



2017 VIRGINIA LAW ENFORCEMENT CHALLENGE APPLICATION

Applications are due to VLEC@vachiefs.org by **Friday, May 5, 2017, by 11:59 PM**

Click here for a copy of the LEC How-To Guide: <http://bit.ly/22aMcCW>

Agency (as it would appear on an award): **Harrisonburg Police Department**

Agency Category: **Municipal V**

Total Number of Sworn Personnel: **104.5**

Total Number of Uniformed Officers on the Street: **65**

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APPLICATION ATTACHMENTS PACKET

CHECKLIST

Each attachment should be no longer or larger than 10 pages and 10 MB.

- NLEC Application (**required**) __X__
- Speed Awareness Narrative (**required**) __X__
- Speed Awareness Policies (**required**) __X__
- Impaired Driving Narrative (**required**) __X__
- Impaired Driving Policies (**required**) __X__
- Occupant Protection Narrative (**required**) __X__
- Occupant Protection Policies (**required**) __X__
- State/Local Issue Narrative (**required**) __X__
- State Local Issue Policies (**required**) __X__
- Special Award Application(s) (**1 attachment including narratives and policies for each award**) (**optional**) __X__

SPECIAL AWARD CONSIDERATIONS

- Impaired Driving* __X__
- Occupant Protection* __X__
- Speed Awareness* __X__
- Bike/Pedestrian Safety _____
- Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety __X__
- Distracted Driving _____
- Motorcycle Safety __X__
- Technology _____
- Traffic Incident Management _____
- State/Local Issue is Special Award __X__
- Consideration** yes no _____

If yes, which one?

Local Issue: ABC Enforcement / Underage Drinking

**Your agency is automatically considered for this Special Award upon submission of NLEC application
 **Cannot be Speed Awareness, Impaired Driving, or Occupant Protection; must be chosen from other Special Awards*

SUBMISSION DISCLOSURE QUESTIONS

Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability.

1. Total roadway crashes in 2014: **975**
2. Total roadway crashes in 2015: **1,076**
3. Total roadway crashes in 2016: **1,170**
4. Total fatal crashes in 2014: **0**
5. Total fatal crashes in 2015: **1**
6. Total fatal crashes in 2016: **4**
7. Total injury crashes in 2014: **323**
8. Total injury crashes in 2015: **378**
9. Total injury crashes in 2016: **351**

IMPAIRED DRIVING

For guidance on completing your Impaired Driving attachments, please refer to page 5 of the How-To Guide:

<http://bit.ly/22aMcCW>

1. This agency has a written policy making impaired driving enforcement a priority: yes no
2. Number of officers who received training in 2016 in impaired driving: **13**
3. This agency participates in officer recognition programs for impaired driving detection and apprehension:
yes no
4. Number of Impaired Driving Arrests in 2014: **215**
5. Number of Impaired Driving Arrests in 2015: **229**
6. Number of Impaired Driving Arrests in 2016: **197**
7. Total number of fatal and injury crashes related to Impaired Driving in 2016: **16**
8. Percentage of fatal and injury crashes related to Impaired Driving in 2016: **33%**
9. This agency is allowed to conduct Impaired Driving Checkpoints: yes no
10. Number of Special Enforcement Efforts in 2016 for Impaired Driving (saturation patrols, checkpoints, etc.): **26**
11. Output Statistics: How many DUI citations were issued in target areas?: **0**
12. Output Statistics: How many DUI citations were issued during the target times?: **0**
13. Output Statistics: How many contacts were made? (total): **1,011**
14. Output Statistics: How many contacts in target areas?: **1,011**

OCCUPANT PROTECTION

For guidance on completing your Occupant Protection attachments, please refer to page 6 of the How-To Guide:

<http://bit.ly/22aMcCW>

1. This agency has a written policy making safety belt and child passenger safety enforcement a priority:
yes no
2. This agency has a written policy requiring officer safety belt use: yes no
3. Does your state have a Primary Seat Belt Enforcement Law?: yes no
4. Your state's average safety belt use percentage rate in 2016: **79%**
5. Your jurisdiction's safety belt use percentage rate at the beginning of 2016: **94%**
6. Your jurisdiction's safety belt use percentage rate at the end of 2016: **96%**
7. Number of officers who received training in 2016 in occupant protection: **11%**
8. This agency participates in Saved by the Belt/Air Bag (officer and/or citizen) awards programs: yes no
9. Number of Seat Belt Citations in 2014: **461**
10. Number of Seat Belt Citations in 2015: **190**
11. Number of Seat Belt Citations in 2016: **171**
12. Number of Child Seat Citations in 2014: **92**
13. Number of Child Seat Citations in 2015: **75**
14. Number of Child Seat Citations in 2016: **20**
15. Number of Special Enforcement Efforts in 2016 for Occupant Protection: **23**
16. Output Statistics: How many citations were issued in target areas?: **222**
17. Output Statistics: How many citations were issued during the target times?: **222**
18. Output Statistics: How many contacts were made? (total): **215**
19. Output Statistics: How many contacts were made in target areas?: **215**

SPEED AWARENESS

For guidance on completing your Speed Awareness Submission attachments, please refer to page 8 of the How-To

Guide: <http://bit.ly/22aMcCW>

1. This agency has a written policy making speed enforcement a priority: yes no
2. Number of officers who received speed-related training in 2016: **14**
3. This agency participates in officer recognition programs for speed detection and apprehension: yes
no
4. Number of Speeding Citations in 2014: **4165**
5. Number of Speeding Citations in 2015: **2553**
6. Number of Speeding Citations in 2016: **2770**
7. Total number of 2016 fatal and injury crashes related to speed: **119**
8. Percentage of 2016 fatal and injury crashes related to speed: **28%**
9. Number of Special Enforcement Efforts in 2016 for Speed: **3**
10. Output Statistics: How many citations were issued in target areas?: **23**
11. Output Statistics: How many citations were issued during the target times?: **222**
12. Output Statistics: How many contacts were made? (total): **215**
13. Output Statistics: How many contacts were made in target areas?: **215**

STATE/LOCAL ISSUE

Your State/Local Issue cannot be Impaired Driving, Occupant Protection, or Speed Awareness. For guidance on completing your State/Local Issue attachments, please refer to page 9 of the How-To Guide: <http://bit.ly/22aMcCW>

1. This agency has a written policy making this issue a priority: yes no **X**
2. Number of officers who received training related to this issue in 2016: **85**
3. This agency participates in officer recognition programs for this issue: yes no **X**
4. Number of citations issued involving this issue in 2014: **1280**
5. Number of citations issued involving this issue in 2015: **963**
6. Number of citations issued involving this issue in 2016: **988**
7. Total number of 2016 fatal and injury crashes related to this issue: **N/A**
8. Percentage of 2016 fatal and injury crashes related to this issue: **N/A**
9. Number of Special Enforcement Efforts in 2016 for this issue: **13**
10. Output Statistics: How many citations were issued in the target areas?: **133**
11. Output Statistics: How many citations were issued during the target times?: **133**
12. Output Statistics: How many contacts were made? (total): **N/A, Not recorded**
13. Output Statistics: How many contacts were made in target areas?: **N/A**
14. How many special team enforcement details were directed at the State/Local Issue (not routine patrol)?: * **13**

***FYI, 13 Special team enforcement details are the number of days that were completed i.e.**

8 days JMU Back to School Patrols.

2 days Homecoming Weekend.

6 days "Springfest Weekend Patrols / 3 April Weekends before JMU Graduation.

These special patrol operations involve multiple officer from several jurisdiction as stated in "State/Local Issue Section of the LEC.



IMPAIRED DRIVING

Problem Identification: **Impaired Driving**

In Calendar Year (CY) 2015, the Harrisonburg Police Department made approximately 229 DUI arrests and experienced the fewer alcohol-related crashes; these results, coupled with the added visibility and productivity of DMV-funded saturation patrols and checkpoints have made a difference in keeping roads safe from impaired driving. Harrisonburg experienced 2 alcohol-related fatalities for the year, and alcohol-related injury crashes increased (around 6%). Harrisonburg remains a cultural and entertainment hub for the surrounding counties, and HPD takes a lion's share of the responsibility to enforce alcohol laws in this major college setting serving James Madison University & Eastern Mennonite University. Continuing DMV funding - especially in the evening and nighttime hours - provided by DMV are essential for enforcement, thus putting more officers on the street.

NOTE: During 2016 a number of DMV Saturation Patrols were posted for overtime assignment but went unfilled. This was due to the Patrol & Special Operations Division Officers working at or below minimum staffing levels and officers being forced to work on their days off to meet minimum staffing requirements. Thus the department citations & arrests totals suffered.



IMPAIRED DRIVING

PROBLEM IDENTIFICATION

In Calendar Year (CY) 2016, the Harrisonburg Police Department made approximately **211** alcohol-related arrests involving motor vehicles, and continue to experience decreased alcohol related accidents for a four straight year.

These results, coupled with the added visibility and productivity of DMV-funded media buys for impaired driving, saturation patrols, and checkpoints made a difference in keeping the streets and roadways of Harrisonburg safe from impaired driving.

Again, Harrisonburg has experienced no alcohol-related fatalities for the CY (2015), alcohol-related injury crashes of total reportable crashes are comparably low (around 6%) and continue to remain at this percentage for a second straight year.

Harrisonburg remains a cultural and entertainment hub for the surrounding counties of the Shenandoah Valley, as well as the eastern counties of West Virginia. The City sees large amounts of commuter traffic for shopping and dining, especially during weekends.

Continuing DMV funding - especially in the evening and nighttime hours - is essential for education, high visibility enforcement, for reducing alcohol-related injury and fatality crashes during 2014.

