

# **“I-95 Drive to Save Lives” and “Drive to Save Lives in Delaware” Traffic Initiatives Friday, April 8th and Saturday April 9th, 2022**

**Delaware-** The Delaware State Police in partnership with the Delaware Office of Highway Safety are joining forces with other law enforcement agencies along the I-95 corridor and across the State of Delaware in the “Drive to Save Lives” campaign. This campaign is a multi-jurisdictional, high-visibility traffic enforcement initiative that is meant to increase traffic enforcement presence and efforts along the I-95 corridor from Maine to Florida and across the State of Delaware on Friday, April 8th and Saturday, April 9th, 2022. In 2021 alone, over 1,000 lives were lost along the I-95 corridor. The Delaware State Police will be the lead agency for this campaign by coordinating the efforts of the other 15 State Police and Highway Patrol agencies along I-95, as well as numerous participating Delaware law enforcement agencies in order to increase the totality of law enforcement presence over this 48-hour period.



All the 15 states that line Interstate 95 from Maine to Florida will be participating in the “I-95 Drive to Save Lives” campaign including: Florida Highway Patrol, North Carolina Highway Patrol, South Carolina Highway Patrol, Georgia Highway Patrol, Virginia State Police, Maryland State Police, Delaware State Police, Pennsylvania State Police, New Jersey State Police, New York State Police, Connecticut State Police, Rhode Island State Police, New Hampshire State Police, Massachusetts State Police and Maine State Police.

The “Drive to Save Lives” campaign will consist of two simultaneous efforts, “I-95 Drive to Save Lives”, which will involve State Police and Highway Patrol agencies handling their portion of I-95, and “Drive to Save Lives in Delaware”, which will entail participating Delaware law enforcement agencies patrolling their own jurisdictions.

Superintendent of the Delaware State Police, Colonel Melissa A. Zebley stated, “While The Delaware State Police may, at times, represent the most visible depiction of highway safety initiatives, the critical mission of traffic safety is shared by many colleagues in our State. Delaware’s drivers can be assured that Troopers will be vigilant on the roadways

throughout our State, will be partnering with our instate agencies and throughout our region. Without question, our most valuable partner in this work is you; our fellow driver. Please know that when you see Troopers engaging you on the roadside, we are doing so to prioritize your wellbeing and life safety.”

“The Delaware Office of Highway Safety is pleased to partner with the Delaware State Police and municipal law enforcement agencies across the state in support of the “Drive to Save Lives” initiative. Our Delaware law enforcement partners are committed to decreasing fatalities and serious injuries on our roadways and it’s through projects like this that we are able to increase awareness of multiple highway safety priorities. This type of data-driven enforcement method paired with education is aimed to facilitate behavior change in at-risk drivers”, said Sarah Cattie, Senior Traffic Safety Program Manager, Delaware Office of Highway Safety.

Delaware’s Office of Highway Safety has continued to be a supporter of the “Drive to Save Lives” annual campaign. Delaware’s citizens and visitors can expect to see multiple agencies working diligently to keep them safe as they travel throughout the state.

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