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## News Release For Immediate Release

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- **Incident** Saved By the Belt Award
- **Date of Incident** May 11, 2009 **Time of Incident**
- **Location of Incident** Roanoke Street /Interstate 81 Exit Rampt
- **Victim Name (s)**
- **Suspect Name (s)**
- **Charges if Applicable**
- **Arrest Information**

**Anyone with information is asked to call 540-382-3131**

### Additional Remarks:

Henry E. Slaughter of Christiansburg has been awarded the Saved By the Belt & Bag Award. The award is presented to individuals who have been involved in motor vehicle crashes and thru investigation determined that the seatbelt protected them against serious injury and/or death. The award is presented thru the Smart, Safe, and Sober Program, the Virginia Highway Safety Office and the Christiansburg Police Department.

On May 11, 2009 Mr. Slaughter was involved in a crash at the intersection of Roanoke Street and the Interstate 81 Exit Ramp (118C), when another vehicle exited the ramp and struck his vehicle. Mr. Slaughter's vehicle was destroyed however he was not seriously injured. Officer Randall Womack made the nomination and determined that the crash could have been much more serious if Mr. Slaughter had not been wearing his seatbelt.

The award comes as law enforcement agencies from across the state are buckling down on seatbelt violations. "Crashes like this is why we want everyone to wear their seatbelt", said Major Dalton Reid. "No one knows when they are going to be in a crash, the single most thing that anyone can do to protect themselves is to buckle up. It would be great if we had 100% compliance and never had to write tickets for child seats and seatbelts, until then, it is nice to be able to recognize those who make the right choice."

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