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Over 1-Thousand Cited for Aggressive Driving in First Month of 2007 Campaign

Dover – Delaware law enforcement officers have issued 482 citations to drivers for aggressive driving behaviors, and another 137 to unlicensed, unbelted, and uninsured motorists for a total of 619 citations in the fourth week of a statewide enforcement and awareness initiative to “Stop Aggressive Driving.” This brings the total of aggressive driving offenses since the February 2nd campaign kickoff to 1,067.

OHS along with Delaware State Police, County and Municipal law enforcement agencies are again urging motorists to slow down and use more caution than usual on the roadways after a series of fatal collisions in the month of February has brought the number of people killed since the beginning of the year to 30. Aggressive driving has been listed as a primary factor in more than half of these fatal collisions.

The following is a breakdown of the number of violations found during week 4 of aggressive driving enforcement: 13 Aggressive Driving, 317 speeding, 50 unsafe lane changes, 20 following too closely, and 60 running stop signs and stop lights. Officers also issued 38 citations to unbelted motorists and 99 citations for additional traffic violations.

Roadway signs have been placed throughout the state encouraging motorists to call 911 to report aggressive drivers. Anyone who sees an aggressive driver is encouraged to call 9 -1-1 as soon as it’s safe to do so, and provide the following information to dispatchers: make, model and color of the vehicle, direction of travel, and license plate information if possible.

For more information on aggressive driving, visit the Office of Highway Safety website at www.state.de.us/highway. In 2006, aggressive driving behaviors were responsible for 52% of all fatal crashes in Delaware.

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