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149 Speeding Drivers Cited in Statewide Effort

Dover – Officers participating in the statewide effort to ‘Stop Speeding Before it Stops You’, issued 149 additional citations for speeding violations between October 12th and October 18th. For the second year in a row, this important highway safety initiative which officially launched on July 6th is focused on stopping speeding drivers and reducing speed related crashes in the state. Currently speed is listed as a contributing factor in 18% of the state’s 83 fatal crashes which have occurred since January 1st, including last weekend’s Dover crash on October 18th which killed three people.

In addition to the 149 speed citations issued last week, officers also: arrested 1 for DUI, issued 14 citations for seat belt violations, 1 citation for a child restraint violation and 74 for other traffic violations.

Delaware State Police, New Castle County Police and Dover Police are continuing to conduct either single or two-officer team patrols looking for speeders and other dangerous drivers such as those who run red lights or are impaired by drugs and or alcohol.

The public is encouraged to take an active role in this effort by calling 911 to report aggressive drivers. Twelve roadway signs have been placed in or near high crash locations throughout Delaware, asking motorists to call 911 to report aggressive and impaired drivers. Drivers should not call or email OHS to report aggressive drivers if they cannot report them right away. Instead they should keep the information and call Delaware State Police, New Castle County Police, or Dover Police when they are able based on the location where the incident occurred.

For more information about the “Stop Aggressive Driving” campaign and OHS’s other safety initiatives, please visit our website at www.ohs.delaware.gov and follow our updates on Twitter at www.twitter.com/DEHighwaySafe .

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