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26 Arrested for DUI During 6th Week of Checkpoint Strikeforce

Dover – Delaware Law enforcement officers arrested 25 individuals for Driving Under the Influence (DUI) of alcohol during week 6 of the 2007 “Checkpoint Strikeforce” campaign. The 26 arrests made this weekend brings the total number of people arrested in the first six weeks of the 2007 Checkpoint Strikeforce campaign to 147.

Four sobriety checkpoints were conducted between August 3rd and 4th. Participating agencies included Delaware State Police Troops 1 and 3, and the New Castle County and Kent/Sussex County DUI Task Forces.

In addition to the 26 DUI arrests, officers apprehended 13 wanted individuals, made 14 drug arrests, 12 felony drug and weapon arrests, recovered 1 stolen vehicle, seized 2 weapons, and issued 34 seat belt and 11 child restraint citations as well as 129 citations for various other traffic violations.

Three sobriety checkpoints are scheduled for this coming weekend:

Friday August 10th – Seaford (Kent/Sussex County DUI Task Force)
Wilmington (NcCo DUI Task Force)

Saturday August 11th – Wyoming (Kent/Sussex County DUI Task Force)

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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