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## Christiansburg Police Department Honored with Traffic Safety Awards

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(Christiansburg, Virginia) – The Christiansburg Police Department has been recognized by the Chief’s Association of Police, the Governor’s Traffic Safety Council, and the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles for its traffic safety programs.

The Governor’s Traffic Safety Council presented the Governor’s Safety Awards in June at the Capitol in Richmond. The Christiansburg Police Department received the Award for Occupant Safety for its “Take the Christiansburg Seatbelt Challenge.” The Seatbelt Challenge helped raise seatbelt use from 85 percent to 93 percent.

The police department also took first place at the 2011 Virginia Law Enforcement Challenge Awards among departments with 51-75 police officers. The award was presented in Roanoke earlier this month during the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police (VACP) Training Conference. Safety programs are evaluated over the full course of a year before the awards are chosen and presented. The Virginia Law Enforcement Challenge Awards promote professionalism in traffic safety enforcement and encourage the sharing of best practices and programs across the state.

The Click It or Ticket campaign, sponsored by the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles, also recently recognized Christiansburg’s high percentage of seatbelt usage.

Major Dalton Reid noted, “These awards signify the commitment that the Christiansburg Police Department has made to traffic safety and encouraging all drivers to buckle up. We will continue to strive for excellence through these initiatives and are humbled to be chosen for these accolades from a field of many worthy contenders.”

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