



## **Traffic Safety News**

*From the Delaware Office of Highway Safety*

### **Special Edition: Labor Day**

Did you know that over 5,500 people were arrested for Driving under the Influence (DUI) last year? Driving under the Influence of alcohol is not only dangerous, it's illegal- and the Delaware Office of Highway Safety is dedicated to keeping our roads safe from impaired drivers.

#### **What you need to know**

This Labor Day weekend there will be 3 sobriety checkpoints and over 100 additional DUI patrols statewide as we participate in the National Impaired Driving Crackdown "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" and continue with our Checkpoint Strikeforce DUI prevention campaign. The goal is to stop impaired drivers. Any driver who fails a field sobriety test and is found to be over Delaware's blood alcohol concentration (BAC) limit of .08 will face severe legal and financial consequences. One DUI can change your life.

- Since January 1<sup>st</sup> of this year, 15 of the 69 traffic deaths (22%) were alcohol-related compared to this time last year when 27 of the 64 traffic deaths (42%) were alcohol-related.
- Police have made 87 DUI Arrests so far this year at DUI checkpoints and patrols statewide.
- First-time offenders account for 70% of all DUI arrests in Delaware.

#### **What you can do**

It just doesn't make any sense to be arrested for driving drunk. You risk losing your license, your money, your freedom, even your life when you choose to drive after drinking. *Remember if you plan to drink; plan to have a designated driver before the party begins.*

Click on the following links for more information on:

DUI Real time: <http://duirealtime.com>

Designated Drivers: <http://ohs.delaware.gov/information/DesignatedDriver.shtml>

Summer Mocktail Party Guide: [http://ohs.delaware.gov/pdfs/2008/mocktail/Mocktail\\_7.24-E.pdf](http://ohs.delaware.gov/pdfs/2008/mocktail/Mocktail_7.24-E.pdf)

**Drive Sober. Arrive Alive DE.**

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