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23 Arrested for DUI During 2nd Week of Checkpoint Strikeforce

Dover – Delaware Law enforcement officers arrested 23 individuals for Driving Under the Influence (DUI) of alcohol during week 2 of the 2007 “Checkpoint Strikeforce” campaign. This brings the total number of people arrested in the first two weeks of the initiative to 55.

A total of four sobriety checkpoints were conducted last weekend. Participating agencies included Delaware State Police Troop 1, the New Castle County DUI Task Force and the newly combined Kent/Sussex County DUI Task Force which conducted two checkpoints last weekend.

In addition to the 23 DUI arrests, officers issued 2 citations for underage drinking violations, apprehended 8 wanted individuals, made 2 drug arrests, 5 felony arrests, seized one weapon, and issued 23 seat belt and 8 child restraint citations as well as 111 citations for various other traffic violations.

Now in its sixth year, “Checkpoint Strikeforce” is a multi-state crackdown on impaired drivers coordinated locally by the Delaware Office of Highway Safety. Participating law enforcement agencies are conducting weekly DUI checkpoints between the 4th of July and New Year’s Eve, and monthly checkpoints in the spring, all with the goal of deterring impaired drivers and arresting DUI offenders.

“Checkpoint Strikeforce” is also one of the three major safety initiatives under the “120 Days of Summer HEAT” campaign targeting violators of Delaware’s traffic laws. Traffic deaths kill and injure Delawareans nearly twice as often as violent crimes.

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