National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Delaware Office of Highway Safety

Impaired Driving:
A National and Local Perspective

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2024 Safety Summit Presentation



NHTSA

NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

National and Regional Strategies to Reduce Impaired Driving

National Trends

Our Current Reality

42,514

Traffic fatalities are a public health crisis affecting all road users.

12,151

Speed-related fatalities in 2022

11,302

Unrestrained occupant fatalities in 2022

13,524

Alcohol-Impaired driving fatalities in 2022

NHTSA Safe System Approach



Five Safe System Elements



Six Safe System Principles



NHTSA Law Enforcement Phlebotomy

Why Law Enforcement Phlebotomy



- Mitigate the time and costs associated with obtaining blood samples.
- Allows law enforcement with special training to draw blood.
- Not just used for impaired driving investigations.
- Many medical facilities refuse to draw blood for law enforcement.

Benefits of LE Phlebotomy

- Cost savings
- Better and more complete evidence
- Better witnesses and testimony
- Simplifies the chain of custody
- Blood evidence for cases other than DUI

NHTSA Toxicology Summits

- Designed to bring a broad set of stakeholders together.
- Develop an understanding of toxicology in the state.
- Frame the strengths, challenges and opportunities.
- In-depth discussions around toxicology testing, data state and local issues and future plans.



NHTSA Toxicology Summits

- Highway Safety Office
- Law enforcement
- Toxicologists
- Prosecutors (TSRP)
- Judges (SJOL)
- Health department
- Treatment courts
- OCME
- Crime Lab
- MVA



NHTSA Toxicology Summits

Conducted in Region 3 States:

- North Carolina
- District of Columbia
- Maryland (April 2024)

Ultimately leading to a report to Congress on the state of drug impaired driving in the US.



