

VT's Strategic Highway Safety Plan

Keeping Drivers Alert

The Problem

- Recent national study indicates that up to 80% of highway crashes are caused by driver inattention/fatigue
- Approximately 25% of VT major crashes in 2003 related to fatigued or inattentive drivers
- Increasing number of driver distractions
- In general, drivers are unaware of the dangers associated with inattentive driving

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The Data

- Major crashes: 61% state highway, 11% interstate
- 59% of inattention crashes occur from 10 AM – 6 PM
- 62% of inattention crashes occur in rural areas
- 60% of inattention crashes involve male drivers

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Strategies

- Enact cell phone restriction legislation
- Install shoulder and/or centerline rumble strips
- Enhance effectiveness/awareness of safety rest stops
- Increase awareness of dangers associated with distractions/fatigue while driving