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Responding to Needs During Changing Times

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Highlights

- FHWA Strategic Goals-Four National Goals
- FHWA Virginia Division – Safety Program
- Reauthorization – Five Principles
- Every Day Counts – Expedited Program Delivery and Technology
- My Focus Areas



National Strategic Goals

System Performance

National Leadership

Program Delivery

Corporate Capacity



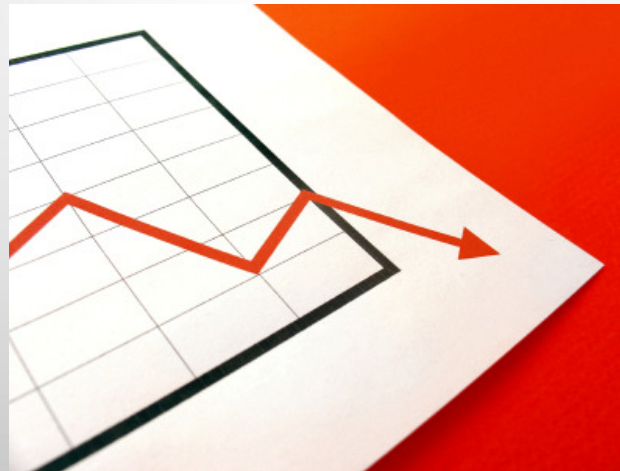
National Leadership “Safety”

- Safety Secretary Ray LaHood Top Priority
- Last Year Numbers Lowest Level in 50 Years
- Our Efforts Paying Off
 - Increase Seatbelt Usage
 - Not Driving Under the Influence
- National Attention to Distracted Driving
 - Encouraging People Not to Text
 - Not to Talk on the Phone Behind the Wheel



