



# Newport News Sheriff's Office

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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Safety on the Road Takes Teamwork Checkpoint UPDATE

**Update 5/29/07:** *The Newport News Sheriff's Office assisted the Newport News Police Department in its Memorial Day Weekend DUI Checkpoint.*

*The checkpoint was from 8:30 P.M. Saturday until 3:00 A.M. Sunday. Five deputy sheriffs participated in the operation, including the recently established K-9 Unit. The safety check was a success for the Newport News Sheriff's Office.*

#### *The Sheriff's Office Total Tally (\*):*

(\* The general public is not widely aware of the law enforcement authority held by deputy sheriffs. Deputies, even those in urban areas with police departments, can make arrests and issue summonses.)

- Total Arrests Made.....3**
  - *DWI.....1*
  - *DUI of Drugs.....1 (direct result of NNSO narcotics K-9)*
  - *Suspended License.....1*

- Total Summonses Issued.....8**
  - *Driving on Suspended License.....2*
  - *Defective Equipment.....2*
  - *Curfew Violation.....1*
  - *Expired State Inspection.....2*
  - *Expired Vehicle Registration.....1*

#### *The Total COMBINED Tally (NNPD & NNSO):*

**Total Vehicles Checked.....1,644**  
**Total Pulled.....122**

#### Arrest Activity

Total Arrests Made.....21  
*DUI.....4*  
*Drug Related.....6*  
*Refusal to Take Breath Test.....1*  
*Suspension/Revocation.....5*

Other.....5

**Summonses Activity**

Total Summonses Issued.....69  
No/Expired Operators License.....18  
Suspension/Revocation.....18  
State Tag Violations.....4  
Equipment/Safety Violations.....7  
State Inspection Violations.....7  
Child Restraint/Seat Belt Violations.....6  
Other.....9

*Initial Media Release*

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Safety on the Road Takes Teamwork

The Newport News Sheriff's Office will assist NNPD with its Holiday Traffic Safety Checkpoint.

Several Sheriff's Office deputies will be on hand at the traffic checkpoint, including the recently established K-9 Unit.

The two agencies will work together for the same goal: to help make the roadways safer. Police Officers and Sheriff's Deputies will be looking for impaired drivers, seatbelt and child safety seat violations, and other traffic violations.

The operation will be held Saturday, May 26, 2007, from 8:00 P.M. to 3:00 A.M.

*For more information, contact Lt. Kathleen Carey at 757-926-8747.*

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