

2017 VIRGINIA LAW ENFORCEMENT CHALLENGE APPLICATION

Applications are due to VLEC@vachiefs.org by Friday, May 5, 2017, by 11:59 PM

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Agency (as it would appear on an award): Colonial He	ghts Police Department
Agency Category: Municipal M2	
Total Number of Sworn Personnel:53 Total N	lumber of Uniformed Officers on the Street:32
Submitter(s) (main point of contact for application):	Sergeant A. Renee Walters
Department: Colonial Heights Police Department	
Address: 100-A Highland Avenue Ci	ty: Colonial Heights State: VA Zip: 23834
Submitter Phone: <u>804.520.9300</u> Si	ubmitter Email: Waltersr@colonialheightsva.gov
Department Head: Col. Jeffrey W. Faries, Chief of Polic	e Email: _Fariesj@colonialheightsva.gov
APPLICATION ATTACHMENTS PACKET CHECKLIST	SPECIAL AWARD CONSIDERATIONS Impaired Driving*
Each attachment should be no longer or larger than 10	Occupant Protection*
NLEC Application (required) Speed Awareness Narrative (required) Speed Awareness Policies (required) Impaired Driving Narrative (required) Impaired Driving Policies (required) Occupant Protection Narrative (required) Occupant Protection Policies (required) State/Local Issue Narrative (required) State Local Issue Policies (required) Special Award Application(s) (1 attachment including narratives and policies for each award) (optional)	Speed Awareness* Bike/Pedestrian Safety Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Distracted Driving Motorcycle Safety Technology Traffic Incident Management State/Local Issue is Special Award Consideration** yes no If yes, which one? *Your agency is automatically considered for this
	Special Award upon submission of NLEC application
	**Cannot be Speed Awareness, Impaired Driving, or

Occupant Protection; must be chosen from other

Special Awards

SUBMISSION DISCLOSURE QUESTIONS

Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability.

1. Total roadway crashes in 2014: 268
2. Total roadway crashes in 2015:287
3. Total roadway crashes in 2016: 299
4. Total fatal crashes in 2014: 0
5. Total fatal crashes in 2015: 0
6. Total fatal crashes in 2016: 4
7. Total injury crashes in 2014: 123
8. Total injury crashes in 2015:
9. Total injury crashes in 2016: 190
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IMPAIRED DRIVING

For guidance on completing your Impaired Driving attachments, please refer to page 5 of the How-To Guide: http://bit.ly/22aMcCW

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1. This agency has a written policy making impaired driving enforcement a priority: yes <a>y no
2. Number of officers who received training in 2016 in impaired driving: 21
 This agency participates in officer recognition programs for impaired driving detection and apprehension yes ✓ no
4. Number of Impaired Driving Arrests in 2014: 218
5. Number of Impaired Driving Arrests in 2015: <u>138</u>
6. Number of Impaired Driving Arrests in 2016: <u>154</u>
7. Total number of fatal and injury crashes related to Impaired Driving in 2016: _0
8. Percentage of fatal and injury crashes related to Impaired Driving in 2016: _0
9. This agency is allowed to conduct Impaired Driving Checkpoints: yes no
10. Number of Special Enforcement Efforts in 2016 for Impaired Driving (saturation patrols, checkpoints,
etc.): <u>15</u>
11. Output Statistics: How many DUI citations were issued in target areas?: <u>N/A</u>
12. Output Statistics: How many DUI citations were issued during the target times?: <u>N/A</u>
13. Output Statistics: How many contacts were made? (total): N/A
14. Output Statistics: How many contacts in target areas?: <u>N/A</u>

OCCUPANT PROTECTION

For guidance on completing your Occupant Protection attachments, please refer to page 6 of the How-To Guide: http://bit.ly/22aMcCW

1. This agency has a written policy making safety belt and child passenger safety enforcement a priority:
yes no
2. This agency has a written policy requiring officer safety belt use: yes no
3. Does your state have a Primary Seat Belt Enforcement Law?: yes no_ \checkmark _
4. Your state's average safety belt use percentage rate in 2016: 87.9
5. Your <u>jurisdiction</u> 's safety belt use percentage rate at the beginning of 2016: <u>N/A</u>
6. Your <u>jurisdiction's</u> safety belt use percentage rate at the end of 2016: N/A
7. Number of officers who received training in 2016 in occupant protection: 5
8. This agency participates in Saved by the Belt/Air Bag (officer and/or citizen) awards programs: yes \checkmark no_
9. Number of Seat Belt Citations in 2014:92
10. Number of Seat Belt Citations in 2015:
11. Number of Seat Belt Citations in 2016:
12. Number of Child Seat Citations in 2014:93
13. Number of Child Seat Citations in 2015: 60
14. Number of Child Seat Citations in 2016: 61
15. Number of Special Enforcement Efforts in 2016 for Occupant Protection:
16. Output Statistics: How many citations were issued in target areas?: N/A
17. Output Statistics: How many citations were issued during the target times?:N/A
18. Output Statistics: How many contacts were made? (total): N/A
19. Output Statistics: How many contacts were made in target areas?: N/A
SPEED AWARENESS
For guidance on completing your Speed Awareness Submission attachments, please refer to page 8 of the How-To
Guide: http://bit.ly/22aMcCW
1. This agency has a written policy making speed enforcement a priority: yes no
2. Number of officers who received speed-related training in 2016: 3
3. This agency participates in officer recognition programs for speed detection and apprehension: yes
no <u> </u>
4. Number of Speeding Citations in 2014: 2035
5. Number of Speeding Citations in 2015: <u>1409</u>
6. Number of Speeding Citations in 2016: <u>1246</u>
7. Total number of 2016 fatal and injury crashes related to speed:
8. Percentage of 2016 fatal and injury crashes related to speed:
9. Number of Special Enforcement Efforts in 2016 for Speed:
10. Output Statistics: How many citations were issued in target areas?: N/A
11. Output Statistics: How many citations were issued during the target times?: N/A
12. Output Statistics: How many contacts were made? (total): N/A
13. Output Statistics: How many contacts were made in target areas?: N/A 3

