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Suffolk Police and Civic Organization Want You to Save Lives By Keeping Safety Tree Lights Green This Holiday Season

SUFFOLK, VIRGINIA (December 2, 2010) A special holiday tree at the corner of Main Street and Constance Road in Suffolk is a reminder of how life is very precious. The Suffolk Police and The Pilot Club of Suffolk, Inc. hope the tree encourages everyone to drive safely during the holiday season and beyond.

The green light bulbs on the Safety Tree represent life. During the month of December, anytime there is a driving related death in Suffolk, a red bulb will replace a green one. The goal is to make sure the tree remains green all month long.

The Pilot Club of Suffolk Vice President Cathy Richards says, "I truly feel that the Safety Tree is an awareness tree that people need to see and realize that they need to slow down during this holiday season and be safe. As we all know, this time of year, everyone is in the hustle and bustle to get things done and get to where they need to go, and I hope when they see the tree, they will stop and think, hey I need to slow down and not only drive safely, but watch out for the other guy, too".

The green light bulbs on the Safety Tree were lit December 1. However, the official lighting ceremony will take place Saturday, December 4 at noon. Suffolk Mayor Linda T. Johnson, Police Chief Thomas Bennett, and Pilot Club Members invite you to join them for the occasion. The Safety Tree was donated by the Suffolk Elks Lodge.

About the Pilot Club of Suffolk

The Pilot Club of Suffolk, Inc. is a community service project organization which holds fundraisers during the year to provide donations to several organizations in the Suffolk community. Some of the organizations include Project Lifesaver, Suffolk Literacy Council, Nansemond-Suffolk Rescue Squad, and For Kids, to name a few.

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