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9 Arrested for DUI in Week 17 of Checkpoint Strikeforce
One checkpoint dedicated to memory of Sussex County DUI crash victim

Dover – Delaware Law enforcement officers arrested 9 individuals for Driving Under the Influence (DUI) of alcohol over the weekend of October 19th and 20th as the *Checkpoint Strikeforce* campaign to prevent impaired driving continues.

Two sobriety checkpoints were conducted last weekend. Participating agencies were the New Castle County DUI Task Force and the Kent/Sussex County DUI Task Force. The Kent/Sussex County DUI Task Force's checkpoint on East Market Street in Georgetown was dedicated to the memory of David Nickle.

Nickle was sitting on the front porch of his Oak Orchard home on June 12, 2006, when an impaired driver lost control of her vehicle, rolling it and killing Nickle who could not get out of the way. Members of Nickle's family attended the checkpoint and were presented with a plaque commemorating the event by the Office of Highway Safety. The ceremony is part of OHS's new Dedicated DUI Checkpoint Initiative. It was the fourth held since July. Seven more are scheduled for the remainder of this year.

In addition to last weekend's 9 DUI arrests, officers issued 5 citations for underage drinking violations, apprehended 4 wanted individuals, made 4 drug arrests, 4 felony drug arrests, and issued 9 seat belt citations and 6 child restraint citations as well as 66 citations for various other traffic violations.

Seven sobriety checkpoints as well as DUI Saturation patrols are scheduled for the upcoming Halloween weekend. Two will be in Wilmington in conjunction with the annual Halloween Loop, with the others taking place in Newark, Dover, Milford, Millsboro, and Seaford.

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