STATE/LOCAL ISSUE

Your State/Local Issue cannot be Impaired Driving, Occupant Protection, or Speed Awareness. For guidance on completing your State/Local Issue attachments, please refer to page 9 of the How-To Guide: http://bit.ly/22aMcCW

1. This agency has a written policy making this issue a priority: yes no \checkmark
2. Number of officers who received training related to this issue in 2016:
3. This agency participates in officer recognition programs for this issue: yes no \checkmark _
4. Number of citations issued involving this issue in 2014:
5. Number of citations issued involving this issue in 2015:0
6. Number of citations issued involving this issue in 2016:
7. Total number of 2016 fatal and injury crashes related to this issue:0
8. Percentage of 2016 fatal and injury crashes related to this issue:
9. Number of Special Enforcement Efforts in 2016 for this issue:0
10. Output Statistics: How many citations were issued in the target areas?:N/A
11. Output Statistics: How many citations were issued during the target times?: <u>N/A</u>
12. Output Statistics: How many contacts were made? (total): <u>N/A</u>
13. Output Statistics: How many contacts were made in target areas?:N/A
14. How many special team enforcement details were directed at the State/Local Issue (not routine patrol)?
0





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Problem Identification

The City of Colonial Heights is approximately eight square miles. Colonial Heights has a population of approximately 17,000 residents; however as a central shopping district to surrounding areas the population swells during business operating hours. Colonial Heights is also located adjacent to Fort Lee, which has a daily population of approximately 34,000 and has approximately 70,000 students pass through on a yearly basis. Colonial Heights is also located adjacent to Virginia State University which has over 5,000 students. As there is no specific area that impaired driving offenses occur, the entire city will be treated as a target area. Colonial Heights is a pass through location to Interstate I-95 and has traffic that flows through from multiple areas to access the interstate. The impaired driving problem exists not only from establishments inside our jurisdiction but also from establishments outside our boundaries where drivers pass through Colonial Heights to access the interstate.

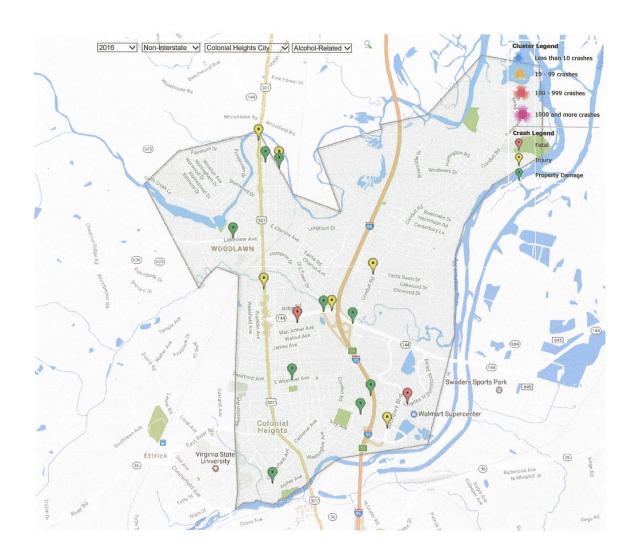
Policy

The Colonial Heights Police Department has a policy which makes impaired driving a priority. Policy 3-18 speaks to this issue.

This policy is attached in pdf format with the sections highlighted.

Planning

The Colonial Heights Police Department did not develop a specific plan to target an area within the City. Our Department encourages all officers to be proactive in their traffic enforcement efforts including DUI enforcement. The Department has implemented a DUI Enforcement Recognition program where officers are rewarded for reaching certain milestones. Officers are awarded pins to display on their uniforms for reaching twenty five, fifty, seventy five and one hundred impaired driving arrests. Officers who have reached one hundred impaired driving arrests are further recognized by adding their name to a plaque that is prominently displayed at the Police Station.



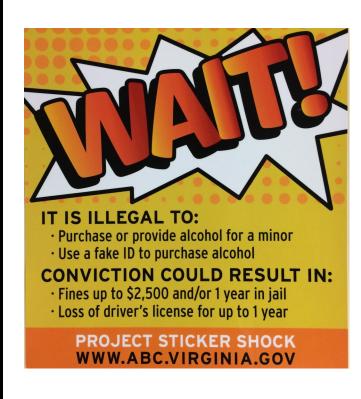
The map displayed above indicates the alcohol related crashes reported in 2016.