The Harrisonburg Police Department takes a lion's share of the responsibility to enforce alcohol laws in this major university setting, serving James Madison University, Eastern Mennonite University, Bridgewater College, and Blue Ridge Community College located in the nearby towns of Bridgewater, and Weyers Cave, Virginia.



Officers typically screen anywhere from 150-200 vehicles and drivers per checkpoint location for one and half hour durations.



POLICY

Harrisonburg Police Department General Order 4-18.1 provides guidelines for officers to make Speeding, Occupant Protection, and Drunk & Drugged Driving an enforcement priority on all traffic stops. General Order 5-9 also provides guidance on conducting traffic checkpoints. (see attached)



GENERAL ORDER HARRISONBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT	
DATE: 9-1-08 SECTION NO (S) 4-18.1	CANCELS: PREVIOUS GENERAL ORDER
SUBJECT (S) Traffic Enforcement	
I. PURPOSE	
<p>It is the hope that uniform enforcement of Virginia Traffic Laws will result in voluntary compliance by the motoring public to help reduce crashes, injuries and fatalities.</p> <p>The following guidelines are intended to heighten the awareness of the importance of speeding deterrence, occupant protection systems, and the dangers of driving intoxicated within the department and community.</p>	
II. GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT	
<p>A. Traffic enforcement should be provided by all uniform and special operations personnel within the police department with specific emphasis on the following traffic violations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Speeding• Occupant Protection• Drunk or Drugged Driving	
III. PROCEDURE	
<p>A. Each officer should at every traffic stop ascertain the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The driver of the detained vehicle was operating the vehicle at a <u>safe speed</u> applicable to the posted speed limit.2. The driver of the detained vehicle and passengers were using the vehicle's <u>occupant protection systems</u>.<ul style="list-style-type: none">• When occupant protection systems are used in accordance with Virginia Law officers should provide verbal reinforcement.3. The driver of the detained <u>vehicle is sober</u> and capable of operating the vehicle in a safe manner.	



IMPAIRED DRIVING

PLANNING

DMV Grant Funds for impaired driving have afforded our department the opportunity to supplement regular patrol officer's enforcement efforts by scheduling saturation patrols and checkpoints during designated enforcement waves.

The Department's Traffic Unit plans Enforcement Operations using the NHTSA Enforcement Waves and also plans checkpoints and saturation patrols around the James Madison University School Calendar.

Our goal is to put extra officers on the streets in a high –visibility capacity, especially in our large off-campus housing areas, during those times that impaired driving are likely to occurred based on statistical analysis by our departmental crime analyst and DMV provided heat maps.



Checkpoint Strikeforce is a multi-jurisdictional program in [Virginia](#), [Washington DC](#), [Delaware](#), [West Virginia](#), and [Maryland](#) to combat [drunk driving](#). Its motto is "Drunk driving, over the limit, under arrest." Checkpoint Strikeforce began in Virginia in 2002 and the Harrisonburg Police Department has participated in this enforcement campaign since its inception.

The Harrisonburg Police Department has selected various holidays and special events to allocate extra resources to optimize DMV & NHTSA media buys and enforcement efforts nationwide.

2016 CHECKPOINT STRIKFORCE ENFORCEMENT WAVES

- New Years / January
- Super Bowl / February
- St. Patrick's Day / March
 - July 4th / July
- JMU Welcome Back / August
- Labor Day / September
- Halloween / October
- Christmas / December





IMPAIRED DRIVING

TRAINING

New officer recruits training at our regional police academy learn the basics in driving under the influence or alcohol and or drugs violations, field sobriety testing, accident investigation and testifying in court.

-In 2016, fourteen officers graduated with this basic training.

The department has approximately 32 officers trained in Breath Testing as of 2016.

The department also has one Senior Standardized Field Sobriety Testing Instructor (SFST's) that instructs at the regional police academy and ASAP sponsored trainings. The department also sent 1 officer to DUID Investigation Instructor in 2016.

PUBLIC INFORMATION & EDUCATION

Every year since 1993 the Harrisonburg Police Department has held it's annual Citizen's Police Academy.

Regular citizens from all walks of life learn what its like policing the Harrisonburg Community & the different duties of its officers and divisions.

Harrisonburg Police Impaired Driving Training

Training	2016
Basic Police Academy	14 officers
Intoxilizer / Breath Alcohol Operator	1 officers
Intoxilizer /Breath Alcohol Operator – Recertification	8 officers
DUID Investigations - Instructor	1
Citizen Police Academy	25 citizens



Citizen Police Attendees are educated on such topics as Traffic Stops, **DUI Investigations**, Traffic Direction, Speed Enforcement and Crash Investigation. Approximately 25 Citizens participated in 2016.



IMPAIRED DRIVING

PUBLIC INFORMATION & EDUCATION

Drunk Goggle Golf Cart Program

In an effort to inform the public of the advantages of wearing their seat belt and the disadvantages of drinking & driving, Crime Prevention and Traffic Officers deployed the Departmental Seat Belt Convincer & the Drunk Driving Golf Karts at different events throughout 2016.



Participants at these events range in age from elementary to college students .

James Madison University “Calling the Shots” Program

Harrisonburg Police Bike Officers team-up with the JMU Office of Judicial Affairs during the academic year for a bi-monthly student substance education program. The program is basically a question and answer session where college student have a one on one encounter with police officers. Information exchanged usually involves questions regarding alcohol & drug laws and the penalties of using these types of substances while enrolled at James Madison.



2016 Events

Berea Christian School

Harrisonburg High School Driver's Ed. Classes

Safe Kids Summer Safety Tour

JMU Welcome Downtown Block Party

Ten to fifteen students attend the bi-monthly programs, along with faculty and advisors from the university during the academic year. The program has grown from quarterly meetings to six times a semester or 12 times a year in 2016.



IMPAIRED DRIVING

OUTCOMES

In it's commitment to traffic safety, The Harrisonburg Police Department strives to provide a comprehensive traffic safety service to the City of Harrisonburg. Officers working regular patrols, or planned and directed saturation patrols and checkpoints, are ever vigilant for drivers committing traffic violations

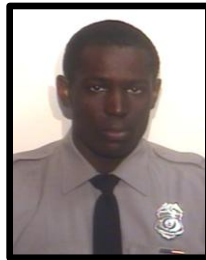
The Harrisonburg Police Department recognizes its top three officers in the department to foster some good natured competition among officers, thus bringing awareness for enforcement of driving under the influence violations.



Employee Award of Excellence

This award is to recognize employees that demonstrate an outstanding performance that directly contributes to the meeting of goals & objectives of the department.

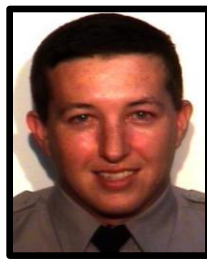
2016 Top DUI Arrests Leaders



PO-II Terrell Johnson
48 Arrests



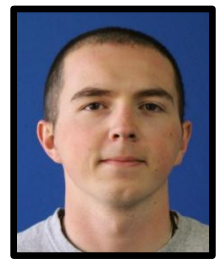
PO-II Justin Kline
12 Arrests



PO-II Tyler Morris
12 Arrests



MPO Justin Joiner
8 Arrests



PO-II Dylan Johnson
8 Arrests



IMPAIRED DRIVING

ENFORCEMENT

Harrisonburg Police Officers, working regular patrols during day and night shifts accounted for **197 DUI Arrests** within their Geo-Policing Districts. With our DMV grant funding for impaired driving officers were able to screen 968 drivers during checkpoints and saturation patrols.

Without Alcohol Grant funding from the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles for 23 saturation patrols & 3 checkpoints, **231 Traffic Citations , 17 criminal arrests and 191 driver contacts** would not have been possible.

Unfortunately alcohol arrest involving a vehicle arrests decreased by 18% in 2016; however 2nd or Subsequent Offense DUI's Arrests increased 29%.

2016 Alcohol Arrests Involving a Motor Vehicle						
Charge Code	Charge Description	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
18.2-266	DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED	167	193	193	208	170
18.2-266.1	DRIVE AFTER CONSUMING ALCOHOL	8	10	6	10	7
18.2-270	DUI - 2ND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE	19	17	22	21	27
18.2-323.1	DRINKING W/ OPERATING VEHICLE	1	9	6	18	7
Total Alcohol Violations Involving A Motor Vehicle:		195	229	227	257	211
Percentage increase or decrease over previous year:			+13%	-.9%	+13%	- 18%

The Alcohol Arrests Involving a Motor Vehicle Chart depicts a five year comparison of violations and a percent of increase or decrease from the pervious year.

Officers were deployed **for eight selected enforcement holiday weekends and various Checkpoint Strikeforce Enforcement Waves** with the majority working saturation patrol assignments during 2016.





IMPAIRED DRIVING

OUTCOMES

The City of Harrisonburg saw a 9% increase in total reportable crashes during 2016 and saw a 70% spike of alcohol-related crashes from 30 in 2015 to 50 in 2016.

Total alcohol related injury related crashes also had a 93% increase.

We can only hope marketing of traffic safety issues during enforcement waves, educational efforts by officers and university personnel, and our officers taking a more directed or planned approach to enforcement activities in regards to their Geo-Policing Districts will lower these alcohol-related crash rates.

Continued funding from the Virginia DMV has been an extreme asset in combating impaired driving.

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Alcohol Related Crash Data				
Harrisonburg, VA	'13	'14	'15	'16
Total Crashes	852	975	1076	1170
Fatalities	1	1	1	4
Injuries	203	323	378	351
% of Injuries of Total Crashes	24%	24%	22%	30%
Alcohol Related Crashes	50	47	30	51
Fatalities	0	0	1	2
Injury Crashes	14	13	14	27
% of Alcohol Related Injuries Crashes to Total Injury Crashes	7%	6%	6%	8%

Not so great Bragging Points

- ❖ Total DUI Arrests fell from 229 in 2015 to 197 in 2016 a 14% decrease.
- ❖ Total Alcohol violations involving a motor vehicle fell 257 to 211 in 2016 a 18% decrease.
- ❖ Alcohol related crashes rose from 30 in 2015 to 50 in 2016 a 67% increase.
- ❖ Alcohol related injury crashes rose from 14 in 2015 to 27 in 2016 a 93% increase.
- ❖ City experienced 2 out of 4 fatalities related to alcohol.



