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## **COUNTY OF ALBEMARLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

# **TRAFFIC SAFETY CHECKPOINT NEWS RELEASE – September 4<sup>th</sup> 2009**

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On Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> 2009 the Albemarle County Police Department Traffic Unit conducted a traffic safety checkpoint at the intersection of Miller School Road (Rt. 635) and Midway Road (Rt. 688) in the western part of the county.

The purpose of traffic safety checkpoint is to identify drivers that do not maintain their vehicles properly or are operating them without a valid operator's license.

The checkpoint was conducted between the hours of 10:30 am and 12:30 pm.

A total of 124 vehicles came through the checkpoint, 12 of which were pulled for further screening and processing.

A total of 11 summonses were issued at the checkpoint. These include 5 for expired state inspection, 2 for seat belt violations, 1 for a registration violation, 1 for failing to display a front license plate, 1 for failing to obtain a Virginia operator's license, and 1 for a driver operating with a suspended license. Additionally officers made a custodial arrest of a fugitive from justice wanted on a probation violation from the state of Louisiana.

Motorists are reminded that traffic in and around the Charlottesville area is expected to be heavier than normal this weekend. The Labor Day holiday, combined with the first UVA home football game of the season, will create congestion and delays. Please remember to slow down, avoid distractions, buckle up and don't drink and drive. Extra officers will be assigned this weekend conducting high visibility patrols and DUI saturation patrols.

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