Public Information & Education

The Colonial Heights Police Department, along with the Office on Youth and CA-DRE participated in "Project Sticker Shock" in 2016. On this day, large stickers were placed on all of the alcohol containers at stores.

On Month Day, 2016, Officer Kyle Sexton worked alongside the Office On Youth and CADRE and placed stickers at numerous convenience and grocery stores throughout the City.





Colonial Heights High School students placing "sticker shock" stickers on alcohol.



Enforcement

For 2016, there were 12 Saturation Patrols and 3 Checkpoints that were grant funded and directed towards DUI enforcement.

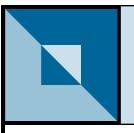
As a result of these saturation patrols and checkpoints the following charges were made:

- 4 DUI Charges
- 33 Speeding Charges
- 154 Other Charges
- 8 Safety Belt Charges
- 1 Child Safety Seat Charge
- 10 Criminal Arrests

In 2016 the Colonial Heights Police Department made 154 DUI arrests.

Outcomes

As a result of the proactive efforts by Colonial Heights Police Officers the total number of DUI arrests in 2016 was 154. This number was up from 138 in 2015, we believe that these numbers are reflective of proactive police presence and enforcement throughout the City.



The Colonial Heights Police Department recognizes officers who enforce DUI laws aggressively. As of 2016, the Colonial Heights Police Department has recognized 14 Officers that have completed 100 or more DUI arrests in their career.









Training

Colonial Heights Police Officers have attended 132 hours of Intox EC/IR II training. These hours were combined recertification and .

In the Colonial Heights Police Department, there are 32 officers are certified on the Intox EC/IR II machine (Virginia's Breath Alcohol testing device).

Shown below is a training proof of officers that have attended impaired driving training in 2016. The proof shown below is page 1 of a 3 page document detailing the training. 32 CHPD officers are trained on the use of this device and serving as an operator is applicable within the career development program.

TRAINED Title Like: intox

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Start Date: 1/1/2016 End Date: 12/31/2016

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		START	END	Legal	Career	Culture	Class
City of Colonial Heigh	nts Police Department						
Aleshire, Darrell W 8493	Active						
	INTOX EC/IR II Basic Operators Course (PIC)	4/27/2016	4/29/2016	1.5	14.5		16
			TOTAL	1.5	14.5	0	16
Benkendorf, Sophie 8310	Active						
	INTOX EC/IR II Recertification (PIC)	2/9/2016	2/12/2016	0.5	3.5		4
			TOTAL	0.5	3.5	0	4
Brandeberry, Jared 8746	Active						
	INTOX EC/IR II Recertification (PIC)	11/15/2016	11/15/2016	0.5	3.5		4
			TOTAL	0.5	3.5	0	4
Brown, Robert N 10855	Active						
	INTOX EC/IR II Basic Operators Course (PIC)	6/6/2016	6/8/2016	1.5	14.5		16
			TOTAL	1.5	14.5	0	16
Calhoun, Hermon C 10178	B Active						
	INTOX EC/IR II Recertification (PIC)	5/16/2016	5/19/2016	0.5	3.5		4
			TOTAL	0.5	3.5	0	4
Clark, Robert C 5714	Active						
	INTOX EC/IR II Recertification (PIC)	11/17/2016	11/17/2016	0.5	3.5		4
			TOTAL	0.5	3.5	0	4
Drake, Brian G 11455	Active						
	INTOX EC/IR II BASIC OPERATORS COURSE (PIC)	4/11/2016	4/13/2016	1.5	14.5		16
			TOTAL	1.5	14.5	0	16
Duncan, Michael D 8298	Active						
	INTOX EC/IR II Recertification (PIC)	5/17/2016	5/17/2016	0.5	3.5		4
			TOTAL	0.5	3.5	0	4
Fable, Micaulay R 11577	Active						
	INTOX EC/IR II Recertificaton (PIC)	8/31/2016	8/31/2016	0.5	3.5		4

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COLONIAL HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Jeffrey W. Faries, Chief of Police

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Category:	Operations	Number:	3-18	
Subject:	Traffic Law Enforcement	Effective Date:	April 1, 2017	
Reference:		Review Date:	April 1, 2019	
Amends - Supersedes	January 4, 2017	VLEPSC:	OPR.07.01/.02/ .03/.04/.05/.06/	
Approved:	Jeffrey W. Faries, Chief of Police Colonel Jeffrey W. Faries			

NOTE: This order is for internal use only, and does not enlarge an officer's civil or criminal liability in any way. It should not be construed as the creation of a higher standard of safety or care in an evidentiary sense, with respect to third party claims. Violations of this directive, if proven, can only form the basis of a complaint by this department, and then only in a non-judicial administrative setting.

I. POLICY

Traffic law enforcement involves all activities or operations which relate to observing, detecting, and preventing traffic law violations and taking appropriate action under the circumstances. Enforcement not only involves arrests and citations, but includes warnings to drivers and pedestrians to prevent them from committing minor violations. Traffic enforcement may be reactive to observed violations, at accidents, or in response to community concerns, or may be proactive to prevent traffic violations.

