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The Ashland Police Department will host a Bike Safety Rodeo on June 25, 2011 from 11:00am to 3:00pm in the Ashland Towne Center parking lot (located next to the Ashland Police Department on Rt. 54). The Police Department participated in “National Bike Month” and “Bike to Work Week” during the month of May and would like to continue to educate the community about bike safety by hosting this free event.

The Ashland Police Bike Team will host a Bike Safety Rodeo for young bicyclists during the free event on June 25, 2011. Members of “The River City Cycling Collective” and representatives from Olde Towne Bikes will be on hand to assist with performing bike maintenance and mechanics, commuting tips and how to safely ride with traffic. This event is for all ages and will focus on the “rules of the road” and general bike safety. It will be an energizing event that will remind everyone of the simple joy of biking and the health benefits of regular daily activity.

The Ashland Police Department would like to encourage drivers to consider biking to work. The following are some tips that will help you enjoy biking to work more.

- *Have your bike checked over by your local bike shop*
- *Always wear a helmet to protect your head in the event of a crash*
- *Ride in the right-most lane that goes in the direction that you are traveling*
- *Obey all stop signs, traffic lights and lane markings*
- *Look before you change lanes or signal a turn; indicate your intention, then act*
- *Be visible and predictable at all times; wear bright clothing and signal turns*

To learn more about this free event, please contact Sergeant Scott Menzies at (804) 412-0613.

