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**Speeding Arrests Climb Again**

**Dover** – Officers participating in the statewide effort to ‘Stop Speeding Before it Stops You’, issued 469 additional citations for speeding violations between October 19<sup>th</sup> and the 25<sup>th</sup>. This is the second highest number of speed citation written since the campaign launched on July 6<sup>th</sup>. For the second year in a row, this important highway safety initiative 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 84 fatal crashes which have occurred since January 1<sup>st</sup>.

In addition to the 469 speed citations issued last week, officers also: issued 3 citations for violating Delaware’s aggressive driving law, 10 citations for seat belt violations, 2 citations for child restraint violations and 137 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](http://www.ohs.delaware.gov) and follow our updates on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/DEHighwaySafe](http://www.twitter.com/DEHighwaySafe) .