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214 Arrested for DUI in First Half of DUI Campaign ***Checkpoints to continue through New Year's Eve***

Dover – Delaware law enforcement officers statewide have arrested 214 individuals for Driving Under the Influence (DUI) of alcohol and/or drugs during the first three months of the 2009 *Checkpoint Strikeforce* campaign. Ten of the arrests came as a result of checkpoints conducted last weekend (Sept. 18th & 19th) by the New Castle County DUI Task Force (Newark), and Georgetown Police.

In addition to accomplishing the primary goal of getting DUI offenders off the roadways, in the last three months officers have issued 48 citations for underage drinking, apprehended 75 wanted individuals, made 84 drug arrests, 74 felony arrests, recovered 5 stolen vehicles, and seized 9 weapons. They've also issued 110 seat belt citations, 38 child restraint citations, and 705 citations for various other traffic violations.

Three sobriety checkpoints are scheduled to occur the weekend of September 25th. The checkpoints are scheduled for:

Friday Sept. 25th– Wilmington (NcCo DUI Task Force)
Greenville (DSP Troop 1)
Rehoboth (Rehoboth Beach Police)

The 2009 *Checkpoint Strikeforce* campaign launched this year on July 2nd. *Checkpoint Strikeforce* is a regional sobriety checkpoint campaign aimed at arresting DUI offenders, and using high visibility enforcement to deter those who would otherwise choose to drink and drive. The campaign, a six month long effort running through New Year's Eve, involves setting up weekly DUI checkpoints statewide.

For weekly and ongoing campaign statistical updates please visit our website at www.ohs.delaware.gov and click on the *Checkpoint Strikeforce* icon in the center of the page or follow OHS on Twitter at www.twitter.com/DEHighwaySafe.

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