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Results Week 2 of National DUI Crackdown
Labor Day Weekend Enforcement Scheduled

Dover – Delaware law enforcement officer arrested 39 individuals for Driving Under the Influence (DUI) of alcohol and/or drugs during week 2 of the National DUI Crackdown *Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest.* 29 of the arrests came as a result of sobriety checkpoints conducted August 28th and 29th, while the remaining 10 DUI arrests resulted from DUI saturation patrols statewide. Agencies conducting checkpoints included the New Castle County DUI Task Force, Rehoboth Beach Police, Delaware State Police Troops 3 and 9, Millsboro Police, and Harrington Police.

In addition to the 39 DUI arrests, officers issued a total of 1 citation for underage drinking, apprehended 9 wanted individuals, made 10 drug arrests, 2 felony arrests, seized 1 stolen vehicle, issued 24 seat belt citations, and 268 citations for various other traffic violations.

Statewide stepped up enforcement will continue through Labor Day weekend. In addition to three sobriety checkpoints and 255 DUI saturation patrols set to occur between Friday Sept. 4th and Monday September 7th, state and local police will also conduct increased enforcement of Delaware's speed, aggressive driving and seat belt laws.

For the weekend of (Sept. 4th) three sobriety checkpoints are scheduled for:

Friday August 28th – Newport (NcCo DUI Task Force)
Smyrna (Smyrna PD)
Fenwick Island (DSP Troop 4)

Additionally, several bars in the town of Dewey Beach are partnering with the Office of Highway Safety to promote the HERO Campaign for Designated Drivers Labor Day weekend.

Gary's Dewey Beach Grill, the Starboard, the Bottle & Cork, Northbeach, the Rusty Rudder and Jimmy's Grille will prominently display and use HERO materials provided by OHS including banners, posters, coasters, table tents and window clings. Staff will encourage patrons to identify their designated driver, and some establishments will even provide free soft drinks for those individuals.

Checkpoints that are scheduled during the National DUI Crackdown are also a component of Delaware's *Checkpoint Strikeforce* campaign. *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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