



Hanover County Sheriff's Office
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The Hanover County Sheriff's Office will join Virginia Law Enforcement in the "Click It or Ticket" mobilization to enforce the Commonwealth's safety belt and child safety seat laws. The campaign is scheduled for periods surrounding Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day.

The Virginia Law allows law enforcement to cite anyone driving a car in which an occupant under age 16 is not wearing a safety belt or is not properly secured in a child safety seat. The law also provides that drivers stopped for other violations can be cited if they are not properly restrained. This also applies to all front seat passengers over the age of 16.

According to the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles, 922 persons were killed in motor vehicle related crashes in 2004. Of those, 421 were unrestrained.

"Click It or Ticket" is one of several programs under the Smart, Safe and Sober partnership. Smart Safe and Sober is a statewide program dedicated to preventing death and injury on Virginia roadways. It is a joint partnership of the Hanover County Sheriff's Office, the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police, the Virginia Department of State Police, the Virginia Sheriff's Association, DRIVE SMART Virginia, and the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles.

While seatbelt laws are enforced regularly in Hanover County, "Click It or Ticket" brings aggressive, coordinated and highly-publicized enforcement efforts to send a strong message that everyone must buckle up. It is the most effective and immediate way to save lives and reduce injuries.