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19 Arrested for DUI in Week 7 of DUI Campaign

Dover – Delaware law enforcement officer arrested 19 individuals for Driving Under the Influence (DUI) of alcohol and/or drugs during week six of the *Checkpoint Strikeforce* campaign (August 14th & 15th). Agencies conducting checkpoints included the New Castle County DUI Task Force (Newport), the Dover Police (on Little Creek Rd.) and the Delaware State Police Troop 7 (Rt. 1 Rehoboth Beach).

In addition to the 19 DUI arrests, officers issued 8 citations for underage drinking, apprehended 6 wanted individuals, made 16 drug arrests, 20 felony arrests, seized 1 weapon, issued 10 seat belt citations, and 51 citations for various other traffic violations.

The National Impaired Driving Crackdown begins this weekend and runs through September 7th. Delaware is participating through a combination of awareness and stepped up enforcement efforts. For the kick off weekend (Aug. 21st & 22nd) three sobriety checkpoints and approximately 90 DUI saturation patrols are scheduled to occur. The checkpoints are scheduled for:

Friday August 21st – Newark (NcCo DUI Task Force)

Saturday August 22nd – Newark (DSP Troop 2)
Laurel (Laurel PD)

Checkpoint Strikeforce is a regional sobriety checkpoint campaign aimed at arresting DUI offenders, and using high visibility enforcement to deter those who would otherwise choose to drink and drive. The campaign, a six month long effort running through New Year's Eve, involves setting up weekly DUI checkpoints statewide.

For weekly and ongoing campaign statistical updates 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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