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26 Arrested for DUI During 4th Week of Checkpoint Strikeforce

Dover – Delaware Law enforcement officers arrested 26 individuals for Driving Under the Influence (DUI) of alcohol during week 4 of the 2007 “Checkpoint Strikeforce” campaign. Two of the DUI arrests were made at DSP Troop 7’s checkpoint in Milford dedicated to the memory of DSP Cpl. Christopher Shea.

The 26 arrests made this weekend brings the total number of people arrested in the first month of the 2007 Checkpoint Strikeforce campaign to 96. A total of six sobriety checkpoints were conducted last weekend. Participating agencies included Delaware State Police Troops 6 & 7, the Dover Police, the New Castle County DUI Task Force and the Kent/Sussex County DUI Task Force which conducted two checkpoints.

In addition to the 26 DUI arrests, officers issued 2 citations for underage drinking violations, apprehended 9 wanted individuals, made 12 drug arrests, 7 felony arrests, and issued 28 seat belt and 5 child restraint citations as well as 125 citations for various other traffic violations.

The following four checkpoints are scheduled to take place during the weekend of the July 27th:

Friday July 27th - Wilmington (New Castle County DUI Task Force)
Selbyville (Kent/Sussex DUI Task Force)

Saturday July 28th - Clayton (Kent/Sussex DUI Task Force)
Newark area (DSP Troop 9)

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 at 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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