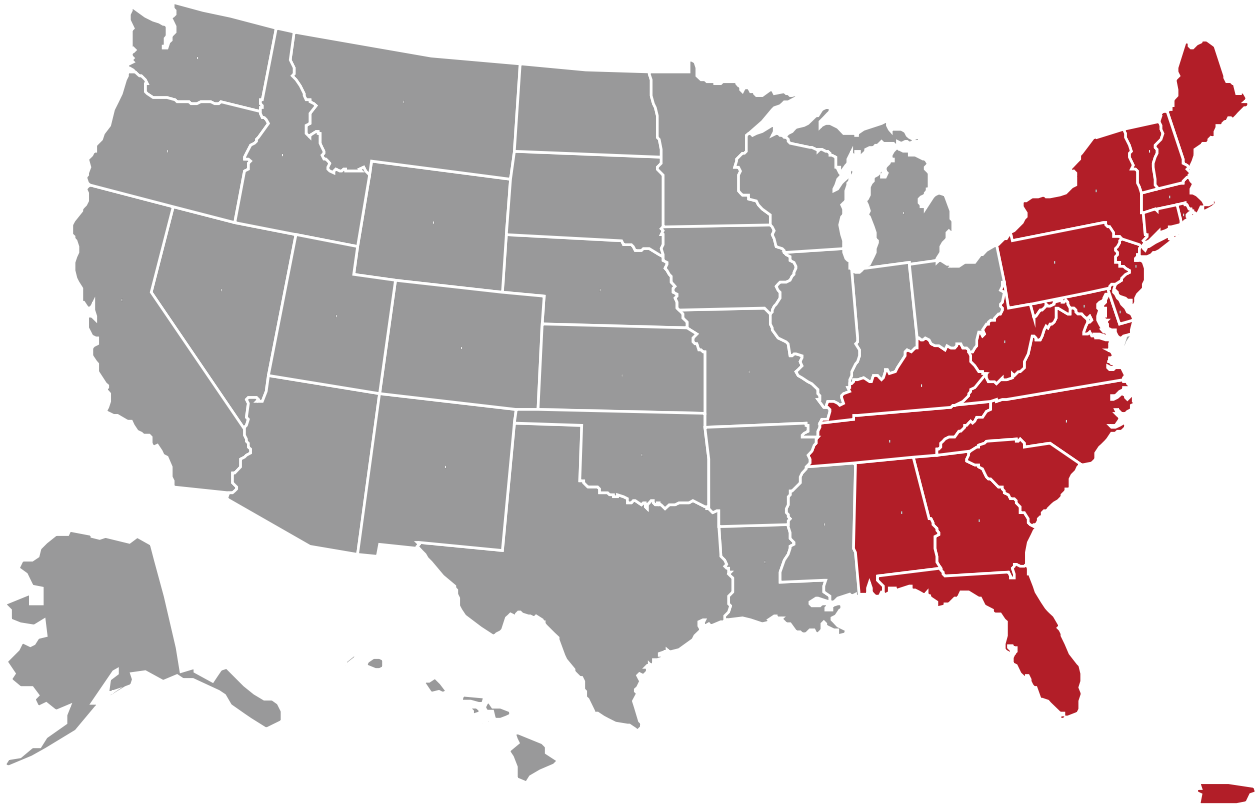
No DUI Friday

- I-95 Speed Event
- Region 3 Law Enforcement Liaisons
- Coincide With National ID Campaign
- Checkpoint Friday
- Selected September 1



Multiple Regions Involved

- Project grew from 7 Region 3 States
- Now included States in Regions 1-4
- Name changed to **No DUI Friday**



No DUI Friday

Delaware

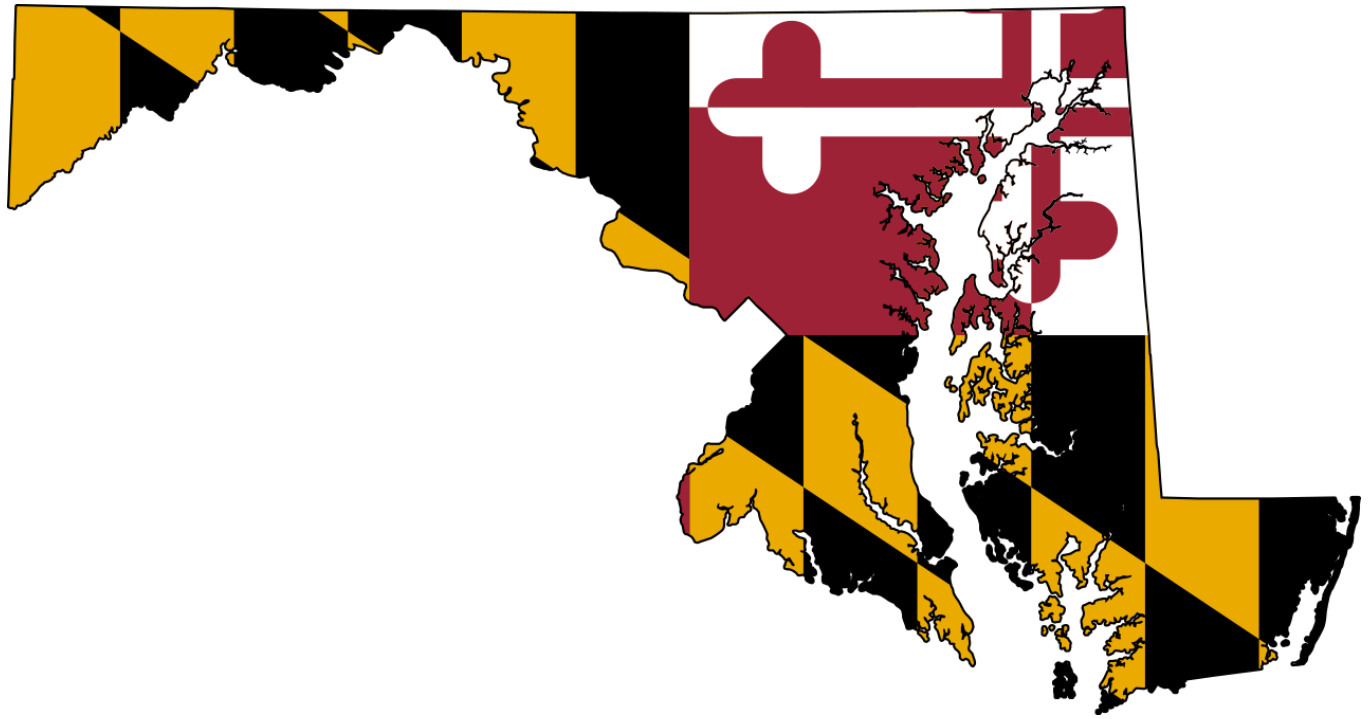
- 3 DUI Arrests
- 439 citations
- 55 other criminal



