



***Hanover County Sheriff's Office***  
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***News Release***

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**UPCOMING SOBRIETY CHECKPOINT**

The Hanover County Sheriff's Office will conduct a sobriety checkpoint in Hanover on ***Friday, September 2, 2005***. The exact time and location is not being released at this time.

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.

In addition to the checkpoint activities, deputies will be on patrol throughout the weekend focusing on apprehending intoxicated drivers.

Traditionally, the holidays, such as Labor Day, are linked to 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 of alcohol-related traffic fatalities.

*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.*