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“Border to Border” to Begin Checkpoint Strike Force Campaign
Heavily Traveled Labor Day Holiday will be the focus

With the approach of Labor Day comes the last big travel opportunity of the summer. More vehicles on the road mean higher chances of crashes, injuries and fatalities. In an effort to reduce crashes and the tragedies they bring, law enforcement will gather at twenty-one different border sites to make sure that motorists begin the Labor Day holiday with the message that they must buckle up, obey the speed limits and drive sober.

To begin the annual Checkpoint Strike Force Campaign, Virginia law enforcement, along with the Washington County Sheriff's Office, will partner with law enforcement from North Carolina, Kentucky, Maryland, West Virginia, and Tennessee for the annual “Border to Border” checkpoint project on September 2, 2010.

In 2009, over the four day Labor Day holiday period, there were a total of thirteen fatalities statewide which was a significant increase over the seven fatalities in 2008.

“We know how to prevent serious injury and death on Virginia roadways: buckle up, drive sober and obey all traffic laws,” said Sheriff Fred Newman. “Make no mistake, it doesn’t matter whether you are heading to the mountains or the shore, whether you are staying in Virginia or traveling to one of our bordering states, law enforcement will be out all over enforcing all traffic laws.” Checkpoints will continue throughout Virginia and its’ bordering states through the end of the year.

“Border to Border” is just one of the many activities that will occur in Virginia as part of the annual Checkpoint Strike Force Campaign. Checkpoint Strike Force is a multi-state law enforcement campaign with a goal to getting impaired drivers off the road.