

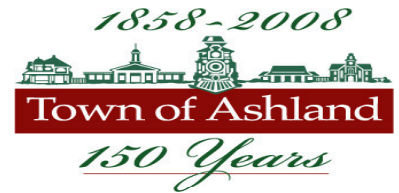


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The Ashland Police Department is proud to announce our 2nd place award in the 2007 Virginia Law Enforcement Challenge sponsored by the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police. This award recognizes departments for their traffic safety initiatives and enforcement efforts. The Department was able to decrease the number of accidents on the Town's roadways from 183 in 2006 to 144 in 2007, a 21% overall decrease.

In 2007, we increased traffic and vehicle violation enforcement and increased the number of summonses issued for those violations. The department also initiated activities to reduce motor vehicle crashes. The increased enforcement, arrests and other activities resulted in a reduced number of motor vehicle crashes and increased the number of impaired drivers removed from the highways. The number of arrests for DUI/DUID increased from 16 in 2006 to 32 in 2007, a 100% increase in arrests.

The Ashland Police Department takes an aggressive approach to traffic enforcement in an effort to decrease overall incidents of accidents thus reducing personal injury and damage to property.



**2007 Virginia Law Enforcement Challenge Award
Accepted by Corporal Kris Burnette (left) and Sergeant Scott Menzies (right)**

