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Four Month Long Speed Campaign Nets 6,322 Arrests

Dover – Officers participating in a four month long statewide effort to ‘Stop Speeding Before it Stops You’, have issued a total of 6,322 citations for speeding violations. For the second year in a row, this important highway safety campaign was 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. When the campaign began on July 6th, speed was a factor in 30% of the state’s fatal crashes.

“The reduction in speed related fatal crashes is further proof that high visibility enforcement combined with intense public awareness works to reduce crashes,” said Tricia Roberts, Director of the Office of Highway Safety. “We want the public to know that although this specific campaign has come to an end, speed enforcement will not cease. Because we are going into the holiday season, we will continue to have an increased law enforcement presence on our roads looking for dangerous drivers.”

In addition to the 6,322 speed citations issued during the campaign, officers also: arrested 35 for aggressive driving, 9 for DUI, apprehended 21 wanted individuals, made 10 drug arrests, 5 felony arrests, issued 242 citations for seat belt violations, 29 citations for child restraint violations and 1,982 for other traffic violations.

Delaware State Police, New Castle County Police and Dover Police were the agencies participating in the campaign, conducting 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 can play a part in reporting aggressive drivers by calling 911. 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 911 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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