



Hanover County Sheriff's Office
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News Release

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UPCOMING SOBRIETY CHECKPOINTS

Traditionally, the holidays are linked to one of the deadliest times of the year on the Commonwealth's highways. Statistics from the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) show that the holidays are also key in the rise in alcohol-related traffic fatalities.

The Hanover County Sheriff's Office will conduct a sobriety checkpoint in Hanover on ***Friday, November 25, 2005***. The exact time and location is not being released. Officers will stop all vehicles passing through the checkpoint. 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 or alcohol will be directed to a safe area off of the roadway for further observation and possible testing for intoxication.

The maximum penalty in Virginia for the first conviction for driving under the influence is 12 months in jail, a \$2500 fine and a 12 – month suspension of driving privileges.

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