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SUFFOLK, VIRGINIA (August 18, 2011) Suffolk Police would like to caution drivers that weather and smoke conditions are forecast to be favorable for another *super fog event* with visibilities to near zero tomorrow. A low-level inversion with calm winds could cause *super fog* which may necessitate road closures in the fire area. Even if *super fog* does not occur, smoky conditions are likely to reduce visibility between 4 a.m. and 9 a.m. along Rt. 58 and Interstate 664 in eastern Suffolk.

Fog/Smoke Driving Tips

1. Plan your trip ahead of time and remember to monitor the local weather along your planned route.
2. If visibility is reduced, you should slow down and turn your low beam headlights on.
3. Signal turns well in advance and brake early as you approach a stop. Remember that the car behind you cannot see either.
4. Keep your windshield and headlights clean, to reduce the glare and increase visibility.
5. If you need to pull off the roadway, it is advisable to use the nearest exit or rest area.
6. Be patient. It is better to delay your trip until the smoke and fog clears than to risk becoming involved in a traffic crash.

7. Make sure everyone in the vehicle is buckled up and/or secured in child safety seats. Driving in adverse conditions increases your chance of becoming involved in a crash. By buckling up, you are reducing your chance of being killed or seriously injured by as much as 50% if you are involved in a crash, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

8. If you enter a zero-visibility area while driving, pull well off the main traveled portion of the roadway to avoid being struck by another vehicle.