



## News Release

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### CHECKPOINT STRIKEFORCE SUMMER ENFORCEMENT HANOVER COUNTY SOBRIETY CHECKPOINT SCHEDULE

The Hanover County Sheriff's Office will be participating in a series of Traffic & Sobriety Checkpoints during Virginia's Checkpoint Strikeforce Enforcement Campaign beginning **July 1, 2010**. The Hanover County Sheriff's Office will be conducting several checkpoints, including Sobriety Checkpoints from **July 2 through September 3**.

The exact times and locations are not being released. Officers will stop all vehicles passing through each checkpoint. Each driver will be advised of the purpose of the checkpoint and requested to present their driver's license. Any driver suspected of operating a vehicle while under the influence of drugs or 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 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 indicate 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 fine, and a 12-month suspension of driving privileges.

Hanover County Traffic Data	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
	Vehicle Crashes	1454	1324	1425	1360
Alcohol-Related Crashes	140	147	114	131	112
Alcohol-Related Crashes With Injuries	59	77	54	66	48
Persons Injured In Alcohol-Related Crashes	83	109	73	93	55
Fatality Crashes	7	11	17	6	8
Alcohol-Related Fatalities	3	3	2	4	2
DUI Arrests	337	294	292	398	402

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