No DUI Friday

Maryland

- DUI Arrests: 11
- Traffic Stops: 1,070
- Citations: 666
- Warnings: 914
- SERO's: 101



No DUI Friday

North Carolina

- Conducted a Border to Border with South Carolina
- 11 LE agencies
- 79 citations
- 8 DUI arrests





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- ARIDE Refresher
- Drug Identification and Recognition
- Testifying in Court as a Drug Recognition Expert
- Better Encounters: Police and People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities



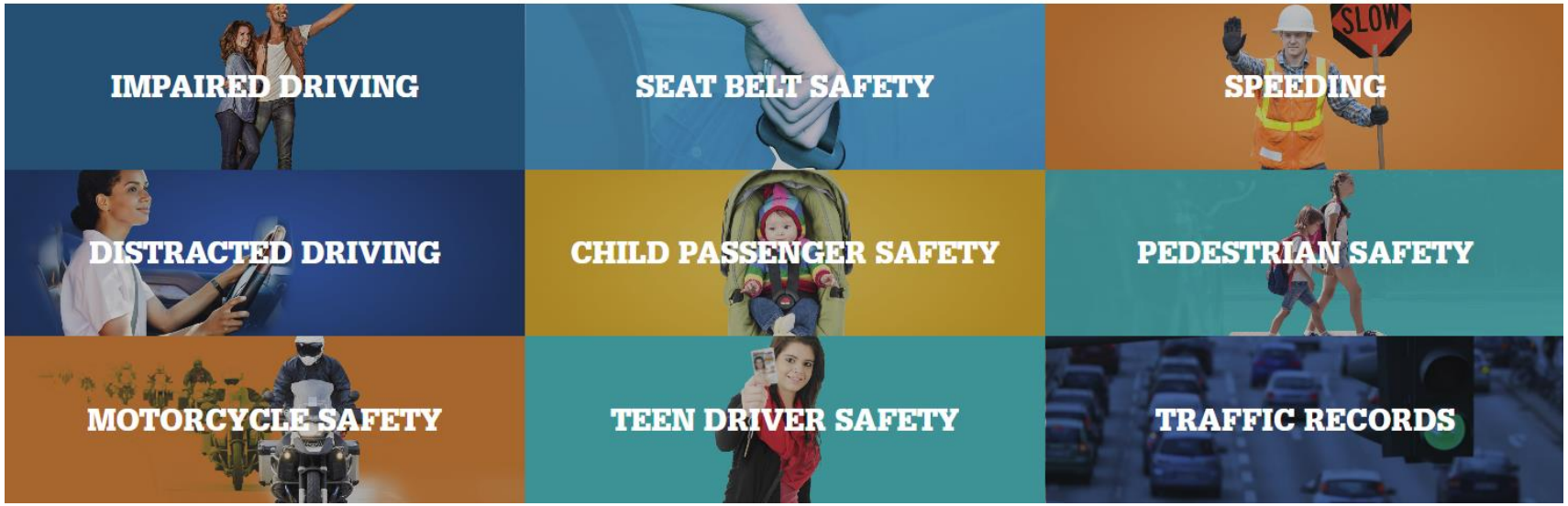
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- Supporting Your Mission: An Introduction to the Law Enforcement Officer (LEO) Near Miss Reporting System
- Community Policing: Improving Police Efficacy and Building Trust

Overview of OHS

The Office of Highway Safety is committed to enhancing safety on Delaware roads by managing federal highway safety funds and implementing safety programs to encourage safe behavior among all road users, with the goal of reducing injuries and fatalities.