II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this order is to prescribe procedures for traffic law enforcement, preventive patrol, proactive enforcement, and relationships with motorists, pedestrians, and the courts.

III. PROCEDURES

A. General

Officers shall enforce the law consistently under similar circumstances. Before taking any enforcement, officers must consider the circumstances of the law violation and decide on a course of action, which relies on experience, training, and judgment. Further, traffic laws shall be enforced

VI. DUI ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES

A. Laws

It is unlawful for any person to drive or operate any motor vehicle, engine, or train while under the influence of alcohol or while under the influence of any narcotic drug of any nature. The term motor vehicle includes pedal bicycles with helper motors (Mopeds), while operated on the public highways (§§18.2-268.1 to -268.12).

B. Responsibilities

Officers shall be alert for suspected DUI offenders. Officers shall use and document standardized roadside sobriety tests. In addition, the portable Alco-Sensor, if available, shall be offered to each suspected driver. Officers must carefully document the behavior of the DUI beginning with observations of driving. Once the violator has been stopped, the officer shall note the suspect's appearance, responses to stimuli, speech, admissions of drinking, or drug ingestion.

C. Intox EC/IR II

- 1. The security, care, and maintenance of the Intox EC/IR II and all physical evidence obtained from a DUI is every Intox EC/IR II licensed officer's responsibility.
- 2. The regulations of the Virginia State Division of Forensic Science state: "The breath test device must be stored in a clean, dry location which is only accessible to an authorized licensee for the purpose of actually administering a breath test, preventative maintenance check, or other official uses.
- 3. The term licensee shall mean a person holding a valid license from the Virginia State Division of Forensic Science pursuant to Section 18.2-268 of the Code of Virginia.
- 4. The Breathalyzer is located at Headquarters in a secured office in the booking/lock-up area.

D. Sobriety tests

- 1. Officers shall administer a minimum of three field sobriety tests unless the officer determines that it would be unsafe to conduct the tests.
- 2. If the operator fails the roadside tests, an Alco-Sensor will be offered if

available (§ 18.2-267). The operator may refuse the Alco-Sensor test, and shall be advised of his/her right to refuse.

E. Arrest

- 1. At the officer's discretion or if probable cause exists the operator shall be arrested for DUI and taken before the magistrate.
- 2. If an officer suspects that the vehicle operator was driving under the influence of both alcohol and drugs, an officer may seek a search warrant and require the operator to have a blood test performed in addition to testing for alcohol. Blood samples shall be analyzed by the Department of Forensic Science for evidence of alcohol and for various illegal, prescription, and over-the-counter drugs.
- 3. The officer shall complete a DUI Check Sheet documenting the circumstances of the DUI arrest, formation of probable cause, and witnesses' observations.

F. Blood test procedure

- 1. In cases where an officer determines that a blood test is needed because the suspect is thought to be under the influence of a drug or combination of drugs and alcohol or where the person is physically unable to take a breath test or the test is unavailable, implied consent does not apply and the arresting officer shall seek a search warrant to effectuate the blood sample.
- 2. Take the arrested person to a physician, registered professional nurse, graduate laboratory technician, or other technician designated by order of the circuit court acting upon recommendation of a licensed physician, who shall withdraw blood for the purpose of determining its alcoholic and/or drug content (§ 18.2-268.5 applies).
- The arresting officer shall also witness the doctor or technician taking the blood sample and ensure that an alcohol solvent is not used to cleanse the withdrawal location. The officer shall initial the vial label before the doctor or technician seals the vial in the container. The initial shall be placed on the label where it does not interfere with the date written by the doctor or technician who took the blood sample (§ 18.2-268.6 applies).
 - a. The medical person taking the sample shall place his or her name and the name of the accused on the label of the vial with the date and time the blood was taken.

- b. The arresting officer shall take possession of the blood samples and handle in accordance with procedures set forth by the Department of Forensic Science.
- c. The arresting officer will include the name of the medical person taking the sample in his/her report.

G. Breath analysis

The arresting officer shall perform the following:

- 1. Advise the arrestee that any person, whether or not licensed by Virginia, who operated a motor vehicle in this state gives implied consent to have a sample of his/her breath taken for a chemical test to determine the alcoholic content of this blood or for the presence of drugs if such person is arrested within (3) hours for a violation of §§ 18.2-266 and -266.1and 18.2-272.
 - 2. If the arrest occurs as a result of operation of a motor vehicle on private property, the Implied Consent Law (§ 18.2-268.2) does not apply. Although it does not apply, the officer shall try to obtain consent from the arrested person to submit to a chemical analysis of the suspect's blood or breath. Officers requesting blood or breath samples under these conditions are conducting a custodial interrogation. Therefore, the arrested subject shall be advised of his or her Miranda warnings before consent is requested. The officer shall make all reasonable attempts to obtain a blood or breath sample.
 - a. Miranda is not required before the driver takes sobriety tests or otherwise before other routine questioning pertaining to the driving behavior.
 - 1. If the arrestee refuses the available test, advise him/her that unreasonable refusal of the test constitutes grounds for the revocation of the driver's license and that a separate charge shall be placed to which he or she will have to answer in court.
 - 4. Chemical analysis of a person's breath shall be performed by anyone possessing a valid license, issued by the Department of Forensic Science. This may include the arresting officer or anyone participating in the arrest. In the event the Intox EC/IR II is inoperable or a licensed operator is not available, this test is deemed not available.
 - 5. The type of equipment and the methods used to perform breath

analysis shall accord with the regulations of the Department of Forensic Science.

