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## STATE POLICE ANNOUNCE PARKING ENFORCEMENT CAMPAIGN IN COMMUTER LOTS

STAFFORD COUNTY – To protect the safety of motorists and pedestrians, Virginia State Police will next week begin a special parking enforcement campaign in two Stafford County commuter lots. The concentrated operation will target the commuter parking lots located on Staffordborough Boulevard and Mine Road in the Garrisonville area of Stafford County.

“This special enforcement effort stems from numerous citizen complaints about the hazardous, illegal parking of vehicles in and around both commuter lots,” said Virginia State Police F/Sgt. Keith H. Hairston, Fredericksburg/Stafford County Area Commander. “This is not the first time state police has had to initiate an enforcement campaign to gain drivers’ compliance with posted parking rules and regulations.”

Numerous vehicles are illegally parked each day in both the Staffordborough Boulevard and Mine Road commuter lots that impede vehicles in travel lanes, or impair a driver’s sight distance. School buses and other passenger vehicles that must navigate the lots are restricted by these illegally parked vehicles. On many occasions vehicles have been illegally parked when there are still available parking spaces. In addition, in the event of a medical emergency, illegally parked vehicles could restrict emergency vehicle access.

Beginning **Monday, April 4, 2011**, VDOT will be posting message boards in both commuter lots to notify drivers in advance of the campaign. As a warning and an effort to educate commuters utilizing the lots, the Virginia State Police will be placing flyers on vehicles that are illegally parked during the week of April 4.

The enforcement campaign begins the morning of **Monday, April 11, 2011**. Vehicles found illegally parked pursuant to Code of Virginia 46.2-1219.2 will receive a notice on the vehicle, and a parking ticket will be issued and mailed to the vehicle’s registered owner.

Illegally parked vehicles are defined as the following:

- Vehicles parked in areas posted or marked with “No Parking” signage.
- Vehicles parked in landscaped areas not intended for vehicle parking.
- Vehicles parked illegally in a travel lane that obstructs traffic. These vehicles will be ticketed and towed from the lot at the vehicle owner’s expense.

Additional commuter parking space is available at other lots in the Fredericksburg area, including lots at Courthouse Road and U.S. 17 in Stafford County.