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ROADWAYS SAFER IN PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY

Last year Prince William County Police successfully removed more drunk drivers from our roads than ever and increased other aspects of traffic safety throughout the County, especially at locations that have a history of increased risk of crashes.

In 2008, police logged more than 800 hours of targeted enforcement at specific locations. This campaign resulted in an increase in the number of traffic citations issued from 35,008 in 2007 to 36,450 in 2008 – an increase of 1,442 citations. The number of crashes also decreased from 4,684 in 2007 to 4,363 in 2008. In regard to the high-risk locations, the number of crashes decreased from 214 (2007) to 187 (2008), a 13-percent reduction in the number of crashes at the targeted locations.

County Police also focused on commercial motor vehicle traffic safety. There were 270 truck inspections in 2007 and 390 in 2008. This translates to a 40-percent increase in the number of citations issued for safety violations.

These efforts helped provide a safer driving atmosphere for motorists who live in Prince William County as well as drivers who commute through the County.

Fast Facts:

- **Prince William County saw a decrease of 42 percent in alcohol- and drug-related traffic deaths in 2008, compared to 2007.**
- **Traffic crashes attributed to alcohol and/or drugs decreased by 23 percent between 2007 and 2008.**
- **There was a 3 percent decrease in alcohol- and/or drug-related traffic injuries between 2007 and 2008.**
- **Police made more than 1,900 DUI arrests in 2007, and increased that number to more than 2,100 in 2008.**
- **Police conducted eight sobriety checkpoints in 2008 at various locations across the County, and invested more than 5,500 hours in patrols directed at removing drunk drivers from our roadways.**

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