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AWARENESS

- **Incident** YOVASO
- **Date of Incident** N/A **Time of Incident** N/A
- **Location of Incident** -Christiansburg High School-
- **Victim Name (s)**
- **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 and the Christiansburg High School Chapter of 'Youth Of Virginia Speak Out' on Traffic Safety (YOVASO) are currently participating in the 'Save Your Tailgate' traffic safety campaign. The campaign is aimed at bringing awareness and educating teens as well as their parents on the importance of wearing seatbelts. The event which started September 28th and runs through October 19 also draws to attention the number of teens who die in motor vehicle crashes each year. Traffic crashes contribute to 35% of all teen deaths nationwide. The YOVASO chapter has conducted many activities along with high school staff members to increase the awareness to include even throwing eggs at School Resource Officer Donald Cromer.

This Friday night as the undefeated Christiansburg High School Blue demons take on Hidden Valley, players will be wearing the number 14 on their helmets. This number symbolizes the average number of teens that die daily related to traffic crashes. "The goal is to reduce the number of deaths through awareness, and hopefully reduce that number", said Officer Donnie Cromer.

Also this Thursday as schools are released the students involved with YOVASO as well as the Chic-Fil-A Cow and Christiansburg Police Officers will be at the high school handing out coupons to those students who are wearing their seatbelt. "We are hoping for 100% compliance and making each student that much more safe as they leave school that day, as well as encourage them to use seatbelts every time they get into a motor vehicle", said Major Dalton Reid

To find out more about the YOVASO club contact School Resource Officer at (540) 606-0126 or email at dcromer@christianburg.org