PRIORITY AREAS



Delaware Law Enforcement Training

- **SFST** – Standardized Field Sobriety Testing
  - Basic 24-hour course taught over a 32-hour period.
  - All officers receive this training in the academy.
  - Officers are taught the arrest decision process based on the field sobriety tests.
- **ARIDE** – Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement
  - Officers receive this training 2-years after the academy.
  - Gives officers 3 more sobriety tests to use for detecting drug impairment.
  - Currently over 400 trained officers in DE.



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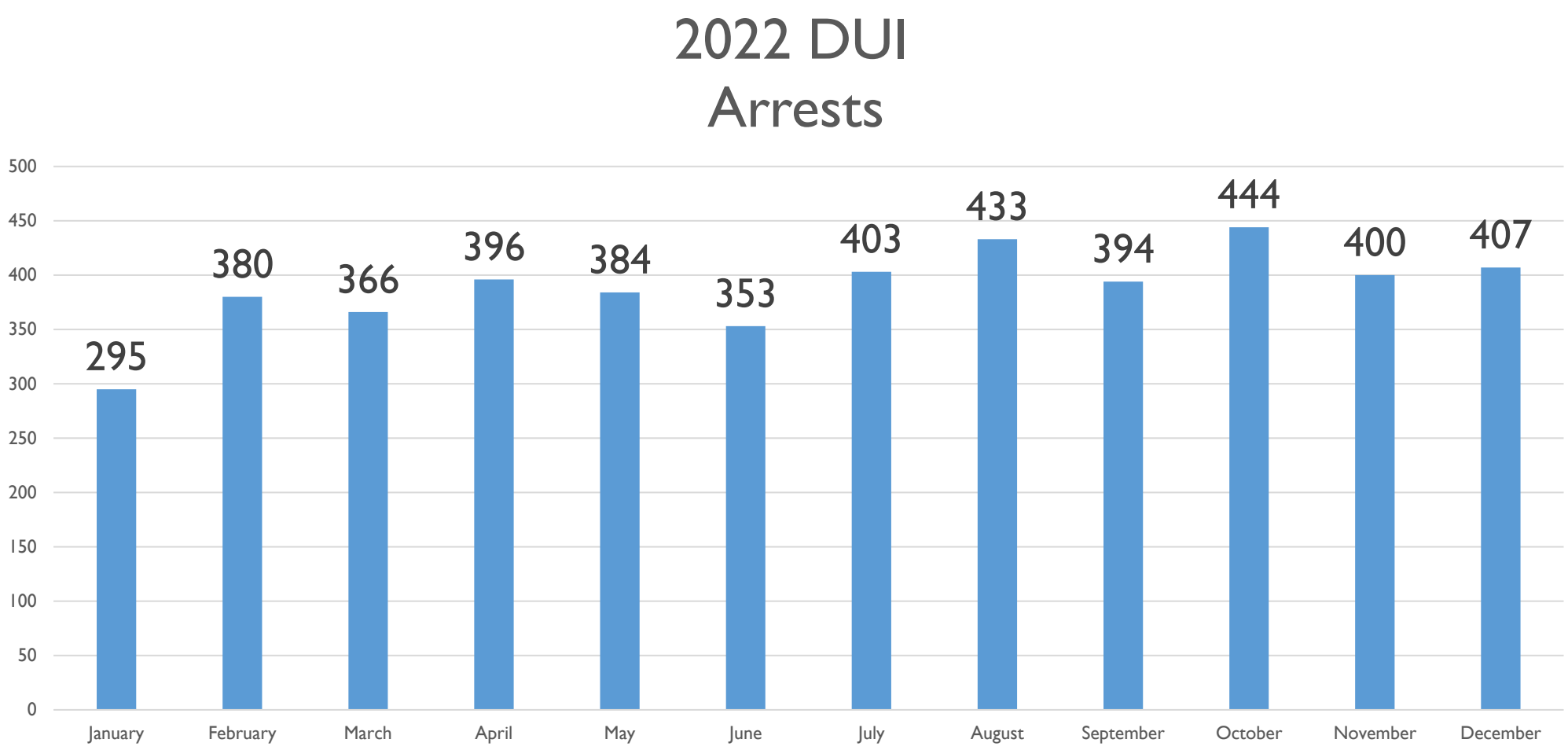
Drug Recognition Expert

