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## **32 Arrested for DUI During Inaugural Weekend of *Checkpoint Strikeforce***

**Dover** – Delaware Law enforcement officers arrested 32 individuals for Driving Under the Influence (DUI) of alcohol 1 of the 2007 “Checkpoint Strikeforce” campaign.

A total of seven sobriety checkpoints were conducted last weekend. Participating agencies included Delaware State Police Troops 5 and 6, Dover Police, Millsboro Police, 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 32 DUI arrests, officers issued 1 citation for an underage drinking violation, apprehended 6 wanted individuals, made 5 drug arrests, 3 felony arrests, issued 17 seat belt and 10 child restraint citations as well as 117 citations for various other traffic violations.

Five sobriety checkpoints are scheduled for this coming weekend.

Friday July 6<sup>th</sup> – N/W Wilmington (DSP Troop 1)  
Felton (Kent/Sussex DUI Task Force)  
Saturday July 7<sup>th</sup> – Newport (NcCo County DUI Task Force)  
Ocean View (Kent/Sussex DUI Task Force)  
Kent County (DSP Troop 3)

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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