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DO YOU REALLY KNOW HOW FAST YOU ARE DRIVING?

Speed trailers placed on Route 151

NELSON COUNTY – Motorists who travel Route 151 in Nelson County on a regular basis have said that speeding is real concern and that this illegal behavior has lead to numerous accidents along the roadway. Just who are these speeders? They could be YOU.

Beginning Wednesday, November 28, motorists will have an opportunity to see just how fast they are truly driving when temporary speed trailers are installed at two Route 151 locations.

The trailers will be located on Route 151 North approximately .67 miles north of Route 784 and Route 151 South approximately .60 miles north of the northern intersection with Route 6. This approximately three-mile stretch was identified by Virginia State Police (VSP) as an area in which there have been a number of documented cases of excessive speed.

“We hope that this equipment will show motorists just how fast they are driving,” said Kevin Wright, Assistant Residency Administrator for Amherst and Nelson counties. “The signs serve as a reminder to ‘Watch your speed’”.

The trailers contain a sign which states the posted speed limit: 55 mph, and an electronic sign which reports the speed of approaching vehicles.

“Fatalities and injuries caused by speeding, impaired driving and failure to use occupant restraint are claiming too many lives every day on Virginia’s highways,” said Sergeant Dave Cooper of the Virginia State Police. “Keep yourself from becoming Virginia’s next traffic fatality by making safety a priority when it comes to your driving. After all, it is not just your life you are risking but your passengers’ and other motorists’ lives too.”

Highway safety is everyone’s responsibility. VDOT and its partners, Virginia State Police and Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles are challenging motorists to help prevent highway fatalities by buckling up, avoiding distractions, sharing the road, driving drug and alcohol free and obeying speed limits. Following these simple steps can help motorists avoid becoming Virginia’s next traffic fatality.

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