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## **17 Arrested for DUI During 7th Week of *Checkpoint Strikeforce***

**Dover** – Delaware Law enforcement officers arrested 17 individuals for Driving Under the Influence (DUI) of alcohol during week 7 of the 2007 “Checkpoint Strikeforce” campaign. The 17 arrests made this weekend brings the total number of people arrested in the first seven weeks of the 2007 Checkpoint Strikeforce campaign to 164.

Three sobriety checkpoints were conducted between August 10th and 11th. Participating agencies included the New Castle County DUI Task Force who conducted one in Wilmington and the Kent/Sussex County DUI Task Force who conducted two over the weekend, one in Wyoming and one in Seaford.

In addition to the 17 DUI arrests, officers apprehended 6 wanted individuals, made 20 drug arrests, 8 felony drug arrests, and issued 39 seat belt and 10 child restraint citations as well as 114 citations for various other traffic violations.

Delaware law enforcement agencies will also participate in the National Impaired Driving Crackdown which begins Wed. August 15<sup>th</sup> and runs through Labor Day weekend. The crackdown is coordinated locally by OHS. In all, 27 state and local police agencies will conduct stepped up DUI saturation patrols as well as checkpoints.

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 4<sup>th</sup> 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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