



Hanover County Sheriff's Office
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Public Safety Announcement

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The Hanover County Sheriff's Office would like to advise all citizens in the Mechanicsville area of the anticipated traffic congestion during the NASCAR races held at the Richmond International Raceway in Henrico County.

Although some of the activities related to this series of events is already underway, the following days will experience a higher than normal traffic flow and may cause some inconvenience. The increase in traffic will predominantly affect Meadowbridge Road from Interstate 295 west to the Henrico County line.

The race weekend starts on Friday, May 5, 2006, with NASCAR Busch Series qualifying and practice runs. This should cause a moderate increase of traffic in the afternoon.

On Friday, May 5, 2006, the ***NASCAR Busch Series Circuit City 250*** will be held at 8:05 p.m. This will affect rush hour traffic in the afternoon. For citizens traveling home on I-295, we suggest getting off the interstate at either the Route 301 exit or the Route 360 exit.

On Saturday, May 6, 2006, the main event, the ***NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series Crown Royal 400*** will start at 7:30 p.m. On this day, traffic will be congested on Meadowbridge Road all day, with the heaviest times being in the mid-morning and late in the evening, before and after the race. To expedite the traffic flow, traffic to and from the race will utilize two lanes of Meadowbridge, with the remaining lanes open for normal traffic. This procedure has proven very effective in moving race traffic through our county in a way that limits the inconvenience to our citizens.

On Thursday and Friday, Deputies will monitor Meadowbridge Road closely, and assist with traffic direction when needed. On Saturday, Deputies will be stationed at each intersection on Meadowbridge to monitor traffic flow and render assistance.

We encourage all citizens to make proper arrangements to avoid traffic congestion caused by this event. We strongly suggest using Shady Grove Road and avoid the use of Atlee Road for your travels, especially on Saturday.

It is the goal of the Hanover County Sheriff's Office to facilitate the flow of traffic for this special event in such a way that the inconveniences on our citizens are limited.