- Drug Recognition Expert:
  - Police officer trained to recognize impairment in drivers under the influence of drugs other than, or in addition to, alcohol.
- DRE Protocol
  - DREs use a standardized and systematic method of examining a driving under the influence of drugs to determine the following:
    1. Whether the operator is impaired; if so,
    2. Whether the impairment relates to drugs or a medical condition; and if drugs,
    3. What category of drugs are the likely cause of impairment.

Delaware DRE Program

Delaware has 63 DRE's representing 20 Police agencies		
Dagsboro Police Department	Milford Police Department	Laurel Police Department
Delaware Natural Resources police	Milton Police Department	Ocean View Police Department
Delaware River and Bay Authority	New Castle City Police Department	Smyrna Police Department
Delaware State Police	New Castle County Police Department	University of Delaware Police Department
Dover Police Department	Newark Police Department	Wilmington Police Department

Delaware Impaired Driving



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Driving under the influence: DUI

Under the influence

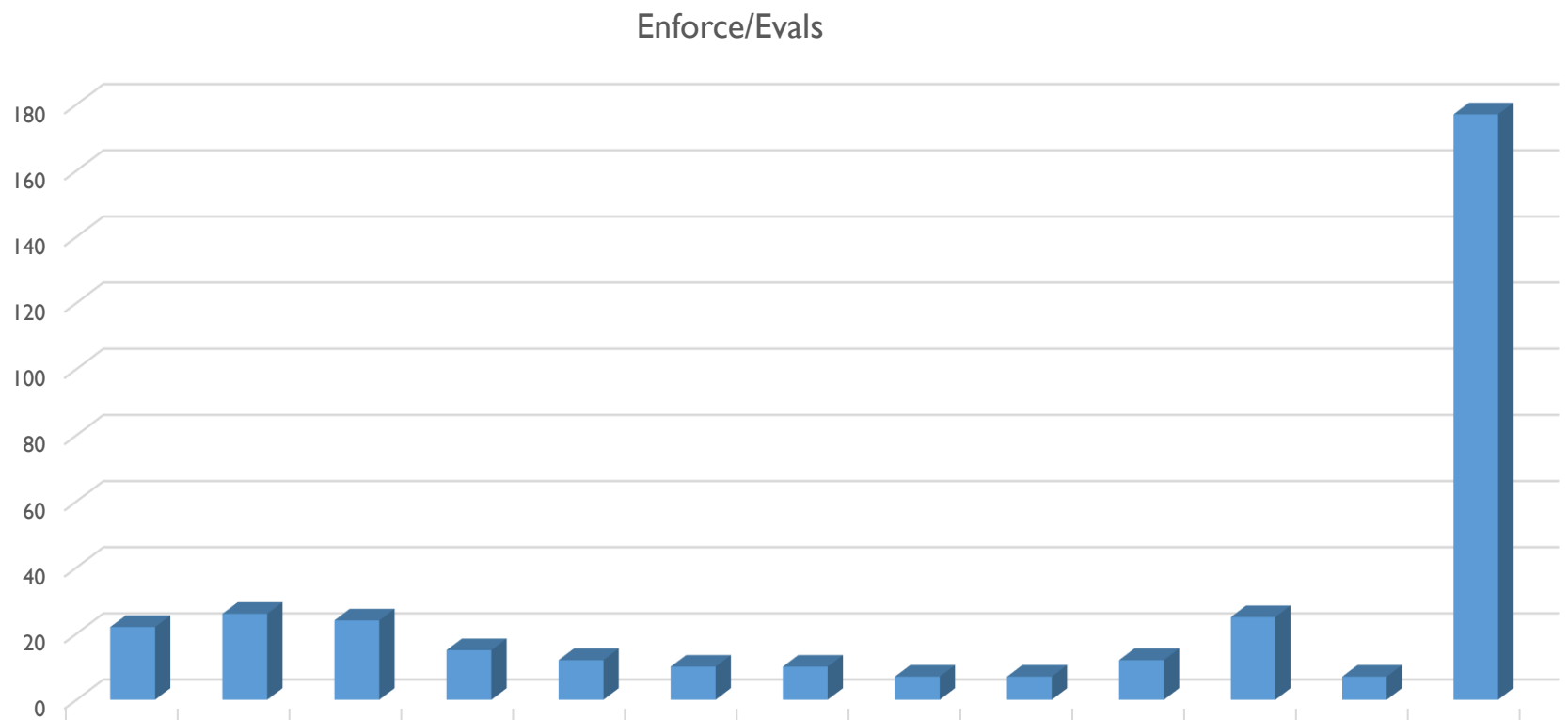
- Impaired by alcohol or drugs or both
- What is the ability of the operator
- **DUI is Impaired Driving**

