <a href="http://www.checkpointstrikeforce.net">www.checkpointstrikeforce.net</a> & <a href="http://www.stopimpaireddriving.org">www.stopimpaireddriving.org</a>                                     |
| Sept 2, 2010        | <b>Border to Border</b> — <a href="http://www.smartsafeandsober.org/programs/b2b.php">www.smartsafeandsober.org/programs/b2b.php</a>   |
| Sept 5-11, 2010     | <b>Smooth Operator Enforcement Wave 4</b> — <a href="http://www.smoothoperatorprogram.com">www.smoothoperatorprogram.com</a>   |
| Sept 19-25, 2010    | <b>Child Passenger Safety Week</b> — <a href="http://www.nhtsa.gov">www.nhtsa.gov</a><br>National Seat Check Saturday is September 25.   |
| Sept 19-21, 2010    | <b>Va. Sheriffs' Association Conference</b> — Newport News, VA — <a href="http://www.virginiasheriffs.org">www.virginiasheriffs.org</a>  |
| Sept 26-29, 2010    | <b>Governor's Highway Safety Assn. Annual Meeting</b> — Kansas City, MO — <a href="http://www.ghsa.org">www.ghsa.org</a>   |
| October 2010        | <b>National Pedestrian Safety Month</b> — <a href="http://www.walkableamerica.org">www.walkableamerica.org</a><br><b>National Walk to School Month</b> — <a href="http://www.walktoschool.org">www.walktoschool.org</a><br>International Walk to School Day is Wednesday, October 6. |
| Oct 4-8, 2010       | <b>Drive Safely Work Week</b> — <a href="http://trafficsafety.org/drivesafelyworkweek">trafficsafety.org/drivesafelyworkweek</a>   |
| Oct 10, 2010        | <b>Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day</b> — <a href="http://www.brakesonfatalities.org">www.brakesonfatalities.org</a>   |