- 6. The testing officer shall issue a certificate of breath alcohol analysis (DFS 70-018 form) which indicates that the test was conducted per the manufacturers' specifications, the equipment on which the test was conducted has been tested in the last six months and was found to be accurate, the name of the accused, the date, the time the sample was taken from the accused, the alcohol content of the sample, and by whom the sample was examined.
- 7. The certificate of breath alcohol analysis (DGS-24-0l5 is a three copy form. The forms will be handled as follows:
 - a. White copy, original, will be forwarded to the General District Court along with the VUS and warrant by the arresting officer.
 - b. The second or green copy will be given to the arrested person.
 - c. The third or yellow copy will be maintained by the records division.







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Problem Identification

The City of Colonial Heights is approximately eight square miles. As there is no specific area that experiences greater occupant protection challenges, the entire city will be treated as a target area. It should be noted that a Safety Belt Violation is not a "primary" offense in Virginia for drivers over the age of 18. and cannot be used as a sole reason for a traffic stop.

Policy

The Colonial Heights Police Department has a policy that prioritizes occupant protection. Policy 3-18 speaks to this issue.

The Colonial Heights Police Department has a policy that requires personnel to wear seat belts while operating departmental vehicles. Policy 3-13 speaks to this issue.

Planning

The Colonial Heights Police Department does not focus on specific target areas within the city to enforce these violations. The Department encourages all officers to be proactive and enforce zero tolerance at all times when it comes to safety belt violations and child safety violations.



Training

Colonial Heights Police attended 24 hours of training related to Child Passenger Safety.

Colonial Heights Police Department currently has eight certified Child Restraint Technicians.

Public Information & Education

The Colonial Heights Police Department hosted two Child Safety Seat Checks in 2016

April 30, 2016 (5 seats checked)

October 15, 2016 (9 seats checked)

Enforcement

The Colonial Heights Police Department encourages officers to enforce Seat Belt and Child Safety Seat violations.

Output Statistics

The Colonial Heights Police Department issued 72 occupant protection citations.

The Colonial Heights Police Department issued 61 child restraint citations.

Outcomes

Due to increased enforcement efforts and education the Department was able to keep the number of citations for Seat Belt Violations close to the same level as it was in 2015.



HOURS

Training Proofs for Child Safety

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Start Date: 1/1/2016 End Date: 12/31/2016

		START	END	Legal	Career	Culture	Class
City of Colonial Heigh	nts Police Department						
Benkendorf, Sophie 8310	Active						
	Child Passenger Seat Refresher Training (PIC)	5/13/2016	5/13/2016		5.5		5.5
			TOTAL	0	5.5	0	5.5
Brandeberry, Adam C 866	2 Active						
	Child Passenger Seat Refresher Training (PIC)	5/13/2016	5/13/2016		5.5		5.5
			TOTAL	0	5.5	0	5.5
Johnson, Thad E 6981	Active						
	Child Passenger Seat Refresher Training (PIC)	5/20/2016	5/20/2016		5.5		5.5
			TOTAL	0	5.5	0	5.5
Santini, Roger 6267	Active						
	Childfirst Virginia Forensic Interviewing	3/7/2016	3/11/2016	4	27	2	33
			TOTAL	4	27	2	33
Sexton, Steven K 9411	Active						
	VALEAC Fall Conference 2016- Internet Crimes Against Children (PIC)	10/18/2016	10/18/2016		1		1
	Child Passenger Seat Refresher Training (PIC)	5/20/2016	5/20/2016		5.5		5.5
			TOTAL	0	6.5	0	6.5

The training record above displays the hours our Child Safety Seat Technicians have earned toward their recertification in 2016. Technicians must complete this training as required by NHTSA and are responsible for the necessary event participation.



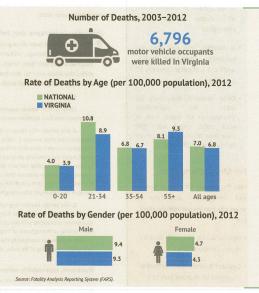


Keep Virginia safe. Encourage drivers and passengers to buckle up.

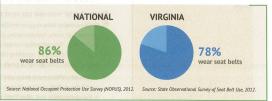
This fact sheet provides a snapshot of motor vehicle occupant deaths and seat belt use and an overview of proven strategies for increasing the use of seat belts, car seats, and booster seats. The information can help local public health decisionmakers and community partners see gaps and identify relevant strategies to encourage people to buckle up.

