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## **COUNTY OF ALBEMARLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

# **Specialized Speed Enforcement Operation NEWS RELEASE – October 21, 2009**

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The Albemarle County Police Department is announcing the results of a specialized speed enforcement operation conducted along the southbound lanes of the U.S. Rt. 29 / 250 bypass between Ivy Road and I-64 on Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> 2009 between 9:00 am – 3:30 pm.

During the 6 ½ hour operation a total of 150 traffic summonses were issued to 127 drivers. Of the traffic summonses issued 109 were for speeding, 11 for state inspection violations, 10 for registration violations, 4 for failing to update driver's license, 3 for seat belt violations, 2 for drivers whose license was suspended, 2 for improper display of license plates, 2 for following too closely, 1 for a driver having no operator's license and 1 for an equipment violation.

The highest speed recorded was 78 mph. The posted speed limit along the bypass is 55 mph.

Seven commercial motor vehicles were inspected resulting in three traffic summonses being issued related to equipment and licensing issues. Two trucks were taken out of service for safety related equipment problems.

A total of nine officers and two supervisors participated in this operation. Two motor officers with the Virginia State Police also assisted.

Speed continues to be a problem on many area highways. Driving is a full time responsibility that demands full attention. Motorists are reminded to slow down, avoid distractions, wear your seat belt and drive responsibly.

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