- **2022 Drug-related DUI's**

Case Type	Quantity
DUI	717
DUI-DRE	146
DUI-Fatal	28
DUI-Fatal and DRE	5
TOTAL DUI/OTHER CASES IN 2022:	**896**

Delaware DRE

2022 DRE Enforcement Evaluations



	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
Enforce/Evals	22	26	24	15	12	10	10	7	7	12	25	7	177

HVE: High Visibility Enforcement & Education

High Visibility Enforcement uses visible law enforcement to deter and change unlawful behavior. It combines law enforcement, visibility and publicity to educate the public and encourage voluntary compliance with the law.

- Don't Drive Impaired: "If you feel different, you drive different."
- Drinking and Driving Can Kill A Friendship.

DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER

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HVE: Delaware OHS Website / Social Media

Educational modules that can be found on the Arrive Alive DE website:

https://www.arrivealivede.com/drive-sober/

BAC Calculator

Impaired Driving Simulator



HVE: 2023 Delaware 4/20 Initiative

- The goal of High Visibility Enforcement (HVE) is not about arresting an operator, but rather, it is designed to deter the operation of a vehicle while impaired.
- Enforcement also plays a role in educating.
- A contact, by law enforcement, can lead to educating the operator and the community.
- When a DUI arrest is made it effects that person. HVE affects the community by educating the community about what occurs if you drive impaired.



HVE: 2023 Delaware 4/20 Initiative

April 20th, 2023

- OHS took a proactive approach by enforcing observed traffic violations to reduce risky and impaired driving behaviors and prevent traffic crashes. Working together we can save lives and keep the roadways safe

- Drug Recognition Experts were asked to participate in proactive enforcement on April 20, 2023. This date is an unofficial holiday celebrating cannabis and increased consumption is observed. DREs were also available for any unrelated DRE callouts while participating.

