

Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over August 2016 Fact Sheet



- Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over, in conjunction with Checkpoint Strikeforce, runs from August 19 to September 5, 2016
- Increased enforcement, impaired driving prevention and saving lives is the focus
- DMV's Virginia Highway Safety Office, WRAP, and other traffic safety advocates, are providing education about dangers of impaired driving
- Sixteen people died in traffic crashes during the four-day Labor Day holiday last year in Virginia
- In Virginia in 2015, 241 fatalities, 4,917 injuries and 11,912 crashes were alcohol-related
- Motorists ages 21 to 35 represent 84 of the alcohol-related deaths last year, or 35 percent
- As of Aug. 11, 2016 in Virginia, 86 fatalities, 2,657 injuries and 4,093 crashes were alcohol-related
- On average, over 10,000 people died each year from 2010 to 2014 in drunk-driving crashes nationwide
- Of the 9,967 people who were killed in the United States in impaired-driving crashes in 2014, 64 percent were the drunk drivers themselves
- In 2014 in the U.S., approximately 1 in 5 children killed in traffic crashes (14 and younger) were passengers in drunk-driving crashes. Fifty-six percent of the time, it was the child's own driver who was drunk.
- Based on 2010 numbers (the most recent year for which cost data is available), impaired-driving crashes cost the United States \$44 billion annually
- If a driver's blood alcohol concentration (BAC) is below the legal limit (0.08 percent in Virginia), their ability to drive a car safely may still be impaired
- A BAC as low as .03 percent adversely affects driving ability. As little as one drink on an empty stomach can impair your ability to drive safely.
- A driver with a BAC of 0.15 is over 300 times more likely to be involved in a fatal crash