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FANS DON'T LET FANS DRIVE DRUNK

The Hanover County Sheriff's Office, in participation with the Ashland Police Department and the Virginia State Police, will be conducting a series of sobriety checkpoints throughout Hanover County from Friday, February 4th through Super Bowl Sunday. Listed below are several websites and ideas aimed at making your Super Bowl experience as safe and enjoyable as possible.

If you are hosting a Super Bowl party:

- Designate drivers before kick-off or help arrange ride sharing with other sober drivers
 - Find unique ways to recognize the designated drivers at your party
 - Give designated drivers a great spot to watch the game
 - Whatever non-alcoholic beverage they are drinking, make sure their glass is always full
 - Let them have the first pass at the buffet table
 - Make sure their cars are easy to access when it is time to start driving people home
- Serve plenty of food
- Offer a variety of non-alcoholic choices like soft drinks, juice, and water
- Only serve alcohol to guests over 21 years of age
- Determine ahead of time when you'll stop serving alcohol, such as one hour before the end of the party or at the end of the third quarter of the game (just like NFL stadiums) and begin serving coffee and dessert
- Add the numbers of local cab companies into your phone so they are just one touch away
- Be prepared for guests to spend the night if an alternative way home is not available

If you are attending a Super Bowl party or watching at a sports bar or restaurant:

- Designate your sober driver before the party begins and leave your car keys at home if you plan to drink
- Find unique ways to recognize the designated drivers when you are out at a bar or restaurant
 - Offer to be the designated driver the next time you go out
 - Cover the cost for parking or even pay for a tank of gas

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- Whatever non-alcoholic beverage they are drinking, make sure their glass is always full
- Pick up the tab for their food and drink
- Before you go out, add the numbers for local cab companies in your cell phone so if you find yourself in need of a ride, it is just one touch away
- Avoid drinking too much alcohol too fast. Pace yourself—eat enough food, take breaks and alternate with non-alcoholic drinks.
- Take appropriate steps to prevent anyone from driving while impaired. Remember, *Fans Don't Let Fans Drive Drunk*
- Always buckle up – it's your best defense on the road

For more information, please visit www.FansDontLetFansDriveDrunk.org, <http://www.nhtsa.gov/Impaired>. "[Drunk Driving: Over The Limit. Under Arrest.](#)", the National Football League ([NFL](#)), [TEAM Coalition](#), Mothers Against Drunk Driving ([MADD](#)).

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