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251 Unbelted Motorists Cited During “Click It or Ticket” Enforcement

Dover - During the first two days of stepped up enforcement of Delaware’s seat belt law officers from State, county and municipal law enforcement agencies statewide have issued 251 citations for seat belt violations. This means that officers conducting a Traffic Safety checkpoint or one of 42 Traffic Safety patrols in operation for Delaware’s *Click It or Ticket* campaign since Sunday, discovered either a driver or one or more passengers unrestrained in the vehicle.

The fine for violating the state’s seat belt law is a \$25.00 fine plus an additional \$15.00 court processing fee. In addition to the 251 seat belt citations issued over the last two days, officers have also issued eight citations for child restraint violations, apprehended five wanted individuals, made one DUI arrest and issued 96 citations for other traffic violations.

Although seat belt use in Delaware is at an all time high of 84%, still 1 in every 6 Delawareans fails to regularly buckle up. The goal of *Click It or Ticket* is to save lives by increasing seat belt use statewide. Daily enforcement continues through Memorial Day and is supported both locally and nationally by frequent television and radio safety advertising. Enforcement information as well as these safety messages and available informational materials can be seen by visiting the OHS website at www.state.de.us/highway.

Click It or Ticket is also the first of three major safety initiatives to be conducted under the Office of Highway Safety’s new umbrella safety campaign, “120 Days of Summer HEAT”

(Highway Enforcement of Aggressive Traffic). The Summer HEAT campaign is aimed at saving lives by cracking down on traffic violators. Traditionally the summer months are a peak time for traffic fatalities.

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