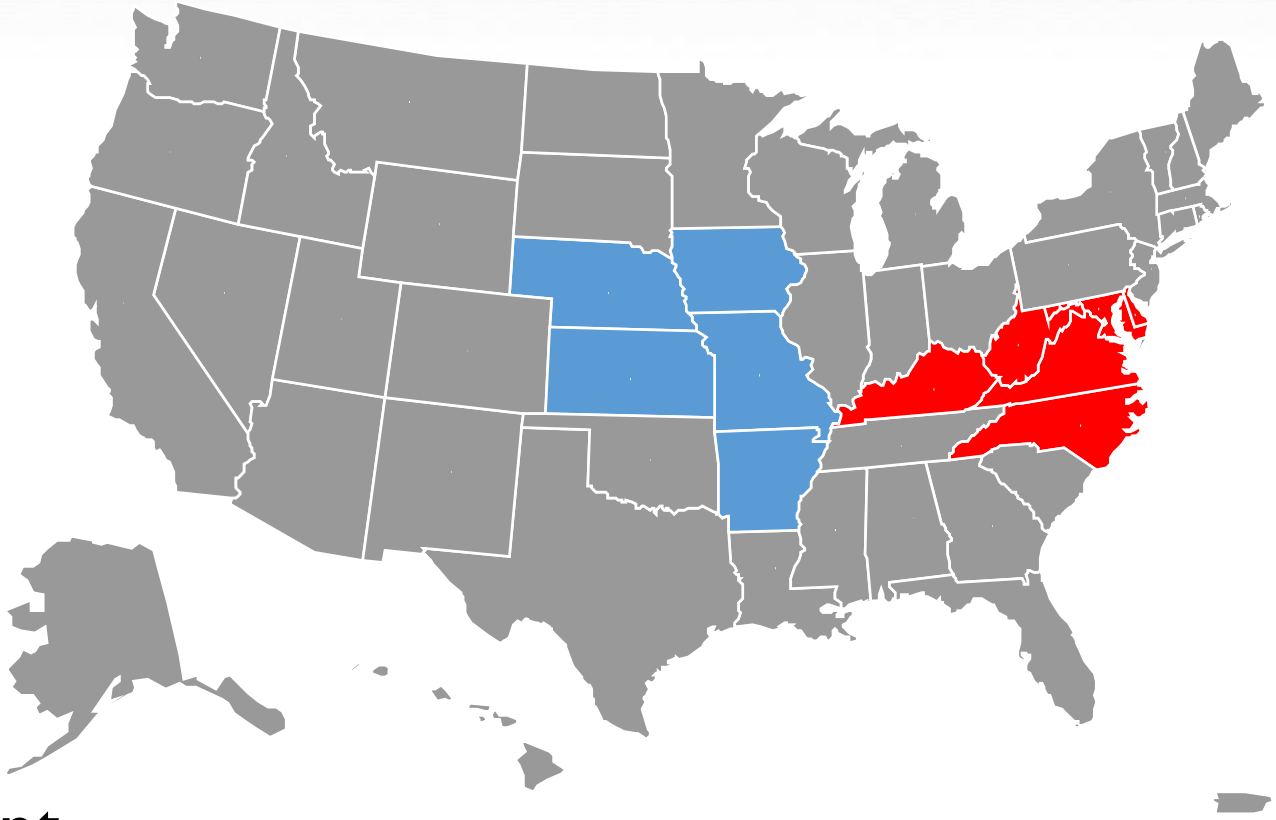
HVE: High Visibility Enforcement

- Results:
  - 15 officers representing 6 agencies participated:
  - Over 120 contacts were made
  - 6 DUI arrests
    - 2 alcohol only
    - 4 drug impaired driving
  - 50 speed arrests

