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Sobriety Checkpoints scheduled during Holiday Season in Hanover County.

The Hanover County Sheriff's Office will be conducting several sobriety checkpoints throughout the holiday season. These checkpoints will involve members of Sheriff's Office and Troopers from the Virginia State Police.

The checkpoints will be conducted on **November 24, December 3, December 10, December 17, and December 31.**

Officers will stop all vehicles passing through each checkpoint and each driver will be advised of the purpose of the checkpoint and requested to present their drivers' license. Any driver suspected of operating a vehicle while under the influence of drugs and alcohol will be directed to a safe area off of the roadway for further observation and possible testing for intoxication.

Statistics from the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles indicate there is an increase in intoxicated drivers and alcohol related traffic crashes around the holidays. Although some headway has been made in reducing the number of intoxicated drivers, an increase in the death rate and the average blood alcohol content of tested drunk drivers indicates significantly more progress is needed.

The maximum penalty in Virginia for the first conviction of driving under the influence is 12 months in jail, a \$2500.00 fine and a 12 – month suspension of driving privileges.

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