POLICY

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GENERAL ORDER HARRISONBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT	
DATE: 9-1-08 SECTION NO (S) 4-18.1	CANCELS: PREVIOUS GENERAL ORDER
SUBJECT (S) Traffic Enforcement	

I. PURPOSE

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- **Speeding**
- **Occupant Protection**
- **Drunk or Drugged Driving**

III. PROCEDURE

A. Each officer should at every traffic stop ascertain the following:

1. The driver of the detained vehicle was operating the vehicle at a safe speed applicable to the posted speed limit.
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 - When occupant protection systems are used in accordance with Virginia Law officers should provide verbal reinforcement.
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HARRISONBURG, VIRGINIA
WORK & LIFE IN BALANCE



VIRGINIA LAW ENFORCEMENT CHALLENGE

2017



HARRISONBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT

Municipal V



**Virginia Association of Chiefs
of Police Conference
Roanoke, Virginia
August 16, 2016**



**Chief Stephen Monticelli & MPO Greg Deeds
receive their awards at the Law Enforcement
Challenge Award Luncheon during the
conference.**



Harrisonburg Police Department won first place and a special award for motorcycle safety in their 2015 Law Enforcement Challenge efforts in the Municipal V category at the 2016 Virginia Association of Chief's of Police Conference award's luncheon in Roanoke, Virginia.





OCCUPANT PROTECTION

Problem Identification: **Occupant Protection**

Although the City of Harrisonburg enjoys seatbelt usage rates above the state and national averages every year, the City appears to struggle each year in maintaining seat belt usage rates in the mid 90th percentile.

Historically, since the late 1990's in performing seat belt surveys, the City of Harrisonburg has seat belt usage rates in the upper 80th percentile rising to the mid or high 90th percentile after the May Click It or Ticket Enforcement Campaign each year, then dropping back to the high 80th percentile.

In recent years it appears the City of Harrisonburg's seatbelt usage rate has maintained a low to mid 90th percentile rate.

Usage rates tend to fall from 92% - 96% when doing surveys.

We realize, as with other states that do not have a primary seat belt law, that this will continue to be a struggle, although media buys from NHTSA & Virginia DMV for Click It or Ticket Enforcement Waves each year brings to the forefront the importance of occupant protection.

We strive to achieve the elusive 100% usage rate by enforcing occupant protection violations in our regular patrols as well as DMV funded overtime assignments and educating the public through media outreach.



OCCUPANT PROTECTION

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PROBLEM IDENTIFICATION

The City of **Harrisonburg** enjoys **seatbelt usage rates** above the state and national averages every year since beginning these type surveys in the late 1990's. However the City struggles each year in maintaining seat belt usage rates in the low to mid 90th percentile.

Historically, since the late 1990's in performing seat belt surveys, the City has had seat belt usage rates in the high 80th percentile rising to the mid or high 90th percentile, after the May Click It or Ticket Enforcement Campaign, then dropping back to the low 90th percentile each year.

The Department's Traffic Unit performs pre and post seatbelt surveys each May & November in our commitment to the National Click It or Ticket Campaign. Surveys are conducted at the same location, the same day of week, and time of day each year. The results are then forwarded to the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles. In 2016, our pre seatbelt survey was 94% usage rate, and the post seatbelt survey was 96%. still above the state usage rate of 79.9% and the 90.5% national rate.



We realize as with other states that **do not** have a **primary seat belt law** that this will continue to be a struggle to maintain a high compliance rate. Media buys from NHTSA & Virginia DMV on television and radio each year help to bring the importance of occupant protection to the forefront.

We strive to achieve the elusive 100% compliance rate by enforcing occupant protection violations in our regular day to day patrol operations as well as DMV funded overtime assignments such as saturation patrols and checkpoints.





OCCUPANT PROTECTION

POLICY

Harrisonburg General Order 4-6 section VI(B), requires that all operators and passengers of police vehicles wear safety belts. Officers are also required to secure prisoners in safety belts, if practical, when they are being transported in a police vehicle.

The City of Harrisonburg, in it's commitment to keeping it's employees safe, also has a seatbelt usage policy in effect which is spelled out in its employee policies and memos pertaining to employees while employed by the City who operate City-owned vehicles.

The City of Harrisonburg
Work Areas & Safety Policies and Memos

8.2 FLEET MANAGEMENT AND ACCIDENT REVIEW PROGRAM 12/1/06

It is the policy of the City of Harrisonburg to protect its employees from injuries caused by motor vehicle/equipment accidents and to ensure compliance with all applicable City, state and federal laws and regulations. This policy applies to drivers of City-owned vehicles, City-leased vehicles and personally owned vehicles.

GENERAL ORDER

HARRISONBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT

DATE: 1-9-99	SECTION NO (S) 4-6	CANCELS: PREVIOUS GENERAL ORDER
SUBJECT (S) Police Vehicle Operations		

VI. RULES GOVERNING VEHICLE OPERATIONS

The following rules govern the operation of police vehicles:

A. The operator of a police vehicle has the responsibility to check the safety features, exterior and interior of his vehicle prior to commencing operation. The check should include (but not be limited to) all lights, brakes, fluid levels, siren, horn, steering, exterior body or tire damage and interior cleanliness of damage.

B. Safety belts shall be worn by drivers and passengers whenever the vehicle is so equipped.

1. Officers shall secure seatbelts on prisoners who are being transported in the rear seat, only when it is practical and does not jeopardize the safety of the officer.





POLICY

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GENERAL ORDER HARRISONBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT

DATE: 9-1-08 SECTION NO (S) 4-18.1

CANCELS: PREVIOUS
GENERAL ORDER

SUBJECT (S) Traffic Enforcement

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3. The driver of the detained vehicle is sober and capable of operating the vehicle in a safe manner.



OCCUPANT PROTECTION

PLANNING

The Harrisonburg Department, in its commitment to Highway Safety, has a Three-Man Traffic Unit committed to reducing injury & fatalities due to traffic crashes. The Unit is comprised of one supervisor and four traffic/ motor officers.

The Unit is responsible for planning enforcement operations using NHTSA's designated enforcement waves and the management of \$ 33,044 in the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicle's Highway Safety Selective Enforcement Grants of Alcohol & Speed. The Unit utilizes these grant funds to plan saturation patrols & checkpoints for speed, occupant protection, and driving under the influence violations.

Traffic Officers are assigned an individual **Geo-Policing District** and work with regular patrol officers to improve traffic safety within that District.

Traffic Officers are tasked with more of a specialized enforcement role within their assigned Geo-Policing Districts in answering citizen's complaints, i.e. school zone & neighborhood speed enforcement.



DMV Grant Funds for Occupant Protection enforcement and Driving under the influence enforcement has afforded our department the opportunity to supplement regular patrol officer's enforcement efforts by scheduling saturation patrols during designated enforcement waves.

Planned & Directed Patrols

"Click It or Ticket" Enforcement Waves

- Thanksgiving / November
- Memorial Day / May





OCCUPANT PROTECTION

TRAINING

New officer recruits training at our regional police academy learn the importance of wearing their seatbelts during their instruction of basic crash investigation, motor vehicle laws, emergency vehicle operations, blocks of instruction. Harrisonburg Police graduated 14 new officers during 2016.

Harrisonburg also sent 1 officer to Driver Instructor Certification

Officers received more specialized training pertaining to occupant protection and “High Center of Gravity (H-COG) vehicle driving when they attended the bi-annual departmental training where officers drove non-traditional police vehicles and went through timed cone courses.



Harrisonburg Police Occupant Protection Training

Training	2016
Basic Police Academy	14 officers
Driver Instructor	1 officers
DMV Grant Workshop	2 officers
Departmental Driver Training (H-COG)	65 officers
Citizen's Police Academy	25 citizens

PUBLIC INFORMATION & EDUCATION

Harrisonburg Police in 2016, as with every year, takes advantage of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and Virginia Department media buys on television and radio as it pertains to the National and State Click It or Ticket Campaign. Numerous television and radio advertisements are viewed and listened to throughout the Harrisonburg / Rockingham County area as well as the Nation during the November & May Enforcement Waves.



OCCUPANT PROTECTION

PUBLIC INFORMATION & EDUCATION cont.

The Department's Traffic Unit is responsible for advertising various traffic safety programs and enforcement waves. In addition to media buys from NHTSA and Virginia DMV for the Click It or Ticket campaigns, the Traffic Unit also sends out press releases to local media outlets to try and garner the public's attention to occupant protection. Stories generated through these news releases are usually hit or miss in regards if local news media outlets cover the enforcement waves or not.

However to help generate earned media the Traffic Unit teams up with the Harrisonburg Rescue Squad each year. Officers place a wrecked vehicle in front of their squad buildings which is located along a heavily traveled roadway in the East end of the city each May; for the two enforcement wave. Officers then placard this vehicle with CIOT signs provided by Drive Smart Virginia.

Officers also have the Rescue Squad staff place the Click It or Ticket message on their variable message sign in front of their station.



Yard signs are placed along different routes leading in and out of the City. Traffic Officers also borrow two of the City Street Department's variable message trailers and place them along two major routes that lead into the City with the Click It or Ticket message.

The police department also has a Website and FACEBOOK page where Click It or Ticket logos are periodically placed throughout the year.



