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## **Sheriff's Office Implements Volunteer Motorist Assistance Patrol**

As part of a growing volunteer initiative, the Sheriff's Office has recently trained 17 Hanover residents to participate in a Motorist Assistance Patrol program. These volunteers will work in pairs and drive well-marked Ford Explorers equipped with yellow emergency lights. Their duties will include assisting stranded motorists, conducting traffic direction, assisting with traffic hazards, and providing guidance and assistance to travelers.

Those participating in the Motorist Assistance Patrol have graduated from the Sheriff's Office Citizens Police Academy and have completed additional training in basic first aid, traffic direction, radio communications, and safety procedures.

While these volunteers are providing a valuable service to the motoring public and their colleagues at the Sheriff's Office, the Motorist Assist volunteers are not authorized to engage in other law enforcement activities beyond the scope of this program.

"The Sheriff's Office is very fortunate that among the over 550 graduates of the Citizens Police Academy, many have decided to stay on and actively contribute to the operations of the Sheriff's Office and provide a valuable service to our citizens. We are indebted to them for their service to the Sheriff's Office and proud of their effort to ensure our County remains a great place to live," said Lieutenant Colonel David R. Hines.



Lt. Colonel David R. Hines pictured with volunteers and marked motorist assist vehicles.

For more information on this program or other volunteer opportunities with the Hanover County Sheriff's Office, please contact us at 804-365-6110 or [www.hanoversheriff.com](http://www.hanoversheriff.com).

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