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Police Arrest 14 for DUI at Weekend Checkpoints

Dover – Delaware law enforcement officer arrested 14 individuals for Driving Under the Influence (DUI) of alcohol and/or drugs during week 15 of the 2009 *Checkpoint Strikeforce* campaign (October 9 & 10). This brings the total number of DUI arrests for the campaign since it's July 2nd launch to 265. Agencies conducting checkpoints included the New Castle County DUI Task Force (Newport), as well as the Clayton Police, the Laurel Police and the Milford Police Departments. Seaford Police also conducted DUI saturation patrols over the weekend.

In addition to the 14 DUI arrests, officers cited 2 minors for underage drinking violations, apprehended 7 wanted individuals, made 8 drug arrests, 6 felony arrests, seized one weapon, issued 12 seat belt citations, 3 child restraint citations, and 79 citations for various other traffic violations.

Two sobriety checkpoints are scheduled to occur the weekend of October 16th & 17th. The checkpoints are scheduled for:

Friday Oct. 16th – Newark (NcCo DUI Task Force)

Saturday Oct. 17th - Dover (Dover PD)

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.

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