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- **Incident** Check Point Strike Force
- **Date of Incident** 8-25 thru 9-7-09 **Time of Incident** N/A
- **Location of Incident** Town of Christiansburg
- **Victim Name (s)** N/A
- **Suspect Name (s)** N/A
- **Charges if Applicable** N/A
- **Arrest Information** N/A

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

Additional Remarks:

--The Christiansburg Police Department is participating in the multi-state impaired driving preventive program Checkpoint Strikeforce.

In 2007 1,311 fatalities were related to impaired driving. Nationally nearly 13,000 people were killed due to intoxicated drivers. That is 32% of total fatalities were caused by the senseless act of drunk driving. In addition young drivers between the age of 16 to 20 are twice as likely to die in an alcohol related crash. That means that 3 out of every 2,000 young drivers will die in a crash before their twenty-first birthday.

The police want to remind people that impaired driving is a risk that they do not need to take. Major Dalton Reid states that the agency has a zero tolerance when dealing with impaired motorists. He says the message is clear; "If you are caught driving impaired you will be arrested. No exceptions. No excuses.

The agency plans to intensify its patrol activities to catch drunk drivers as well as have planned at least one impaired driving/ safety checkpoint.

The Strikeforce Campaign is an intensive law enforcement mobilization to get impaired drivers off the road.