Fast Facts

- Motor vehicle crashes are a leading cause of death during the first three decades of Americans' lives.
- By wearing seat belts and properly buckling children into age- and size-appropriate car seats and booster seats, people can reduce the risk of serious injury and death in a crash by half.
- Although most drivers in the United States follow these safety measures on every trip, there are still millions who don't.
- These data show what's happening in your state.







School Resource Officer at CHMS, Career Officer Scott Whirley distributed a newsletter for parents and students.

-In November 2016, the

- -Officer Whirley also conducted a morning announcement video directed at occupant protection.
- -The document shown is a sampling of the handout distributed to parents dropping their children off at school.



Working together, we can help keep people safe on the road—every day.

The Colonial Heights Police Department hosted two Child Safety Seat events in 2016. During both of these events, the Department partnered with other agencies in order to attract more people. Below are pictures from our October event that included not only Colonial Heights Police Officers, but also Colonial Heights Sheriff's Deputies and Colonial Heights Fire & EMS





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Approved: Jeffrey W. Faries, Chief of Police Colonel Jeffrey W. Faries				

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I. POLICY

All personnel operating department vehicles shall exercise due regard for the safety of all persons. Protection of life is the paramount goal of the department. No task, call, or incident justifies disregard of public safety. Further, the public expects law-enforcement officers to demonstrate exemplary driving skills. All department personnel who operate department vehicles will comply with safe driving procedures outlined herein with particular attention to responding to calls for service or engaging in pursuits. Emergency warning devices shall be used consistent with both legal requirements and the safety of the public and department personnel

II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish procedures governing the operation of police vehicles, with special attention to emergencies and pursuits.

III. DEFINITIONS

A. Normal or routine driving

That driving which dictates vehicle speed consistent with the normal flow of traffic, obedience to vehicle laws and posted signs, adherence to commonly-understood "rules of the road."

- 7. Officers shall carry an approved hand gun and proper Colonial Heights Police I.D. anytime the vehicle is operated on or off duty. Officers may respond to service calls off-duty during the following conditions.
 - a. with knowledge and permission from the on-duty shift commander,
 - b. when requested by communications or a superior officer,
 - c. when an emergency warrants such response.
- 8. Occupant restraint devices shall be used anytime the vehicle is operated and in motion.
- 9. Officers of the department shall remain alcohol free, and not purchase or possess alcoholic beverages or intoxicating liquors of any kind while operating a department vehicle on or off duty. The transportation or storage of alcoholic beverages or intoxicating liquors in a department vehicle shall be for evidentiary or found property purposes only. Exceptions must be specially authorized in writing by the Chief of Police or his designee.
- 10. Vehicle damage shall be immediately reported to the on-duty shift commander. The shift commander is responsible for completing all necessary paperwork regarding the damage.
- 11. Personal items shall be removed at the end of duty. The department will not be responsible for items which are damaged, lost or stolen as a result of leaving them in a city owned vehicle. Unattended department vehicles shall be locked and secured at all times, and department vehicles will not be left running while not attended.
- 12. Officers on extended leave who have take-home vehicles assigned may be asked to park their police vehicle at police headquarters for temporary re-assignment, or other usage as directed by the chief of police or his designee.

B. Routine operation

 In case of accident or damage to any department vehicle, the driver shall immediately request the on-duty supervisor to conduct an investigation. If the on-duty supervisors deems necessary, the Major







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Problem Identification

The City of Colonial Heights has several different speeding problems. As a mixture of residential and commercial properties we have complaints of varying nature. We have several locations in the city where residents frequently complain about speeding.

The City of Colonial Heights is approximately eight square miles. The City of Colonial Heights is a mix of residential, commercial and business property. The vast majority of complaints regarding speed enforcement from citizens comes from the numerous residential neighborhoods.

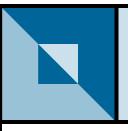
Policy

The Colonial Heights Police Department has a policy that makes speed enforcement a priority. Policy 3-18 speaks to this issue.

The Colonial Heights Police Department has written directives governing use of speed measuring devices. Policy 3-18 speaks to this issue.

Planning

The Colonial Heights Police Department has identified residential areas as specific parts of the city that need to be addressed with speed enforcement. When complaints are received, either in person or through electronic communication, targeted enforcement is directed by the Patrol Commander. In 2016, numerous directed enforcement activities were assigned to patrol officers and shift commanders encouraged officers to issue summonses for residential areas.



Enforcement Output

The Colonial Heights Police Department issued 1,246 citations for Speeding in 2016.

Of those 70 were for reckless driving by Speed.

Of the 1,246 citations issued for speeding, 394 of them were in residential areas where the speed limit is 25 mph.

Although specific results cannot be quantified, every complaint about speeding in neighborhoods is addressed to ensure that citizens needs are addressed and behavior is changed for the safety of the citizens.

