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**321 Cited for Aggressive Driving During Week 7 of Campaign**  
***Aggressive driving behaviors a factor in 71% of this year's fatal crashes – public is encouraged to attend Driving Safety Seminars on Saturday to learn how to protect themselves***

**Dover** – Delaware law enforcement officers have issued 321 citations to drivers for aggressive driving behaviors, and another 119 to unlicensed, unbelted, and uninsured motorists for a total of 440 citations in the seventh week of a statewide enforcement and awareness initiative to “Stop Aggressive Driving.” This brings the total of aggressive driving offenses since the February 2<sup>nd</sup> campaign kickoff to 2,216.

The goal of the campaign, now in its third year, is to reduce the occurrence of aggressive driving crashes in an effort to prevent senseless loss of life and injury on our roadways. Acts of aggressive driving are currently listed as contributing factors in 71% of Delaware’s fatal crashes this year.

That’s why the Office of Highway Safety is encouraging every citizen to attend Driving Safety Seminars that are scheduled to occur in each county this Saturday March 24<sup>th</sup> from 10 – 11:30 a.m. Delaware State Troopers will discuss how people can protect themselves on the roadways, review fatal crashes, and basic strategies for driving defensively. The seminars are free and open to the public. Walk-ins are welcome but reservations are encouraged.

They will occur in: New Castle County at Delaware State Police Troop 2 on Rt. 40 in Newark...call 302.834.2630 ext. 234 to reserve a seat; in Kent County at the Delaware State Police Academy on the DSP Headquarters campus on Rt. 13 and in Sussex County at Del Tech Georgetown...call 302.739.5898 to reserve a seat in Kent or Sussex.

The following is a breakdown of the number of violations found during week 7 of aggressive driving enforcement: 15 Aggressive Driving, 204 speeding, 40 running stop signs

and stop lights, 24 unsafe lane changes, 22 passing on the shoulder, 15 following too closely and one failure to yield the right-of-way. Officers also issued 30 citations to unbelted motorists and 89 citations for additional traffic violations.

A new element of this year's "Stop Aggressive Driving" campaign involves encouraging motorists to call 911 to report aggressive drivers. Twelve signs placed along roadways statewide serve as a reminder to do so. Anyone who sees an aggressive driver is encouraged to call 9-1-1 as soon as it's safe or have a passenger do it for you, 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](http://www.state.de.us/highway). In 2006, aggressive driving behaviors were responsible for 52% of all fatal crashes in Delaware.

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