The City of Harrisonburg also has its own public access cable channel that the Traffic Unit utilizes for enforcement waves. Officers copy from the NHTSA website advertising slides or stills, personalize them with the Harrisonburg Police logo, and have them displayed throughout the enforcement waves.



OCCUPANT PROTECTION

PUBLIC INFORMATION & EDUCATION cont.



Our Seat Belt Safety Program has benefited from our interactive seatbelt convincer. It provides individuals the opportunity to participate in the occupant protection educational program.

The machine demonstrates the effectiveness of seat belts even during low speed collisions.

It's been an effective tool for safety presentations at high schools, businesses, fairs, community events and drivers' education programs.

Passengers enter at the top of the slide and are buckled into the seat. The operator releases the carriage and gravity pulls the carriage forward reaching approximately 5-7 miles per hour prior to impact.



Picture depicts an unrestrained child being ejected from a booster seat .

The Seat Belt Convincer demonstrates the importance of wearing seatbelts to a diverse group of individuals.

Safety programs throughout the US have used the Seat Belt Convincer as a valuable learning tool for many years.

The Convincer has enabled the public to actually experience the benefits provided by seat belts during a low speed collision, hoping it will significantly increase usage among the general public.

Our D.A.R.E Officer, who heads up the Convincer and DUI Golf Kart Program came up with a demonstration using a booster seat and a large doll; the first run he sends the doll unbelted, the second run down the slide he belts the doll into the booster. The demo really gets the attention of children and parents alike in the importance of buckling up.

2016 Convincer Events

- Berea Christian School
- Harrisonburg High School Driver's Ed. Classes
- Harrisonburg Fire Dept. Car Seat Check at Dream Come True Playground
- JMU Freshman Student Welcome Downtown Block Party



OCCUPANT PROTECTION

PUBLIC INFORMATION & EDUCATION cont.

In 2007, The Harrisonburg Fire Chief saw a need for a more comprehensive child/booster safety program. Before 2007 Firefighters and Police Officers were tasked with performing child seat checks at various fire stations and the police department. These checks pulled fire fighters and police officers away from their other public safety duties. It was decided that a full-time child safety technician position was needed.

As far as we know, and have been told by DMV personnel, Harrisonburg's Full-time Child Seat Technician Position is the only one like it in the Commonwealth.



The City's Full-Time Child Seat Technician position is a three-way partnership between the city, Rockingham Memorial Hospital and local ABC affiliate TV-3, Ms. Rodriquez focuses on education and proper installation of child restraints throughout the year. She also works with the Department of Health's program in providing child seats for underprivileged families. She has enabled patrol officers to stay on patrol without having to perform child seat installations. Ms. Rodriquez is available to respond to officer's traffic stops throughout the day.

Although the police department has officers trained in child seat and booster seat installations this training is in regard to enforcement purposes.

Officers also assist Ms. Rodriquez throughout the year at child seat checks and special events.

Ms. Rodriquez performed 1,425 installs and attended 65 events during 2016, a 6% increase over 2015 totals of 1,344.





OCCUPANT PROTECTION

ENFORCEMENT

The Harrisonburg Police Department uses Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles grant funds for stepped-up occupant protection saturation patrols.

Regular patrol officers are also tasked with citing occupant protection violations during their nominal tours of duty.

The Department's regular patrol officers logged 7,715 traffic citations during their normal shifts.

186 citations were for occupant protection citations. Without our **DMV grant funding for two grants, 453 total traffic citations with 17 occupant violations and 406 citizen contacts would not have been possible.**

2016 Occupant Protection Violations Arrests						
Charge Code	Charge Description	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
46.2-1094	SEAT BELT VIOLATION / ADULT	233	500	455	189	170
46.2-1094	SEAT BELT VIOLATION / JUVENILE	4	9	6	1	0
46.2-1095	CHILD / BOOSTER SEAT VIOLATIONS	81	109	92	75	20
TOTAL OCCUPANT PROTECTION VIOLATIONS:		318	618	553	265	190
Percentage increase or decrease over previous year:			+94%	-11%	-52%	-28%

The Occupant Protection Violation Arrests Chart depicts a five year comparison of violations and the percent of increase or decrease from the pervious year.

Virginia DMV grant funding for overtime hours was used for 23 saturation patrols. Officers working these selective enforcement assignments for occupant protection logged 119 overtime hours and 222 total traffic citations, with 13 of those charges being issued for seat belts and or child seat violations.





OCCUPANT PROTECTION

OUTCOMES

In it's commitment to traffic safety, The Harrisonburg Police Department strives to provide a comprehensive traffic safety service to the City of Harrisonburg. Officers working regular patrols, or planned and directed saturation patrols, or checkpoints, are ever vigilant for drivers and or passengers committing occupant protection violations.

The Harrisonburg Police Department recognizes its top three officers in the department to foster some good natured competition among the officers and thus bring awareness for the importance of enforcement of occupant protections violations throughout the department.



The Department participates in the Virginia's "SAVED BY THE BELT" award program.

The program recognizes citizens or officers that are involved in serious motor vehicle crashes, where seat belts or air bags saved them from serious personal injury.

On 10/25/16 Mr. Justice Breeden & his grandmother, passenger escaped serious injury by wearing their seat belts when a subject unfamiliar with the residential neighborhood , ran a stop sign and "T-boned their vehicle causing it to do several 360 before resting by the side of the roadway, causing heavy damage to both vehicles.

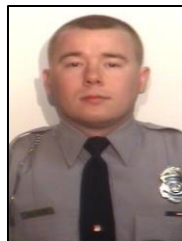
2016 Top Occupant Protection Cops



MPO G.A. Deeds
100 summons



MPO Justin Joiner
48 summons



PO-II Bradley Boyce
6 summons

To garner media attention for the Click It or Ticket Enforcement Wave the Department presents the Saved by the Belt Award at the May meeting of the Harrisonburg City Council. .



OCCUPANT PROTECTION

OUTCOMES

The Harrisonburg Police Department recognizes its officers in the department with safe driving awards and stress officers wear their body armor, their seatbelts and drive in a safe manor while on duty thus setting a good example for the motoring public. Officers are periodically awarded for no accidents during three year increments. Officers with 15 plus years of no accidents receive the department's Distinguished Safe Driving Award.



2016 Safe Driving Awards

Safe Driving 3	Safe Driving 6	Safe Driving 9	Safe Driving 12	Distinguished Safe Driving
Argiro	Kramer	Dolph	Anderson	Deeds
Bechtel	Piper	Gulino	Driver	Hermes
Boyce	Read	Hammer	Drugo	Howard
Dove, Aaron	Snoddy	Hummel	Jewell	Miller
Grubbs		Jones	Kidd	Spiggle
Hodges		Long	Miller	Terrell
Jackson		Luerssen	Ray	Wright
Joiner		Meadows	Tusing	
Joseph		O'Neill	Watson	
Kline		Palaskey		
Lam		Westfall Jr		
Leeper		Wonderley		
Life				
Monahan				
Monticelli				
Thingstad				
Wetherell				



OCCUPANT PROTECTION

OUTCOMES

The City of Harrisonburg enjoyed a fairly high occupant protection compliance rate (89% - 95%) throughout 2016 compared with the National and State seatbelt usage rates.

Historically, in the City of Harrisonburg, 10% - 12% of the motoring public consistently, from year to year, fail to use their vehicle's restraint systems for whatever reason. Virginia, for whatever reason, continues to have **no primary seat belt law**; meaning police officers have to have a primary traffic violation to initiate a traffic stop before they can issue a Virginia Uniform Traffic Summons for an adult seat belt violation.

Harrisonburg saw a 9% spike in reportable traffic crashes through the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles TREADS Crash Reporting System.

Unfortunately the City experienced 2 out of 4 fatalities due to a drivers not being restrained during 2016.



Unbelted Crash Data				
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% of Injuries of Total Crashes	24%	24%	22%	30%
Unbelted Related Crashes	22	24	21	27
Fatalities	0	0	1	2
Injuries Crashes	17	9	20	30
% of OC Related Injuries Crashes to Total Injury Crashes	8 %	4 %	5%	9%

Due to the continued seat belt high compliance rates and efforts regarding occupant protection enforcement by officers, the City of Harrisonburg continues to have a favorable ratio of unrestrained injury crashes.

The Department attributes these low rates to its intense educational and enforcement efforts that officers are involved in throughout the year. Unfortunately unrestrained injuries increased 4% during 2016.

2016 Compliance Rates

96% Harrisonburg
79.9% Virginia
90.5% Nationwide



OCCUPANT PROTECTION

POLICY

Harrisonburg General Order 4-6 section VI(B), requires that all operators and passengers of police vehicles wear safety belts. Officers are also required to secure prisoners in safety belts, if practical, when they are being transported in a police vehicle.

The City of Harrisonburg, in it's commitment to keeping it's employees safe, also has a seatbelt usage policy in effect which is spelled out in its employee policies and memos pertaining to employees while employed by the City who operate City-owned vehicles.

The City of Harrisonburg
Work Areas & Safety Policies and Memos

8.2 FLEET MANAGEMENT AND ACCIDENT REVIEW PROGRAM 12/1/06

It is the policy of the City of Harrisonburg to protect its employees from injuries caused by motor vehicle/equipment accidents and to ensure compliance with all applicable City, state and federal laws and regulations. This policy applies to drivers of City-owned vehicles, City-leased vehicles and personally owned vehicles.

GENERAL ORDER

HARRISONBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT

DATE: 1-9-99	SECTION NO (S) 4-6	CANCELS: PREVIOUS GENERAL ORDER
SUBJECT (S) Police Vehicle Operations		

VI. RULES GOVERNING VEHICLE OPERATIONS

The following rules govern the operation of police vehicles:

A. The operator of a police vehicle has the responsibility to check the safety features, exterior and interior of his vehicle prior to commencing operation. The check should include (but not be limited to) all lights, brakes, fluid levels, siren, horn, steering, exterior body or tire damage and interior cleanliness of damage.

