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16 Arrested for DUI in Week 13 of Campaign ***Six checkpoints set for coming weekend***

Dover – As the second half of the 2009 *Checkpoint Strikeforce* campaign begins, Delaware law enforcement officers statewide have arrested another 16 individuals for Driving Under the Influence (DUI) of alcohol and/or drugs. The arrests were the result of three separate checkpoints conducted on Friday September 25th by the New Castle County DUI Task Force, the Rehoboth Beach Police Department and the Delaware State Police (Troop 1).

In addition to the 16 DUI arrests, officers apprehended 6 wanted individuals, made 9 drug arrests, 8 felony arrests, recovered 1 stolen vehicle, issued 8 seat belt citations, 2 child restraint citations, and 57 citations for various other traffic violations.

Six sobriety checkpoints are scheduled to occur the weekend of October 2nd & 3rd. The checkpoints are scheduled for:

Friday Oct. 2nd– Wilmington (NcCo DUI Task Force)
Dover (DSP Troop 3)

Saturday Oct. 3rd - Newark (DSP Troop 2)
Red Lion (DSP Troop 9)
Milford (Milford Police)
Laurel (DSP Troop 5)

The 2009 *Checkpoint Strikeforce* campaign launched this year on July 2nd. *Checkpoint Strikeforce* is a regional sobriety checkpoint campaign aimed at arresting DUI offenders and deterring others from drinking and driving. Also in July of this year, Delaware Governor Jack Markell signed tougher penalties for DUI offenders into law. Now offenders, particularly those with fifth and subsequent offences, face increased fines when convicted of the crime.

Additionally, Gov. Markell signed legislation that strengthened Delaware's law related to Ignition Interlock devices for first time, High Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) offenders.

Since July 2nd officers have arrested 230 for DUI under the *Checkpoint Strikeforce* campaign alone. For weekly and ongoing campaign statistical updates on the *Checkpoint Strikeforce* campaign, please visit our website at www.ohs.delaware.gov and click on the *Checkpoint Strikeforce* icon in the center of the page or follow OHS on Twitter at www.twitter.com/DEHighwaySafe.

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