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	SUBJECT		EFFECTIVE DATE
	ALCOHOL / DRUG IMPAIRED DRIVER ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM		09/18/07
			OVERSIGHT Operations
DISTRIBUTION ALL MANUALS	AMENDS/SUPERSEDES/CANCELS P&P #1139, dated 02/23/07		

I. PURPOSE:

To establish a program to reduce alcohol/drug related Driving Under the Influence (DUI) and Boating Under the Influence (BUI) offenses.

II. POLICY:

The Hampton Police Division is committed to the goal of removing drunk and drug impaired drivers from the highway and waterways, thereby reducing the incidence of deaths, injuries, property damage and alcohol/drug related DUI/BUI offenses. For the purposes of this policy, the term “driver” shall refer to drivers of vehicles on the roadway and operators of vessels on the waterway.

III. PROCEDURE:

A. The Hampton Police Division Alcohol / Drug Impaired Driver Enforcement Program is a multi-dimensional activity embracing many levels of participation including:

1. Officers
2. Supervisors
3. Police Administration
4. Other Agencies
5. The Public

B. Role of Police Officers

1. Officers are responsible for the detection, apprehension, initial processing and arrest of alcohol or drug impaired drivers.
2. Officers must recognize alcohol/drug related enforcement as a high priority item not to be equated with other traffic offenses.
4. Apprehension and initial processing shall be accomplished as outlined on the Hampton Police Division Evidence Form (420-4).

APPROVED:
CHIEF OF POLICE



5. Participate in alcohol/drugged driving prevention programs such as Operation Prom and lectures on the effects of driving while impaired.

B. Role of Supervisor

1. Supervisors should actively emphasize and encourage alcohol/drug related enforcement. Supervisor's expectations will mold the officer's perception of the importance of alcohol/drug related enforcement activities.
2. Supervisors through patrol and accident investigation experience shall identify high incidence times and locations to determine the most appropriate enforcement response.
3. Supervisors should establish and evaluate individual enforcement goals for subordinates, as well as, monitor enforcement activities thus influencing officer productivity.

C. Role of the Police Administration

1. The Division recognizes the magnitude of the problem of the alcohol/drug impaired driver and combats the problem by:
 - a. Supporting strict enforcement by Division Personnel of alcohol/drug related traffic offenses.
 - b. Allocating resources and training.
 - c. Providing alcohol related accident statistics to operational personnel for directed patrol or selective assignments.
 - d. Qualifying as many officers as possible as breathalyzer operators.

D. Inter Agency Coordination

1. In order for a comprehensive alcohol countermeasures program to be successful it must involve the police, prosecutors, courts, driver's licensing authority and rehabilitation-treatment agencies.
2. The Division continuously works to enhance the police role in the program by maintaining a close working relationship with the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office.
3. As in all cases, officers of the Division are expected to prepare and present their cases to the appropriate court in the most professional and effective manner.
4. The Division actively supports the Peninsula Branch of the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program (ASAP) through its participation in projects and programs.

E. The Public

Positive public reaction to an alcohol countermeasures program is beneficial and desirable. Public support can be directly related to community awareness, therefore, the Division endeavors to inform the citizens of Hampton of the alcohol/drug impaired driver problem and our efforts to deal with this problem. This is accomplished by releasing information to the media concerning alcohol/drug related traffic offenses in accordance with existing policy and procedures, particularly during holidays when DUI/BUI rates typically rise.

