

# Statewide Enforcement Checkpoints Aim to Reduce DUI-Related Crashes and Fatalities



Delaware – The Delaware State Police and the Office of Highway Safety (OHS) in partnership with local law enforcement agencies are committed to improving the safety of Delaware’s motoring public. On Saturday, November 4, 2017, more than 50 law enforcement officers from across Delaware assembled at several locations in all three counties to conduct statewide impaired driving checkpoints. The focus was on behavioral traffic safety issues such as impaired driving, seat belt use, speeding, child passenger safety, pedestrian and bicycle safety, motorcycle safety, and teen driving issues.

A total of 1,165 vehicles went through the checkpoints. Of

those, 19 drivers were detained for further investigation, eight were drug arrests, one DUI arrest, 10 Seatbelt arrests, one cell phone arrest, three wanted person apprehensions, and 18 other traffic arrests.

Checkpoint Strikeforce is a regional sobriety checkpoint campaign aimed at arresting DUI offenders by using high visibility enforcement to deter those who would otherwise choose to drink and drive. In 2017, there have been 3,230 DUI arrests statewide and 24 confirmed fatalities related to impaired driving as of November 2017. The Delaware State Police have teamed up with the Delaware Office of Highway Safety and local law enforcement agencies across the state to coordinate the multi-jurisdictional DUI checkpoints for a safer Delaware.

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FAQs on life after a DUI can be found at <http://www.arrivealive.com/Drive-Sober/FAQs>

The link to OHS' website about driving sober, DUI fatalities and arrests is <http://www.arrivealivede.com/DriveSober>

For more information on impaired driving visit <http://www.nhtsa.gov/Impaired>

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DUI checkpoint Newark, Rt 72 & Old Baltimore Pike, Multi Agency DUI Checkpoint Strikeforce . Photo by: Gene Shaner



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