

❖ **TEEN COURT**

Anne Arundel County's first Teen Court was implemented in January of 2000 at the direction of the County Executive, and has since been recognized both locally and nationally as a model program. Since its inception, the Anne Arundel County Teen Court has received formal awards from the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention and the Texas Teen Court Association.

Since its inception, the Teen Court has adjudicated 487 first-time juvenile offenders, resulting in 12,391 community services hours. Required jury duties involving participation of previously adjudicated juveniles totaled 1,141 cases heard. Also since inception, there have been 4,136 juveniles who have volunteered to participate in the Teen Court program.

❖ **OPERATION H.A.S.T.E. (Help Arriving Students Through Enforcement)**

In an effort to ensure the safety of our school children, officers selectively enforce traffic violations occurring in close proximity to county elementary and middle schools. The activity occurs during the first week of the school year. During 2003, patrol officers stopped 180 vehicles, issued 22 citations five arrests were made.

❖ **COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT**

The Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Program is a funded program, inclusive of radar assignments and commercial vehicle inspections. During 2003, officers worked overtime details funded through an enhanced service level request award. Officers conducted 578 inspections, wrote 106 citations, 50 warnings, and made six arrests.

❖ **SOBRIETY CHECKPOINTS**

Every year, the Traffic Safety Section coordinates DUI checkpoints at various locations throughout the county. Six checkpoints were conducted during 2003. The activity requires approximately 30 to 40 police officers and volunteers and is paid for by a grant from the State Highway Administration. During 2003, the sobriety checkpoints stopped 8,617 vehicles, made 41 DUI arrests, 15 drug arrests, and 12 arrests for other violations.

❖ **NATIONAL CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY WEEK**

In this educational program, patrol officers presented Buckle-Up Bears, pencils, key chains and informational brochures to children arriving at school who were properly belted. During 2003, 24 schools were targeted for this program as an education tool. Nearly 1,500 Buckle-Up Bears were handed out.

❖ **BUCKLE UP AMERICA WEEK**

In this program, patrol officers respond to area elementary and middle schools and enforce the seat belt laws as required. The details are an educational program designed to raise awareness of the necessity to wear seatbelts and use child safety seats.

❖ **DUI ENFORCEMENT**

In December of each year, the Department sponsors a DUI Program for the holidays. The State Highway Administration funds this program. During 2003, the program was directly responsible for 9 DUI arrests, 17 citations, and 3 drug arrests. A DUI checkpoint was also conducted during the month.