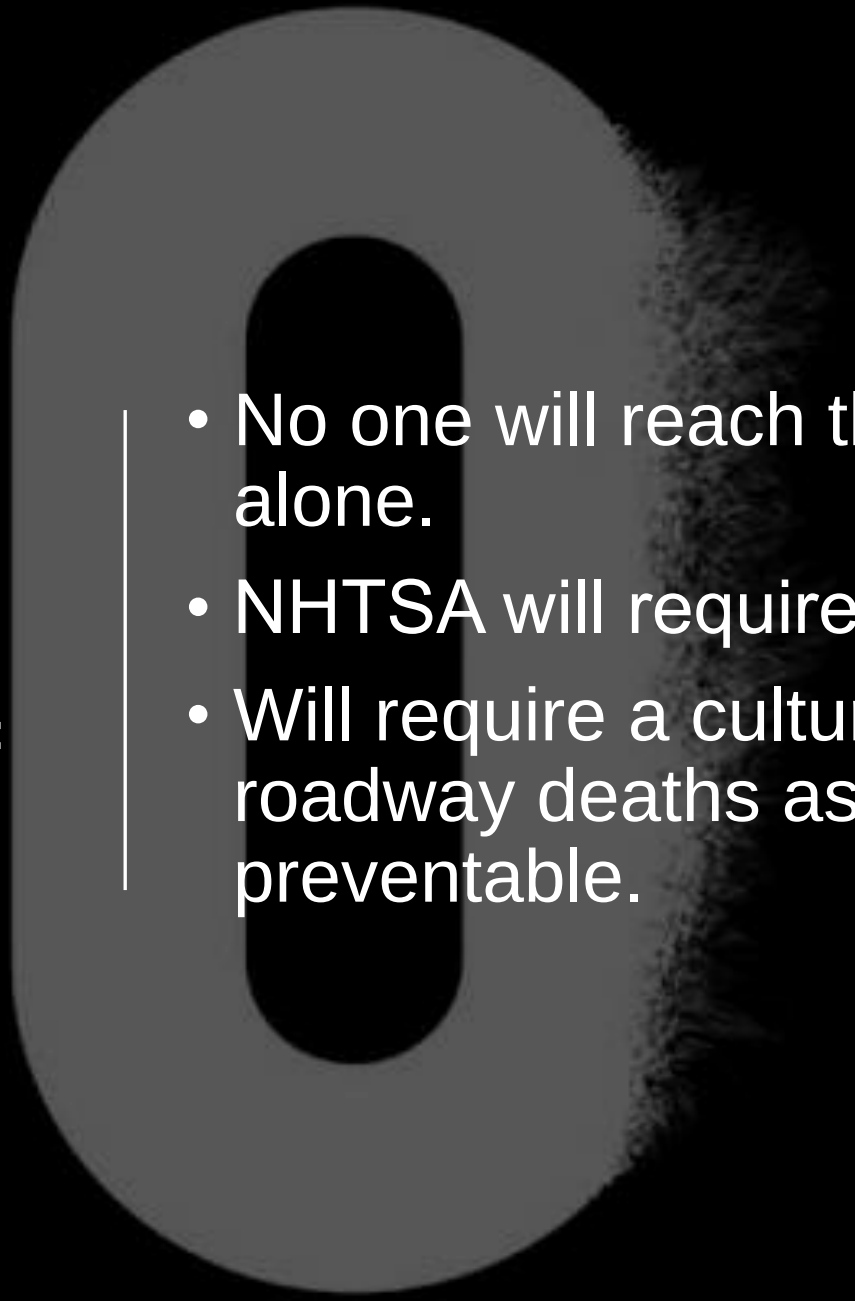


HVE: 4/20 Initiative 2024

- Multi-state border to border.
- High Visibility Enforcement.
- Public Information and Education (PI&E) messaging.
- Partnership with NHTSA region 7.
- Not just cannabis impairment, but also highlighting drug-impaired driving
- “If you feel different, you drive different. Drive high get a DUI.”



Zero: The Only Acceptable Number of Deaths



- No one will reach this goal acting alone.
- NHTSA will require everyone’s help.
- Will require a cultural shift that treats all roadway deaths as unacceptable and preventable.

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