B. Safety belts shall be worn by drivers and passengers whenever the vehicle is so equipped.

1. Officers shall secure seatbelts on prisoners who are being transported in the rear seat, only when it is practical and does not jeopardize the safety of the officer.





POLICY

Harrisonburg Police Department General Order 4-18.1 provides guidelines for officers to make Speeding, Occupant Protection, and Drunk & Drugged Driving an enforcement priority on all traffic stops. General Order 5-9 also provides guidance on conducting traffic checkpoints. (see attached)



GENERAL ORDER HARRISONBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT

DATE: 9-1-08 SECTION NO (S) 4-18.1

CANCELS: PREVIOUS
GENERAL ORDER

SUBJECT (S) Traffic Enforcement

I. PURPOSE

It is the hope that uniform enforcement of Virginia Traffic Laws will result in voluntary compliance by the motoring public to help reduce crashes, injuries and fatalities.

The following guidelines are intended to heighten the awareness of the importance of speeding deterrence, occupant protection systems, and the dangers of driving intoxicated within the department and community.

II. GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

A. Traffic enforcement should be provided by all uniform and special operations personnel within the police department with specific emphasis on the following traffic violations.

- **Speeding**
- **Occupant Protection**
- **Drunk or Drugged Driving**

III. PROCEDURE

A. Each officer should at every traffic stop ascertain the following:

1. The driver of the detained vehicle was operating the vehicle at a safe speed applicable to the posted speed limit.
2. The driver of the detained vehicle and passengers were using the vehicle's occupant protection systems.
 - When occupant protection systems are used in accordance with Virginia Law officers should provide verbal reinforcement.
3. The driver of the detained vehicle is sober and capable of operating the vehicle in a safe manner.



SPEEDING

Problem Identification: **Speeding**

In 2015, data indicated a decrease in speed-related infractions and prompted a need for additional enforcement by regular patrol officers. As a result, the Harrisonburg Police Department requested a DMV Selective Enforcement Speed grant so that extra patrols could be utilized to help "calm" some of the speed-prone areas, and reduce crashes in identified "dangerous" intersections.

The 2016 grant resulted in noticeable police presence in speeding-prone areas. To achieve the optimum amount of effectiveness from the Department's traffic safety enforcement and education efforts, the current grant covers late (09:00-15:00 hrs), which have shown to be quite effective. However, allowing extra patrols to operate in other high-traffic hours - such as late afternoon could provide an even greater impact.

(Example: 15:00-1900 hrs.) Which would encompass the evening commute times.

2016 saw a 9% increase over 2015 totals for speeding citations.

Note: During 2016 a number of DMV Saturation Patrols were posted for overtime assignment but went unfilled. This was due to the Patrol & Special Operations Division working at or below minimum staffing levels and officers being forced to work on their days off to meet minimum staffing requirements. Thus the department citations & arrests totals suffered and the department was unable to meet its work statement agreement with DMV.



SPEEDING

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As a result, calendar year (CY) 2015 saw an increase in speed-related injury crashes as compared to the previous three years.

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To achieve the optimum amount of effectiveness from the Department's traffic safety enforcement and education efforts, the current grant covers late afternoon and evening hours, which have shown quite effective.

Although speed related crashes increased slightly over 2015 totals, speed related injuries decreased in 2016.

Speed citations and speed related crashes tend to occur in the months that our University Students return for the fall semester in late August, continuing through the end of April, or the academic year.



In 2014, The Traffic Unit Supervisor put together a **Traffic Safety and Enforcement Strategy for the Department to follow** was developed to create a long term plan to systematically reduce the number of traffic collisions, deaths, and injuries, as well as to address the public's concerns regarding traffic safety. (see attached)



SPEEDING

SPEEDING

POLICY

Harrisonburg Police Department
General Order 4-18.1 provides guidelines for officers to make Speeding, Occupant Protection, and Drunk & Drugged Driving an enforcement priority on all Traffic Stops.

Below are excerpts from the Harrisonburg Police Department's General Orders regarding speed enforcement as a priority and the use of Radar / Lidar.

General Order 4-18 provides guidelines for officers on the use of RADAR. Officers also are required to receive certification and field training in the use of RADAR & LIDAR prior to conducting solo speed device enforcement.

Departmental policy also addresses the utilization of speed display trailers.

GENERAL ORDER HARRISONBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT	
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GENERAL ORDER HARRISONBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT		
DATE: 1-1-07	SECTION NO (S): 4-18	CANCELS: PREVIOUS GENERAL ORDER
SUBJECT (S): Use of Radar		

I. POLICY

A. It is the policy of the Harrisonburg Police Department to utilize radar equipment to:

1. Reduce motor vehicle crashes on roadways at specific locations where the cause of crashes is attributed to excessive speed.
2. Reduce speeding on roadways identified by citizen complaints.
3. Reduce speeding on roadways identified through common knowledge, if violations present a hazard.
4. To conduct evaluations at locations where the posted speed limit may be inappropriate.

II. PROCEDURE

A. Because conditions vary with each roadway and the major purpose of radar is to cite the more flagrant violator and reduce crashes, no motorist shall be cited for violations under 10 MPH beyond the posted speed limit. Tolerance levels over and under the minimum may only be set by the Operations Bureau Commander, based upon the circumstances of specific locations. The radar trailer may be utilized as a deterrent to speeding in areas where violations are frequent or fall below the tolerance level.

B. Traffic radar units shall only be operated by those officers who have successfully completed the approved 16-hour Radar Operators Course or equivalent course by another agency as determined by the Academy. Officers who have not completed an approved course may make radar arrests under the direction of a certified operator. Officers must be in uniform to make an arrest based on a radar reading.

C. The recalibration and maintenance of all radar equipment shall be the responsibility of the Special Operations Division Commander.

This General Order becomes effective January 1, 2007 and rescinds all previous General Orders pertaining to the subject.

ISSUED BY:
Col. D. G. Harper
Chief of Police

All departmental Tuning Forks and Lidars are certified every six month per Virginia Code and are the responsibility of the traffic unit.



SPEEDING

PLANNING

Harrisonburg Police use the same Virginia Highway Safety Plan when answering traffic complaints and guiding enforcement operations. The department practices the

Three E's of transportation safety:

-Engineering - Enforcement – Education, in an attempt to reduce injuries and fatalities related to motor vehicles, bicyclist, and pedestrians within the City of Harrisonburg.

Departmental & DMV Traffic/ Crash Analysis

In 2014 Harrisonburg Police under new Chief Stephen Monticelli began it's implementation of the concept of Geo Policing. A Crime Analyst was hired, and the City was divided into 7 Geo-Districts and analysis began of all crime & traffic-crash issues within each district.

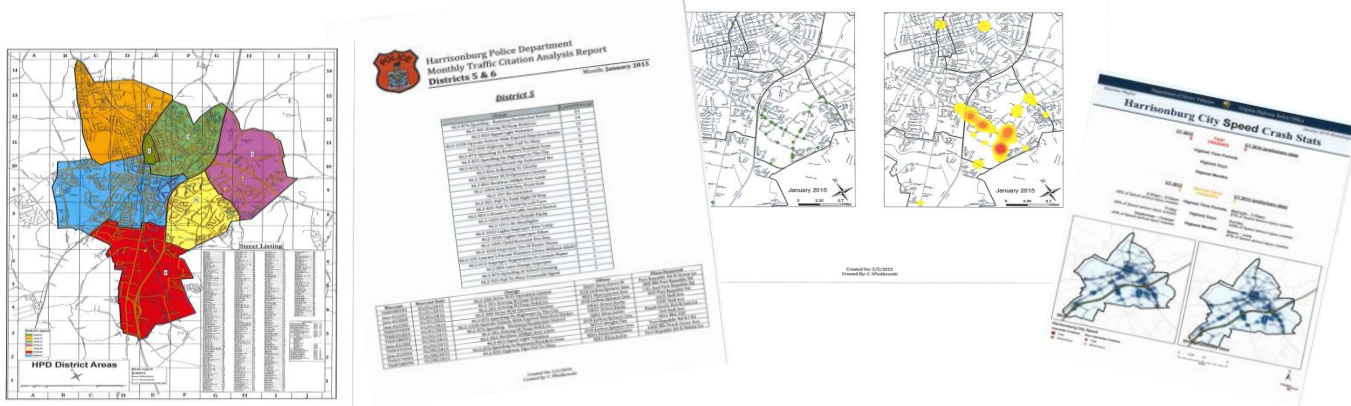
Geographic Policing (or "Geo" Policing) involves the assignment of public safety service providers to defined geographic areas or beats. Whenever possible.

- ❖ Each district was assigned a supervisor, the Crime Analyst prepares monthly crime / traffic-crash reports and heat maps within each district that highlight problem areas.
- ❖ Supervisors meet quarterly with officers assigned to each individual district to discuss crime / accident reduction and enforcement efforts.
- ❖ The department also receives DMV crash reports & heat maps each year to better manage their traffic safety efforts and DMV grant monies

Departmental Traffic Unit

The Department, in it's commitment to Highway Safety, has a 3- Man Traffic Unit committed to reducing injury & fatalities due to traffic crashes. The Unit is comprised of one supervisor and four traffic/ motor officers.

Below graphics depicts the City's 7 Geo-Policing Districts and Departmental & DMV Heat Maps used for planning





SPEEDING

PLANNING

The Unit is responsible for planning enforcement operations using NHTSA's designated enforcement waves and the management of the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicle's Highway Safety Grants; utilizing these funds to plan saturation patrols & checkpoints for speed, occupant protection, and driving under the influence violations.

Traffic Officers are assigned a Geo-Policing District and work with regular patrol officers to improve traffic safety within that District.