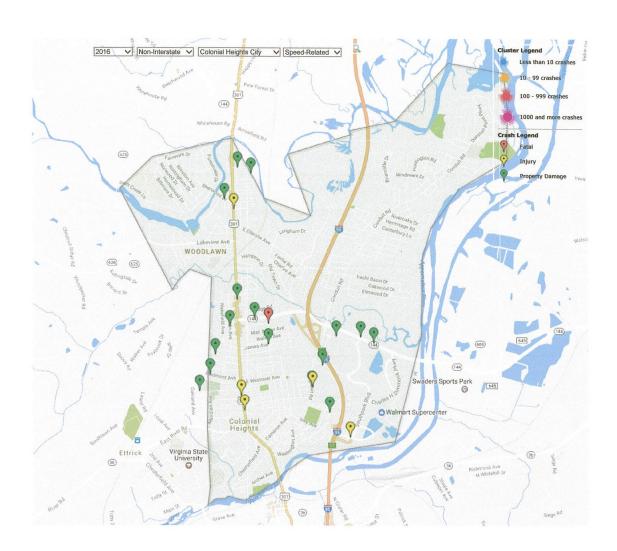


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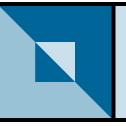


As a continuation of a program which began in 2013 the Department continued to distribute-signs to participating neighborhoods and interested citizens. The below picture is from the corner of Westover and Elko Avenues displayed in March 2016.





The above map indicates the locations of crashes with speed factors in 2016. As displayed above, these crashes are not isolated to one area of the city.



Training

Colonial Heights Police Officers attended over 84 hours of training for Speed enforcement. All Colonial Heights Police Officer are currently certified in use of Radar / Lidar devices.

TRAINED Title Like: speed

4/28/2017 08:20 AM Agency: City of Colonial Heights Police Departmen

Start Date: 1/1/2016 End Date: 12/31/2016

	Life Date. 125/12010			HOURS			
		START	END	Legal	Career	Culture	Class
City of Colonial Heig	hts Police Department						
Drake, Brian G 11455	Active						
	Speed Measurement Operator Class	4/4/2016	4/7/2016	4	24		28
			TOTAL	4	24	0	28
Fable, Micaulay R 11577	Active						
	Speed Measurement Operators Class	9/12/2016	9/15/2016	4	24		28
			TOTAL	4	24	0	28
Miller, Jacob A 9465	Active						
	Speed Measurement Operators Class	9/12/2016	9/15/2016	4	24		28
			TOTAL	4	24	0	28
		AG	ENCY TOTAL	12	72	0	84

The form above indicates where 3 officers were sent to Basic Radar School in 2016

COLONIAL HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT Jeffrey W. Faries, Chief of Police

Colonial Heights Police Department In-House Training Form

Name M	Kerusy			
Date _	11-10-16	Time	Total hours	
Type of Traini	ng			
Location of tra	ining			
Instructor				
Policy Revi	ew Training			
Policy Name _	Traffic Law	Enforcement		
Policy Numbe	r3-18		-	
New Policy:	Yes/No R	evision to existing policy	/: Yes/No ✓	

This form is a sampling of in house training used to review speed enforcement operations to include Radar and Lidar.

COLONIAL HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Category:	Operations	Number:	3-18	
Subject:	Traffic Law Enforcement	Effective Date:	April 1, 2017	
Reference:		Review Date:	April 1, 2019	
Amends - Supersedes	January 4, 2017	VLEPSC:	OPR.07.01/.02/ .03/.04/.05/.06/	
Approved:	Jeffrey W. Faries, Chief of Police Colonel Jeffrey W. Faries			

NOTE: This order is for internal use only, and does not enlarge an officer's civil or criminal liability in any way. It should not be construed as the creation of a higher standard of safety or care in an evidentiary sense, with respect to third party claims. Violations of this directive, if proven, can only form the basis of a complaint by this department, and then only in a non-judicial administrative setting.

I. POLICY

Traffic law enforcement involves all activities or operations which relate to observing, detecting, and preventing traffic law violations and taking appropriate action under the circumstances. Enforcement not only involves arrests and citations, but includes warnings to drivers and pedestrians to prevent them from committing minor violations. Traffic enforcement may be reactive to observed violations, at accidents, or in response to community concerns, or may be proactive to prevent traffic violations.

II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this order is to prescribe procedures for traffic law enforcement, preventive patrol, proactive enforcement, and relationships with motorists, pedestrians, and the courts.

III. PROCEDURES

A. General

Officers shall enforce the law consistently under similar circumstances. Before taking any enforcement, officers must consider the circumstances of the law violation and decide on a course of action, which relies on experience, training, and judgment. Further, traffic laws shall be enforced

F. Speed enforcement

Excessive speed is a major cause of death and injury on the national highways. Officers shall uniformly enforce speed laws within Colonial Heights. Procedures for the enforcement of laws applying to speed will vary in accordance with the type of equipment used.

Pacing

The officer shall follow the vehicle being paced at a constant interval for a distance adequate, normally two or more city blocks, to obtain a speedometer reading. Vehicle speedometers shall be calibrated at least every six months.

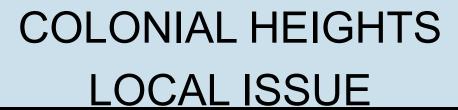
2. Radar/Lidar

Radar/Lidar shall be applied where vehicle speed is a hazard to other motorists or pedestrians. The following guidelines govern the use of radar/Lidar, which shall always be operated in compliance with manufacturer's instructions. All departmental radar units meet current NHTSA standards.

