



Hanover County Sheriff's Office
Colonel V. Stuart Cook, Sheriff



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Memorial Day Traffic Safety Operations: Results

On May 29, 2004, the Hanover County Sheriff's Office in conjunction with the Virginia State Police, conducted a sobriety checkpoint on Meadowbridge Road just east of the Henrico County line in Hanover County. Arrests were made for Driving Under the Influence (2), Possession of Narcotics (3), Underage Possession of Alcohol (1), and three individuals were arrested for outstanding criminal warrants. Officers also issued 15 uniform traffic summonses.

The checkpoint was conducted as part of a statewide campaign labeled "Smart, Safe & Sober." This campaign is aimed at reducing alcohol-related traffic crashes and to promote the use of seatbelts.

In addition to the sobriety checkpoint, three other traffic safety checkpoints were also conducted during the week prior to Memorial Day. The checkpoints took place on Creighton Road just west of I295, Elm Drive just south of Rt. 360, and Rt. 33 in the area of the South Anna River bridge. During these checkpoints, officers issued 60 uniform traffic summonses for such offenses as Driving on a Suspended License, Failure to Wear Seatbelts, and Overdue Vehicle Inspection. In addition to the summonses, officers arrested individuals for Habitual Offender (2), Driving Under the Influence (1), and arrested one subject on an outstanding warrant.

All the checkpoints were funded by a grant from Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles.

Colonel V. Stuart Cook said, "The use of checkpoints and saturation patrols have been proven to reduce the number of personal injuries and deaths resulting from traffic crashes." The Sheriff's Office plans to continue the use of checkpoints and saturation patrols through the remainder of 2004 particularly around major holidays.

Colonel V. Stuart Cook
Sheriff