



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



**Public Safety Announcement**

For more information call Lt. Doug Goodman at 365-6312

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The Hanover County Sheriff's Office would like to enlist the community's help in addressing littering along our highways and byways.

Hanover County has been blessed with some of the most pristine and picturesque scenery in the Commonwealth of Virginia. We have over 1,000 miles of primary, secondary and rural routes that stretch from the tidal areas of the Pamunkey River to the rolling piedmont of Rockville.

Unfortunately we are seeing increased instances of those highways and byways littered by refuse and garbage. It may take the form of a driver discarding an empty soda can, or a bag of garbage that falls off a vehicle after being haphazardly and carelessly loaded. The areas near the county's transfer stations are the most affected.

In either case, committing such acts is a misdemeanor in the Commonwealth of Virginia punishable by a fine of at least \$250 and up to a year in jail. As we move into the summer season, Hanover County Deputies will be looking out for these violations and enforcing the law. Citizens who observe such violations are urged to report the incident by calling our Communications Center at 365-6140.

In addition to our own personal responsibility, citizens can also get involved in VDOT's Adopt-a-Highway Program. Each year more than 6,000 volunteer groups collect over 300,000 bags of trash from 14,000 miles roads in the Commonwealth. To become a part of this program, please call 1-800-PRIDE VA (1-800-774-3382).

We appreciate our community's help with this problem. If you have any questions, please contact Lt. Doug Goodman at 365-6312.

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