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New Year's Weekend Enforcement Results ***56 arrested for DUI and 410 for aggressive driving***

Dover – New Year's weekend was a busy one for Delaware law enforcement officers who worked to protect citizens from impaired and other dangerous drivers. Over the weekend officers arrested 56 individuals for Driving Under the Influence (DUI) of alcohol and/or drugs and another 410 for aggressive driving violations. Enforcement was conducted as part of the final week of the Office of Highway Safety's Safe Family Holiday campaign.

The Safe Family Holiday campaign runs from Thanksgiving through New Year's Eve and consists of both high visibility enforcement efforts and public awareness activities.

Seventeen of the weekend's DUI arrests were the result of DUI saturation patrols. The remaining 39 DUI arrests resulted from seven sobriety checkpoints. Participating agencies included Delaware State Police Troops 7 & 9, the Millsboro Police, and the New Castle, and Sussex County DUI Task Forces.

State Police Troop 9 reported some interesting twists to at least three of their DUI arrests. One arrest was made by a trooper who was en route to the checkpoint and pulled over a speeding vehicle. The driver was found to be under the influence and in possession of an open container of alcohol. A second individual who was later found to be under the influence pulled up and parked his vehicle next to a police vehicle as Troopers were in the process of setting up the checkpoint. And a third unusual arrest came as a driver who was found to be under the influence of alcohol rear-ended another vehicle approaching the checkpoint.

In addition to the DUI arrests made at the weekend's seven checkpoints, officers made 10 arrests for underage drinking violations, made 11 drug arrests, 4 felony arrests, apprehended 8 wanted individuals, recovered 1 stolen vehicle and issued 234 citations for other traffic violations.

The weekend's 410 aggressive driving citations were issued by officers from the Delaware State Police, and the New Castle County, New Castle City, and Newport Police Departments. The following is a breakdown of the aggressive driving citations: 6 Aggressive Driving, 410 speeding, 24 unsafe lane changes, 10 following too closely, 14 running stop signs and stop lights, and 17 passing on the shoulder. Officers also issued 36 citations to unbelted motorists and 111 citations for additional traffic violations.

Since Thanksgiving, law enforcement have arrested 200 individuals for DUI and issued 2,752 citations for aggressive driving violations.

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