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Three Sobriety Checkpoints Scheduled

Dover – Three sobriety checkpoints are scheduled for week 17 of the 2009 *Checkpoint Strikeforce* campaign (October 23rd & 24th). The checkpoints are scheduled for:

Friday Oct. 23rd – Wilmington (NcCo DUI Task Force)
Georgetown (Georgetown PD)

Saturday Oct. 24th - Rehoboth Beach/Millsboro (DSP Troop 7)

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 deterring others from drinking and driving. In July of this year, Delaware Governor Jack Markell signed tougher penalties for DUI offenders into law. Now offenders, particularly those with fifth and subsequent offences, face increased fines when convicted of the crime. Additionally, Gov. Markell signed legislation that strengthened Delaware's law related to Ignition Interlock devices for first time, High Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) offenders.

For weekly and ongoing campaign statistical updates on the *Checkpoint Strikeforce* campaign, 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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