



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



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Each year the Sheriff's Office conducts a study to identify the "Top-10" accident sites in the county. In 2004, there were 127 traffic crashes at these "Top-10" sites, a 36% increase over 2003. Seventy-five of those accidents alone occurred at locations along Mechanicsville Turnpike.

Overall, the Sheriff's Office responded to 1,453 traffic collisions across Hanover County. This figure represents a 5.6% increase in traffic collisions from 2003. This number does not include those collisions handled by the Virginia State Police on the interstates or the Ashland Police within the Town.

The below listed table provides a breakdown of those accident sites and the number of collisions at each site:

Rank	Intersection	Number of Accidents
1	Rt. 360 at Lee-Davis Rd.	22
2	Rt. 360 at Bell Creek Rd. (south)	22
3	Rt. 360 at Elm Dr.	14
4	Pole Green Rd. at Lee-Davis Rd.	13
5	Rt. 301 at Atlee Station Rd.	13
6	Rt. 301 at Richfood Rd.	10
7	Rt. 360 at Old Hickory Dr.	9
8	Rt. 360 at Bell Creed Rd. (north)	8
9	Rt. 301 at Atlee Rd.	8
10	Rt. 33 at Ashland Rd.	8

The primary causes of these accidents were drivers following too close to the vehicle in front of them, failure to yield the right -of- away, and running red lights. A total of 76 individuals were injured in these accidents.

“It is our sincere hope that all drivers will voluntarily comply with the traffic laws set forth in the Code of Virginia. However, according to the data reviewed, it appears that a small number of drivers are not taking the proper care in their daily travels. Unfortunately, this causes traffic enforcement to be an inevitable part of responsible public service,” said Colonel V. Stuart Cook.

The goal of traffic enforcement by the Hanover County Sheriff’s Office is to reduce traffic accidents and injuries through the facilitation of the safe and expeditious flow of traffic. We strive to not only enforce the traffic laws in our county, but to also favorably alter violators’ future driving behavior in order to make our roads safe for the future.

We hope that our traffic safety efforts will successfully create a safer driving environment for our citizens and those who travel through our county.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Lt. Doug Goodman at 365-6312.

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Sheriff