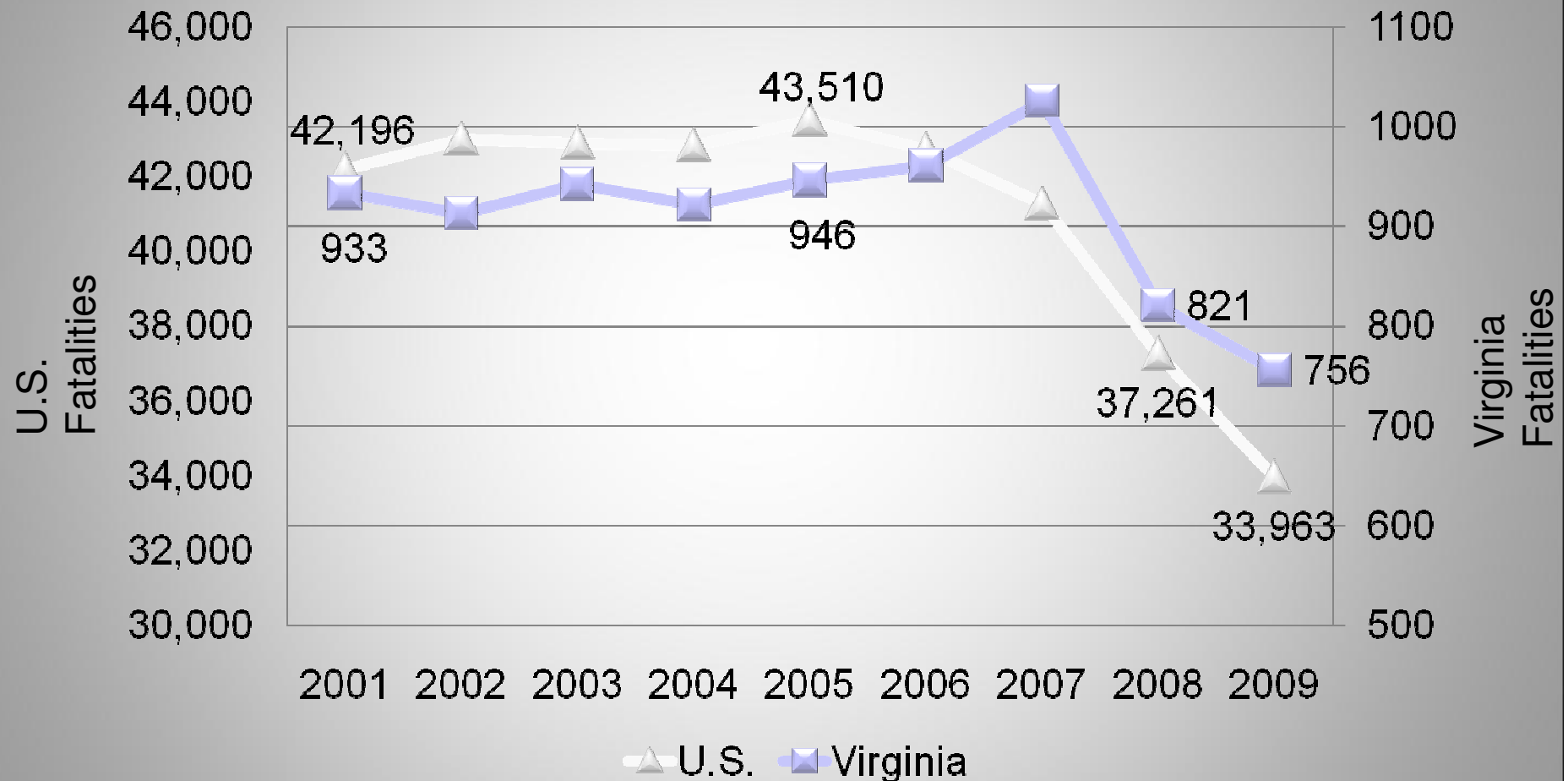
Continue Our Focus To Reduce Fatalities

- 15 percent decrease nationally from 2005 to 2008
 - 43,510 in 2005 to 37,261 in 2008
- 13 percent decrease in VA for same period
 - 946 in 2005 to 821 in 2008
 - 20 percent if we add 2009!!! (756 fatalities)





Continue Down Trend



Source: NHTSA/DMV
2009 U.S. data is projected at 33,963 fatalities



Keep An Eye On Motorcycle Fatalities

- U.S.:
 - 5,290 fatalities in 2008 (11-year increase)
 - 14 percent of total
 - Still trending upward for 2010
- Virginia:
 - 79 fatalities in 2008 (71 in 2009)
 - 10 percent of total
- National data shows that while motorcycle registrations have increased, the increase in motorcyclist fatalities has increased more steeply.





Reauthorization Update

- US DOT and Congress Working on Reauthorization
- Is Going to Take Time
- Secretary LaHood Commitment to Five Principles
 - Enhancing Safety
 - Promoting Livable Communities
 - Sustaining the Environment
 - Keeping Our Economy Competitive
 - Maintaining Our Transportation Assets



Every Day Counts

- FHWA Administrator Victor Mendez Initiative
- Looking for Ways to **Shorten Project Delivery**
- Get Proven Technologies into the Marketplace Faster
- Today's Economic Climate
 - Delivery projects and programs
 - Faster and smarter
 - Greater sense of urgency





Every Day Counts

- Initiative Rolled Out at AASHTO Meeting
- AASHTO a strong partner holding nine Innovation Summits this Fall
- Three Requests of State DOT Heads
 - Encourage that Key Project Decision Makers Participate in the Summits
 - Engage State's Construction and Consulting Communities
 - Appoint a Senior Level Person





Virginia Leadership “Safety”

- FHWA Virginia Division in Partnership With VDOT
 - Changing the Way We Do Business
 - Safety Program vs. Safety Projects
 - Measuring Projects Approved and Completed Annually



Virginia Continue Safety Efforts

- To Continue the Downward Trend: Focus Areas
 - Continue STARS
 - Promote Use of Market Ready Technologies
 - Safety Edge
 - Rumble Strips/Stripes
 - Sign Improvements
 - Others



The Safety Wedge Shoe is a special edging device that asphalt paving contractors can install on new or existing resurfacing equipment to shape the Safety Edge.



My Focus Areas

- Rate of Obligation of Federal Program
- Completion of ARRA Projects
- Reduction of Inactive Funds
- Establishment of Preventive Maintenance Program
- Establishment of Safety Program
- Increase Federal Oversight of Locally Administered Program