Traffic Officers are tasked with more of a specialized enforcement role within their assigned Districts in answering citizen's complaints, i.e. school zone & neighborhood speed enforcement.



Traffic Unit Officers, in addition to using the Monthly Crime/ Traffic Analysis Data, also perform their own traffic analysis using Nu-Metrics Speed Spy & Speed Sentry equipment. This data highlights the time of day that the majority of the violations are occurring, thus allowing the traffic officer to better determine enforcement times in a particular area.

Of the approximately 8,195 total traffic citations that the Harrisonburg Police Department logged during 2016, the Departmental Traffic Unit accounted for approximately 2,423 of those traffic citations or 30%.



Speed Spy Deployment



Nu – Metrics



Speed Sentry Deployment



SPEEDING

TRAINING

New officer recruit, training at our regional police academy, learn the basics in the operation of police Radar and Lidar, then return to the department after graduation and complete their training with their assigned Field Training Officer by performing 4 hours daytime & 4 nighttime hours of Radar/Lidar operation.

In 2016, fourteen officers were trained in basic Radar/Lidar from the academy and one officer was recertified in Radar/Lidar Instructor.

The department has approximately 65 officers trained in speed measurement and they are recertified every three years per the Department of Criminal Justice Services Guidelines. The next full department re-cert will take place during 2017.

Harrisonburg Police Speeding Measurement Training

Training	2016
Basic Police Academy	14 officers
Radar/Lidar Instructor recert	1
Citizen Police Academy	25 citizens

PUBLIC INFORMATION & EDUCATION

Harrisonburg Police whole heartedly believe in the tagline: “Speed Kills “.

The Traffic Unit receives speeding complaints from the public primarily from neighborhood residents from around the City. The traffic then performs traffic analysis and decides if the complaint is valid.

They then develop an enforcement or traffic calming plan if warranted, involving personnel from the City’s Traffic Engineering Department.

The Unit has three speed display trailers and one Speed Sentry Display Board that they deploy in areas with on-going problems or citizen complaint, and deployed this equipment approximately times throughout 2016. The City saw some long term road improvement work where speed trailers were deployed for months at a time in the same location.





SPEEDING

ENFORCEMENT

The Traffic Unit historically has identified neighborhood speeding suspects as the neighborhood residents themselves.

Analysis has shown the residents typically speed going to work early morning, mid-day when they return for lunch, then again in the late afternoon when they return home from work.

Patrol as well as Traffic Officers are then assigned to these complaints within their Geo-Policing Districts during high traffic volume times.

Although Harrisonburg Police saw a significant increase of 9% in total speeding charges in 2016, the highest amount of violations were cited in 25 MPH residential & school zones.

This zone has remained with the highest citation totals of all speed enforcement zones throughout the city from year to year, due to on-going citizen complaints of speeding and cut-through vehicular traffic in these neighborhood zones.

2016 Speeding Violation Arrests

Charge Code Description	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
46.2-870 Speeding - 55 or 65 MPH Zone	2	1	6	2	6
46.2-872 Speeding - vehicle w/special permit	0	0	1	0	0
46.2-873 Speeding - in School Zone	3	15	26	50	164
46.2-874 Speeding - 25 MPH Zone	2,052	2,646	2,828	1,420	1,436
46.2-875 Speeding - 35 MPH Zone	723	1,551	1,191	1,008	971
46.2-876 Speeding - vehicle towing a trailer	0	0	0	0	0
46.2-878 Speeding - All other zones not specified	29	61	119	59	84
46.2-878.1 Speeding - in Work Zone	1	0	1	2	108
46.2-878.2 Speeding - in 25 MPH Zone / increased fine	4	0	3	14	1
Total Speeding Violations:	2,813	4,274	4,165	2,553	2,774
Percentage increase or decrease over previous year		+52%	-3%	-39%	+9%

The Speeding Violation Arrests Chart depicts a five year comparison of violations and the percent of increase or decrease from the pervious year.



SPEEDING

ENFORCEMENT cont.

School Zone / School Bus Operations

Harrisonburg Police also takes a proactive enforcement strategy when it comes to school zone safety. Traffic Officers, beginning in August through June, are present each week in chronic complaint school zones. These officers have taken a zero tolerance to enforcement as it pertains to these areas.

Harrisonburg has 5 elementary schools, 1 technical school, 2 junior high schools, and 1 high school that is located within the City limits.



These stepped up enforcement operations take place every morning and afternoon when parents and buses are in transit with children.

District Officers also provide high visibility speed enforcement, as well as being on the look-out for vehicles passing stopped school buses, at schools that are located in their assigned areas.

Each Geo-Policing District has at least one to two schools located with its geo-boundaries.

Harrisonburg's College Population



Each year from August to May the City see an influx of approximately 21,500 college students. Unfortunately these students bring their vehicles with them that contribute to traffic complaints, crashes, and traffic congestion within the City.

In addition to District and Traffic Officers performing traffic enforcement duties, the Department also is able to put more officers on the street for speed enforcement due to a \$8,000 DMV Selective Enforcement Grant for Speed Enforcement.

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In 2016 grant funds were used for 23 saturation patrols, netting 222 total traffic citations with 113 of those citations being for speeding.

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ENFORCEMENT cont.

2016 / Top 10 Traffic Citations			
Traffic Citations / 8,195 Traffic Warning Citations / 482	Written Warning	Total Summon	Percent of Total Traffic
25 MPH Zone / 46.2-874	179	1,436	17%
35 MPH Zone / 46.2-875		971	12%
Expired Inspection Sticker / 46.2-1158	9	831	10%
Expired Registration / 46.2-613	40	542	7%
No Operator's License / 46.2-300	---	350	4%
Drive Suspended or Revoked / 46.2-301	---	356	4%
Seat Belt Violation / 46.2-1094	2	170	2%
Fail to Yield R.O.W / 46.2-821	7	211	3%
Follow to Closely / 46.2-816	4	282	3%
Fail to Obey H-way Sign / 46.2-830	8	439	5%

The Top Traffic Charges Chart depicts the percentage each violation comprises of the department's total traffic citations total.

The Harrisonburg Police Department is extremely fortunate to have Radar units installed in all Patrol and Special Operations Division vehicles do to DMV grant funding over the years.

In addition to officers running stationary radar in problem areas, they also have the capability of doing speed measurement in moving mode. Traffic officers have the luxury of using handheld Lidar units at their disposal for speed measurement.



On-going citizen's complaints in their neighborhoods account for this large statistic, due to officers spending more time performing speed enforcement in these areas.

Of the top ten traffic charges placed by officers, speeding violations in 25 & 35 mph zones accounted for 29% of those citations.

Total TRAFFIC citations rose from 7,400 in 2015 to 8,195 in 2016, a 11% increase.



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The City of Harrisonburg saw a 9% spike in total reportable crashes during 2016. However speed related injury crashes dropped to 18%.

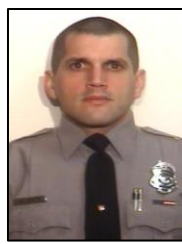
2016 Top Traffic Cops



MPO Greg Deeds
1184 summons



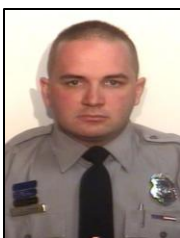
MPO Justin Joiner
1160 summons



MPO Kevin Argiro
475 summons

We can only hope our marketing of traffic safety issues during enforcement waves, and our officers taking a more directed or planned approach to enforcement activities in regards to their Geo-Policing Districts will continue to lower these speed related crash rates.

2016 Top Speed Cops



MPO Justin Joiner
408 summons



MPO Greg Deeds
267 summons



MPO Kevin Argiro
205 summons





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Harrisonburg Police Department
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Below are excerpts from the Harrisonburg Police Department's General Orders regarding speed enforcement as a priority and the use of Radar / Lidar.

General Order 4-18 provides guidelines for officers on the use of RADAR. Officers also are required to receive certification and field training in the use of RADAR & LIDAR prior to conducting solo speed device enforcement.

Departmental policy also addresses the utilization of speed display trailers.

GENERAL ORDER HARRISONBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT	
DATE: 9-1-08 SECTION NO (S) 4-18.1	CANCELS: PREVIOUS GENERAL ORDER
SUBJECT (S) Traffic Enforcement	

I. PURPOSE

It is the hope that uniform enforcement of Virginia Traffic Laws will result in voluntary compliance by the motoring public to help reduce crashes, injuries and fatalities.

The following guidelines are intended to heighten the awareness of the importance of speeding deterrence, occupant protection systems, and the dangers of driving intoxicated within the department and community.

II. GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

A. Traffic enforcement should be provided by all uniform and special operations personnel within the police department with specific emphasis on the following traffic violations.

- **Speeding**
- **Occupant Protection**
- **Drunk or Drugged Driving**

III. PROCEDURE

A. Each officer should at every traffic stop ascertain the following:

1. The driver of the detained vehicle was operating the vehicle at a safe speed applicable to the posted speed limit.
2. The driver of the detained vehicle and passengers were using the vehicle's occupant protection systems.
 - When occupant protection systems are used in accordance with Virginia Law officers should provide verbal reinforcement.
3. The driver of the detained vehicle is sober and capable of operating the vehicle in a safe manner.

GENERAL ORDER HARRISONBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT		
DATE: 1-1-07	SECTION NO (S): 4-18	CANCELS: PREVIOUS GENERAL ORDER
SUBJECT (S): Use of Radar		

I. POLICY

A. It is the policy of the Harrisonburg Police Department to utilize radar equipment to:

1. Reduce motor vehicle crashes on roadways at specific locations where the cause of crashes is attributed to excessive speed.
2. Reduce speeding on roadways identified by citizen complaints.
3. Reduce speeding on roadways identified through common knowledge, if violations present a hazard.
4. To conduct evaluations at locations where the posted speed limit may be inappropriate.

