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NATIONAL IMPAIRED DRIVING CRACKDOWN

“DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER”

The **Ashland Police Department** will join nearly 10,000 law enforcement agencies across the nation in support of **“DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER”** impaired driving crackdown August 19, 2011 – September 5, 2011.

Impaired driving is a serious problem. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 10, 839 people died in alcohol related crashes in 2009. The number of alcohol related fatalities has decreased, however the statistics are still too high.

“All too often, innocent, law-abiding people suffer tragic consequences and loss of a loved one because of this careless disregard for safety of others. You will see the Ashland Police officers night and day proactively enforcing traffic laws and impairing driving” says Chief Douglas Goodman.

In Virginia, it is illegal to drive with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 gram per deciliter or higher. On average there is a fatal crash every forty-eight (48) minutes across the country; one third of those involve a driver or motorcycle rider with a BAC that is above the legal limit.

For further information, visit www.ashlandpolice.us or www.stopimpaireddriving.org