- a. The radar unit must be properly installed in the vehicle and connected to the appropriate power supply.
- b. Lidar units are handheld devices that are not intended to be used to check vehicle speeds when the patrol vehicle is in motion.
- Operators must thoroughly understand the effective range of the radar/Lidar unit so observations can support the speed display readings.
- d. The operator may choose an appropriate location to conduct speed enforcement, but must keep in mind that the location must also be conducive to the effective and safe operation of the radar/Lidar.
- e. The radar/Lidar unit shall be calibrated to ensure accuracy in checking speed. The operator must follow the manufacturer's recommended specific methods of checking calibration without exception. Officers shall report promptly any problems with the operation of the unit.
- f. In court, officers must establish the following elements of

radar/Lidar speed:

- (1) The time, place, and location of the vehicle, the identity of the operator, the speed of the vehicle, and the visual and radar/Lidar speed indication;
- (2) The officer's qualifications and training in the use of the device;
- (3) Proper operation of the unit;
- (4) Proof that the unit was tested for accuracy before and after use by an approved method;
 - (5) Identification of the vehicle;
 - (6) The speed limit where the officer was operating and where the signs were posted.
 - (7) Distance to the vehicle when speed was measured by the device. (Lidar Only)
 - g. The chief of police or his designee is responsible for the upkeep, maintenance, and calibration of tuning forks, Lidar units and maintenance of records.







2016 NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT CHALLENGE



Problem Identification

The Colonial Heights Police Department identified a problem which not only affects drivers in our jurisdiction, but drivers state wide.

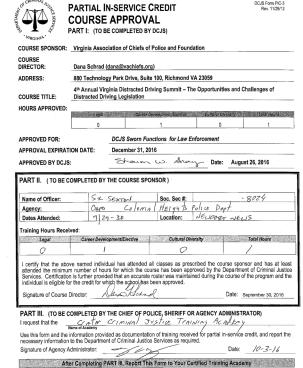
In 2016 the Colonial Heights Police Department continued to address the issue of distracted driving. Training was located in Virginia Beach in September 2016 and Administrative Police Officer Kyle Sexton attended the 2016 Distracted Driver Summit put on by Drive Smart Virginia.

The High School Resource Officer, Master Officer James Waldrop utilized a self-developed Power Point presentation which was shown to sophomores at Colonial Heights High School in December 2016.

This page shows the training proof where Administrative Police Officer Kyle Sexton attended the Distracted Driving Summit in Virginia Beach. A photo of a sponsored handout is shown below that allows for a simulated dangerous driving experience with a smartphone. The handout folds into a 3D viewer for your smartphone.





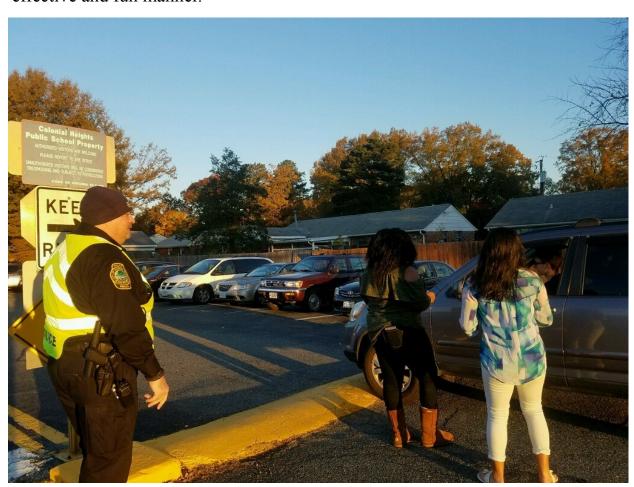


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In 2016, Officer James Waldrop, the Colonial Heights High School SRO, gave out candy with other students who observed safe driving behavior and seat belt usage. Part of the Department's local efforts have been to address new driver safety in an effective and fun manner.



Officer James Waldrop is pictured during his participation with a safe driving event hosted by the Colonial Heights High School.

Below are two examples of Power Point slides from the presentation that Colonial Heights High School SRO Waldrop presented to high school students.

Top 10 tips to minimize your distracted driving. From Common Health

- Recognize the activities that distract you such as eating, conversing on the phone, or changing music.
- MAKE A PLAN. Get directions, study your route, and check weather and road conditions.
- MANAGE YOUR TIME so that you do not have to multi-task or drive aggressively on the road.
- · Don't let your drive time become your down time.
- Scan the roadway to make sure that you are aware of others on the road at all times. Be prepared for the unpredictability of others.

Top 10 tips to minimize your distracted driving. From CommonHealth

- CONCENTRATE on your driving. Make sure you are not upset or tired when getting on the road.
- PULL OVER if you need to do something that will take your eyes or mind off the road.
- REDUSE THE USE! Program devices like GPS before you hit the gas.
- TAKE A REFRESHER CLASSI A driver improvement class can raise your awareness and help asses your driving behaviors and might save you money on your car insurance.
- BUCKEL UP, EVERY TIME. Waking sure that everyone is buckled up is the best defense against distracted drivers.