



News Release

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2008 "CLICK IT or TICKET" Campaign Begins in Hanover

The Hanover County Sheriff's Office will join other Virginia Law Enforcement Agencies in the "Click It or Ticket" mobilization to enforce the Commonwealth's safety belt and child safety seat laws. This nationwide buckle-up initiative runs May 12th through June 8th, 2008.

Virginia law allows law enforcement to cite any driver of a vehicle in which an occupant under the age of 16 is not wearing a safety belt or for any child under the age of eight that is not properly secured in an approved child safety seat. The law also provides that drivers and front seat passengers over the age of 16 can be cited for not wearing a safety belt when stopped for other violations.

"Click It or Ticket is one of several programs under the Smart, Safe, & Sober partnership. Smart, Safe, & Sober is a statewide program dedicated to preventing death and injury on Virginia roadways.

According to the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles, 1,012 persons were killed in motor vehicle related crashes during 2007. During 2007, Hanover County experienced 1,425 reportable crashes with a total of 17 traffic fatalities.*

While seat belt laws are regularly enforced in Hanover County, "Click It or Ticket" brings aggressive, coordinated, and highly publicized enforcement efforts in order to send a strong message that everyone must buckle up. Remember, whether traveling one mile or 100 miles, traffic crashes do not discriminate. Seat belts remain the most effective and immediate way to save lives and reduce injuries.

* - Statistics do not include I-95 or I-295, which are reported by the Virginia State Police

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