II. PROCEDURE

A. Because conditions vary with each roadway and the major purpose of radar is to cite the more flagrant violator and reduce crashes, no motorist shall be cited for violations under 10 MPH beyond the posted speed limit. Tolerance levels over and under the minimum may only be set by the Operations Bureau Commander, based upon the circumstances of specific locations. The radar trailer may be utilized as a deterrent to speeding in areas where violations are frequent or fall below the tolerance level.

B. Traffic radar units shall only be operated by those officers who have successfully completed the approved 16-hour Radar Operators Course or equivalent course by another agency as determined by the Academy. Officers who have not completed an approved course may make radar arrests under the direction of a certified operator. Officers must be in uniform to make an arrest based on a radar reading.

C. The recalibration and maintenance of all radar equipment shall be the responsibility of the Special Operations Division Commander.

This General Order becomes effective January 1, 2007 and rescinds all previous General Orders pertaining to the subject.

ISSUED BY:
Col. D. G. Harper
Chief of Police

All departmental Tuning Forks and Lidars are certified every six month per Virginia Code and are the responsibility of the traffic unit.



LOCAL / STATE ISSUES

ABC Enforcement / Special Category

PROBLEM IDENTIFICATION

Alcohol is the most commonly abused drug among youth in this nation, more than tobacco and illicit drugs.

Underage alcohol usage continues to be one of society's major concerns. The public demands that law enforcement take a proactive approach in interdicting person's under the age of 21 that aren't allowed to possess or use this drug.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, youth who drink alcohol are more likely to experience: problems in school, social difficulties, unwanted and unplanned pregnancies, unprotected sexual activity, physical and sexual assault, higher risk for suicide and homicide, abuse of other drugs, and injuries sustained from traffic collisions.

The City of Harrisonburg is somewhat unique due to the fact the James Madison University is situated in the Heart of the City with an enrollment of approximately 21,000 students, the majority being under the 21 legal drinking age and a large percentage living in off-campus housing. Harrisonburg Police Officers are tasked with patrolling off-campus housing areas and the enforcement of blatant alcohol violations and alcohol-related violations.

The City of Harrisonburg has experienced two alcohol-fueled riots in off-campus student housing, one in 2000 and another more recently one in 2010. These incidents of civil unrest brought to the forefront the "alcohol and party culture" taking place at James Madison.



The University, in its commitment to assisting Harrisonburg Police with calls for service in these off-campus areas, allocated funds to hire four University Police Officers, whose sole responsibility is to patrol these areas.

Harrisonburg Police along with university officials, primarily the Office of Judicial Affairs, have also made great strides in more alcohol and abuse education along with a zero tolerance approach to enforcement in the hope of preventing such incidents from occurring again.

It is realized that this is an on-going process due to the fact every year a new group of students are accepted for enrollment at the University.



LOCAL / STATE ISSUES

ABC Enforcement / UNDERAGE DRINKING

POLICY

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PLANNING

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TRAINING

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HPD Civil Disturbance Officers hold the skirmish line during the alcohol-fueled student riot of 2010.



LOCAL / STATE ISSUES

ABC Enforcement / UNDERAGE DRINKING

PUBLIC INFORMATION / EDUCATION

Community Coalition on Alcohol Abuse

The Community Coalition was formed in 2000 after the first Alcohol Fueled JMU Student Riot. Its purpose is to educate and inform James Madison University students about underage consumption of alcohol and drug use and it's consequences.

The Coalition is comprised of law enforcement, JMU University, and Mental Health Officials. Each year the coalition brainstorms on ways to combat the use of underage use of alcohol.

JMU Freshman are required at the beginning of the academic year to attend orientations, where various topics are covered including alcohol use.



A bike officer talks with returning students in reference to alcohol violations at an off-campus housing complex.

Before the start of classes, Law Enforcement and members from the University tour off-campus housing areas, passing out brochures talking with students about alcohol use.



Officers talk with female students in an off-campus housing area about how to stay safe and handout literature.

Harrisonburg Officers set up and man tables throughout the off-campus housing area, passing out literature on alcohol & noise violations and other various violations as well as bottled water. This community outreach gives students a chance to have one-on-one question and answer sessions with police officers regarding various topics related to public safety.

Intoxicated students often fall prey to subjects looking to assault and steal from them, not only in public, but in their off-campus apartments, usually after large parties. Students are naive to the fact people attending parties and gatherings at student housing complexes are not always fellow students.

Our message to students is that we are not always in the area to arrest or summons, but to keep them safe.



LOCAL /STATE ISSUES

ABC Enforcement / UNDERAGE DRINKING

PUBLIC INFORMATION / EDUCATION

CALLING THE SHOTS PROGRAM

“Calling the Shots” is a three week program that guides students towards making future decisions more consistent with their values and in compliance with the law. Harrisonburg & JMU Police participate in this program to answer student’s questions and address risk-reduction strategies. This program was designed for students with major or multiple minor violations of the University alcohol/drug policies and carries a fee of \$ 50.

Teaming with the James Madison Office of Judicial Affairs, Bike Patrol Officers are selected to talk with JMU Students about Alcohol / Drug Violations and penalties throughout the year.

Since the inception of the program in 2000 Calling the Shots Programs were held ever quarter through-out the school year. These meeting have since grown to where the program is given bi-monthly. Those students in attendance range from 12-15 students per meeting.



Two officers answer questions about alcohol & drug use.

ENFORCEMENT

In an effort to change **“the Culture of Alcohol”** after the April 2010 “Springfest Riot”, JMU’s President called for enhanced alcohol violation policies and the employment of four new James Madison University Police Officers, specifically hired to assist Harrisonburg Officers in enforcing alcohol violations in off-campus housing areas.

These JMU Officers are assigned to the Harrisonburg Police Department’s Special Operations Division and are supervised by the department’s Bike Patrol Corporal.





LOCAL / STATE ISSUES

ABC Enforcement / UNDERAGE DRINKING

ENFORCEMENT

OPERATION "WELCOME BACK"

For 4 weekends starting at the end of August, a **Zero Tolerance Proactive, High Visibility Saturation Patrol Technique** is implemented, utilizing marked /unmarked vehicles, mt. bikes, and foot patrols within and around off-campus student housing areas, involving 40 plus officers from multiple agencies.

The message is clear: If you're committing alcohol or alcohol-related violations you will be:

SUMMONED OR ARRESTED !

Operation Welcome Back is truly a **multi-jurisdictional operation**. Each year Harrisonburg calls on various Law Enforcement agencies and specialized taskforces for assistance for the four-week enforcement blitz.

- Rockingham Co. Sheriff's Office
- Virginia State Police
- Virginia ABC Agents
- James Madison University Police

- RUSH Drug Task Force
- Local Gang Task Force

- JMU Judicial Affairs Personnel



HPD Officers & JMU Judicial Affairs Personnel handout brochures and talk to students about Alcohol Laws and partying at the beginning of the school year.

Although "Operation Welcome Back" has a large enforcement element it also has a large educational element. Two weeks before actual start of classes, Harrisonburg and James Madison Police Officers visit off-campus areas to pass out brochures containing information on alcohol laws, noise violations, etc.



HPD Bike Officers cite a student for underage possession and a open container violation.

Officers assigned to those Geo-Policing Districts, where off-campus housing is located, continue zero tolerance through-out the academic year while on regular patrol. Bike Patrol Officers also supplement regular officers in enforcement of alcohol violations in these areas throughout the year.



LOCAL / STATE ISSUES

ABC Enforcement / UNDERAGE DRINKING



ENFORCEMENT cont.

2016 Alcohol Arrests Involving a Pedestrian						
Charge Code	Charge Description	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
4.1-111	KEG REGISTRATION VIOLATION	14	16	14	17	0
4.1-304	SELL ALCOHOL TO UNAUTHIZED. PERSON	1	0	0	0	0
4.1-305	POSSESS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE UNDERAGE	559	580	462	319	400
4.1-306	PURCHASE ALCOHOL FOR UNAUTH.PERSON	9	8	6	13	8
4.1-323	AID OR ABET ALCOHOL VIOLATIONS	0	0	0	0	0
18.2-388	PUBLIC INTOXICATION (DIP)	726	702	658	505	465
16-8-51	DRINKING IN PUBLIC	6	11	7	9	17
16-8-51 (B)	OPEN CONTAINER	129	142	133	100	98
Total Alcohol Violations Involving Pedestrians:		1444	1459	1280	963	988
Percent increase or decrease over previous year:			+1%	-12%	-25%	+3%

The Alcohol Arrest Involving a Pedestrian Chart depicts a five year comparison of violations and a percent of increase or decrease from the pervious year.

Total Criminal Arrests rose from 5583 in 2015 to 6472 in 2016, a **16% increase** in the City of Harrisonburg . The above listed **Alcohol Violations** accounted for 988 arrests or **15%** of the total criminal violations; this statistic is a testament to Harrisonburg Police Officers being ever-vigilant for alcohol violations being committed in their presence by college age persons.

These types of charges not only being cited during special planned patrols, but during regular patrols in the Geo-Policing Districts, where these types of violation occur on a daily basis.

However, data has shown that **Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights through early Sunday mornings** are when these violations are most likely to be committed.



HPD Officers working bike patrol as well as regular patrol cite students for various violations related to alcohol use.



LOCAL / STATE ISSUES

ABC Enforcement / UNDERAGE DRINKING

OUTCOMES

Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program

The Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program has offices all over the Commonwealth. The Harrisonburg / Rockingham ASAP usually ranks number one in the state in referrals each year. This is primarily due to James Madison University and the large number of students being charged with underage possession of alcohol by Harrisonburg Police Officers. The only other ASAP Office that comes close to the Harrisonburg Office in referrals is the City of Blacksburg, which serves Virginia Tech.

