



## **Hanover County Sheriff's Office**

*Colonel V. Stuart Cook, Sheriff*

### **Public Safety Announcement**

For more information call Lt. Kenny Epling 804-365-6434



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The Hanover County Sheriff's Office and the Virginia Department of Transportation need our citizens' assistance with a significant traffic safety issue.

The Sheriff's Office has become aware of incidents of aggressive driving on Polegreen Road just east of I295. Problems occur when eastbound traffic merges from two lanes into one lane to continue their travel east. This is especially true during the afternoon rush hour when motorists are traveling home from a long day of work. The vast majority of citizens wait patiently as they approach the merge point and move safely on their way. However, we have received several complaints of drivers blocking vehicles from passing in the left lane, vehicles in the left lane making evasive maneuvers, and in general, drivers behaving aggressively.

The Sheriff's Office has worked with the Virginia Department of Transportation to ease the flow of traffic with steps that include additional signage and road markings. Due to the volume of traffic on this corridor, our citizens' cooperation in traveling through the area is needed. ***Motorists are encouraged to use both lanes traveling eastbound from I-295, so traffic can move safely off of I-295 onto Polegreen Rd.*** Additionally, those who travel through the area are asked to use an extra measure of patience and courtesy.

The goal of the Sheriff's Office is to safely and efficiently facilitate the movement of traffic through this area. To accomplish this, the area will be monitored closely for acts of aggressive driving. Aggressive Driving in Virginia is a Class 2 misdemeanor, and a Class 1 if there is intent to injure another person. A Class 1 misdemeanor carries a sentence of up to 12 months in jail and up to a \$2,500 fine.

It is our hope that patience and courtesy will prevail in this issue. If you have any questions, please contact Lieutenant Kenny B. Epling at (804) 365-6434

Photographs detailing the issue:

Area of  
Congestion



Backup can extend onto I-295  
if both travel lanes are not  
used on east bound  
Polegreen Road.

