

# Delaware State Police and Office of Highway Safety Partner to Target Distracted Driving

The Delaware State Police partnered with the Office of Highway Safety (OHS) and DELDOT for Winter Distracted Driving/Occupant Distraction enforcement. This campaign targeted distracted drivers and seatbelt violations statewide from January 15, 2023- February 13, 2023. These additional Patrols resulted in 541 Traffic Contacts (435 tickets and 98 Warnings) and 8 criminal arrests. Included with these statistics were 82 Distracted Driving (Cell Phone) contacts, 120 Speeding Violations, 52 Seatbelt Violations, 2 Child Restraint Violations, 2 DUI's and a Passing Stopped School Bus charge.



The Delaware State Police and Delaware OHS recognize that distracted driving caused by the use of personal electronic devices is a very dangerous behavior that continues to make our roadways less safe. Distracted driving is an ever-growing problem, and the hope is that through enforcement initiatives

along with educational opportunities, we can send the message that texting/talking while driving is not only illegal but can be deadly.

The Delaware State Police will continue partnering with the Office of Highway Safety for additional campaigns outside their normal daily patrols. Currently, additional Speed and DUI enforcement are in progress through the month of March. We again remind motorists to Slow Down, Fasten Seatbelts, Use Hands-Free Devices, and Do Not Drive Impaired.

For more information about the Delaware Office of Highway Safety log on to: [www.ohs.delaware.gov](http://www.ohs.delaware.gov).

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