2016 Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program Stats

In 2016 Harrisonburg Police Department, of the 14 reporting enforcement agencies within Rockingham County, accounted for:

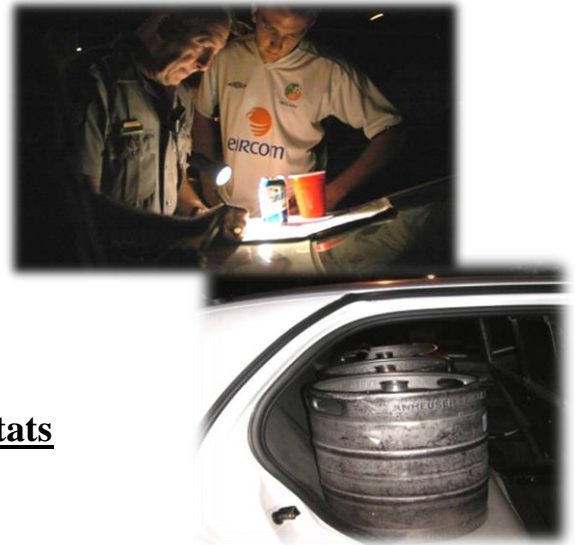
352 / 80 % of 439 Total Underage Alcohol Referrals

177 / 44% of 407 Total DUI/DUID Referrals

219 / 46% of 475 Total Drug Referrals

ASAP Personnel report that DUI / DUID Arrests & Referrals decreased all over the Commonwealth in 2016, while drug or Possession of Marijuana referrals increased throughout 2016.

It is believed that our department's zero policy towards alcohol violations has contributed to the city's lower alcohol related crashes rates, thus by interdicting our student population before they are able to enter a motor vehicle and drive impaired.



The quantitative results of our enhanced alcohol enforcement efforts really cannot be fully realized, in the fact there's no good way to know how many lives are saved or physical/sexual assaults not committed, do to our zero tolerance of interdiction of intoxicated or persons in the possession of alcohol underage.



LOCAL / STATE ISSUES

UNDERAGE DRINKING

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Local Commonwealth Attorney brief Officers with the JMU Off-campus Taskforce about various violations.



**SPECIAL AWARD
CONSIDERATION**

**Harrisonburg Police would like to be considered
for the following Special Award Category:**

***Commercial Motor Vehicle
Safety***





SPECIAL AWARD CONSIDERATION

MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY

PROBLEM IDENTIFICATION

With the growing concern with truck safety at the national & state level, particularly on Interstate 81 the Harrisonburg Police Department established a two-man Motor Carrier Unit utilizing its two motorcycle officers in 1997. Today the Department has five officers federally certified to perform motor carrier inspections. The Unit's Officers are also available to the Rockingham County Sheriff's Department and six town police departments located within the county through the Harrisonburg/ Rockingham County Mutual Aid Agreement. The Unit's Officers are also called on from time to time to give CMV safety talks to local trucking companies and the City's public works personnel on CMV Safety and regulations updates.



The Harrisonburg Police Department takes pride in the fact it's the only municipal police department in the Shenandoah Valley that has a Motor Carrier Unit with Officers specially trained in driver, vehicle, size & weight inspections.

The Department holds monthly Motor Carrier Checkpoints inviting the Virginia Department of Motor Carrier Services Personnel to assist in these such checkpoints. The partnership with DMV has enabled the Unit to perform more comprehensive inspections by utilizing mobile scales, the IRIS van and their technicians during checkpoint operations.

Harrisonburg Police Officers who are certified also do inspections as part of their regular patrols duties.



SPECIAL AWARD CONSIDERATION

MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY

PUBLIC INFORMATION & EDUCATION



Department Motor Carrier Operations were covered in the Department's annual Citizen Police Academy in the Special Operations Division Overview. Instructors stress the important of CMV Safety within the Harrisonburg Community and having Harrisonburg Police Officers Federally certified to do Motor Carrier Inspections.

TRAINING

Certified Motor Carrier Officers are required to take part in In-service training administered by the Virginia State Police and perform 32 Level-I Motor Carrier Inspections to keep their Federal certifications each year.

OUTCOMES

DMV Reportable Accidents

	CMV
2016	83
2015	88
2014	64
2013	66
2012	59

CMV accidents saw a major increase in 2015 of 38% from 2014. **However in 2016 accidents the City saw a 6% decrease in reportable CMV accidents.**

Note:

During 2016 a number of CMV were canceled due to the Patrol & Special Operations Division Officers working at or below minimum staffing levels and officers being forced to work on their days off to meet minimum staffing requirements; thus the number of CMV inspections by our Motor Carrier Officers suffered.



SPECIAL AWARD CONSIDERATION

2016 MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY STATS

Enforcement

Total Level I Inspections: 96 Power Units / 29 Trailers
Total Level II Inspections: 1 Power Units / 0 Trailers
Total Level V Inspections: 32 Power Units / 0 Trailers

Total Inspections: 130 Power Units / 29 Trailers = 159

***Total Violations Detected:** 113

Total Vehicles Placed Out of Service: 16 Power Units / 3 Trailers = 19
Total Drivers Placed Out of Service: 2

Total CMV Safety Approval Stickers Issued: 95 Power Units / 18 Trailers = 113

Total Inspection Details: 6 Checkpoints / 2 Depot Inspections Details

Locations:

- 2 1400 Technology Dr.
- 2 325 Pleasant Valley Rd.
- 1 800 Stone Spring Rd.
- 2 6000 Walton Way, Mt. Crawford, VA / Wal-Mart Distribution Center

CMV Partnership



In 2016, the Harrisonburg Police Motor Carrier Unit teamed-up Walmart Transportation and performed 2 Depot Inspection Details at it's Mt. Crawford, VA Distribution Center on two different dates; performing 32 total Inspections.



HARRISONBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT

Municipal V



PROFESSIONALISM – INTEGRITY – RESPECT – ACCOUNTABILITY

Dear Judges,

It is with great pleasure for the Harrisonburg Police Department to participate in this year's Law Enforcement Challenge.

Thank you for your consideration.

- Stephen P. Monticelli,

Chief of Police

Virginia's 12th Largest City

HARRISONBURG'S THIN BLUE LINE





**SPECIAL AWARD
CONSIDERATION**

**Harrisonburg Police would like to be considered
for the following Special Award Category:**

Motorcycle Safety



MOTION - SPEED - PRECISION



SPECIAL AWARD CONSIDERATION

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY

PROBLEM IDENTIFICATION

Motorcycling is a fun, exciting way to travel and experience the beauty of Virginia; however, riding a motorcycle is serious business and requires extra concentration and additional training.



Virginia's motorcycle requirements are designed to ensure the safety of motorcyclists as well as others traveling on the roadways of the Commonwealth.

Harrisonburg has also seen its share of increased motorcycle, moped or scooter traffic within the city in recent years, due to high gas prices. Riders commuting to and from work on these vehicles provide them with more of an economical mode of transportation, etc.

So much so that it led to the City of Harrisonburg to enact local city ordinances pertaining to the operation of mopeds and scooters in 2004. These ordinances mirror Virginia Code in reference to regulating motorcycles and their operation on public streets and highways.



Harrisonburg Officers are ever vigilant for these drivers that violate helmet, eye protection, and identification requirements when operating these types of vehicles.



SPECIAL AWARD CONSIDERATION

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY

TRAINING

Harrisonburg Motor Officers attend monthly training in motorcycle operations with fellow motor officers from the Charlottesville /Albemarle County area of Virginia approximately 8 months out of the year depending on weather conditions.

Motor Officers go over safety issues pertinent to their duty assignments during classroom as well as practical exercises in slow speed cone courses as well as brake and escape maneuvers during training.

OUTCOMES

DMV Reportable Accidents

	Motorcycle	Moped	Total
2016	10	2	12
2015	11	7	18
2014	9	5	14
2013	10	7	17
2012	27	6	33
2011	39	18	57

The City has seen a 79% decrease in total two-wheel vehicle accidents in the last six years.

The Jefferson Area Police Motorcycle Training and Competition

Motor Officers also attend a 3-day event in a timed, precision riding event for motor officers to test their riding skills and agility against other motor officers from around the country. Harrisonburg Motor served as course instructors and judges during the three day competition.



Courses were designed to stimulate actual road hazards that motor officers commonly encounter while operating their police motors. Training & testing is imperative that these skills are constant to prevent accidents & injuries.



SPECIAL AWARD CONSIDERATION

PUBLIC INFORMATION & EDUCATION

The Rider Alert motorcycle-safety program was launched in Richmond, Virginia, on April 12, 2011, and is spreading rapidly throughout the state and nation. The program, designed to help save lives, provides free identification data cards that will help first responders provide rapid and accurate medical assistance to motorcyclists involved in serious accidents.

Rider Alert cards are placed inside riders' helmets and contain vital, life-saving information, emergency contact and any important medical history. When first responders arrive on the scene of a motorcycle accident, a one-inch, round sticker on the outside of the helmet will indicate that the biker has the Rider Alert card. The sticker also warns bystanders not to remove the helmet, which could prevent further injury.

This program was started by the Richmond Ambulance Authority and Bon Secours Virginia Health System in partnership with *Motorcycle Virginia!* and is the first of its kind in the United States.

Rider Alert is expanding rapidly across the US, with New York being the second state to launch the program. The Virginia Rider Alert Team is also assisting organizations from Delaware, Texas and Kentucky in developing the program



Partnering with Harrisonburg Emergency Physicians, Harrisonburg Rescue Squad and Fire, Motor Officers hand out hundreds of "Rider Alert" Cards throughout the year at motorcycle benefit rides and on traffic stops with motorcycle and moped and scooter operators. Cards are also available in static displays at the police station, fire & rescue stations, as well as at local motorcycle dealerships throughout the city.

