

# Highway Safety Unit



Sgt. Lloyd McCann

# History

- Governor Carney- Roadway Safety Package
  - 6/30/2023 (Slated for 11 members)
- 2/2024
  - First unit member assigned
- 12/2024
  - 2 more members added



# Mission

- The mission of the HSU is to impact driving behavior through enforcement, education, and collaboration with DELDOT, among others, to reduce aggressive driving, deter speeding, enhance DUI enforcement, and reduce the overall number of motor vehicle collisions.

# Goals

- Reduce traffic crashes and fatalities in specific areas identified as high-risk within our jurisdiction by providing enhanced traffic enforcement.
- To reduce alcohol and drug-related traffic offenses.
- To reduce speed-related crash statistics.
- Increase Occupant Protection Usage and reduce distracted driving offenses.
- To maintain a high level of professionalism while displaying a high degree of leadership and knowledge in the area of traffic enforcement.

# Objectives

- To conduct traffic enforcement on selected “High Intensity” roadways and any other highways/roadways identified by the Superintendent of State Police or her designee which may require additional enforcement due to an increase in speed or aggressive driving complaints, fatal or serious injury crashes, or driving under the influence complaints.
  - Examples of “High Intensity” roadways included I-95, I-495, and SR 1 or those listed on the Memorandum of Understanding with DELDOT.
  - Those other roadways identified by the Colonel or designee as “High Intensity” roadways.
- To analyze current trends in vehicle collisions based on data, enforcement activity records, traffic volume, traffic conditions. The analysis of this information will allow the HSU to develop new or refine existing countermeasures to increase overall highway safety.

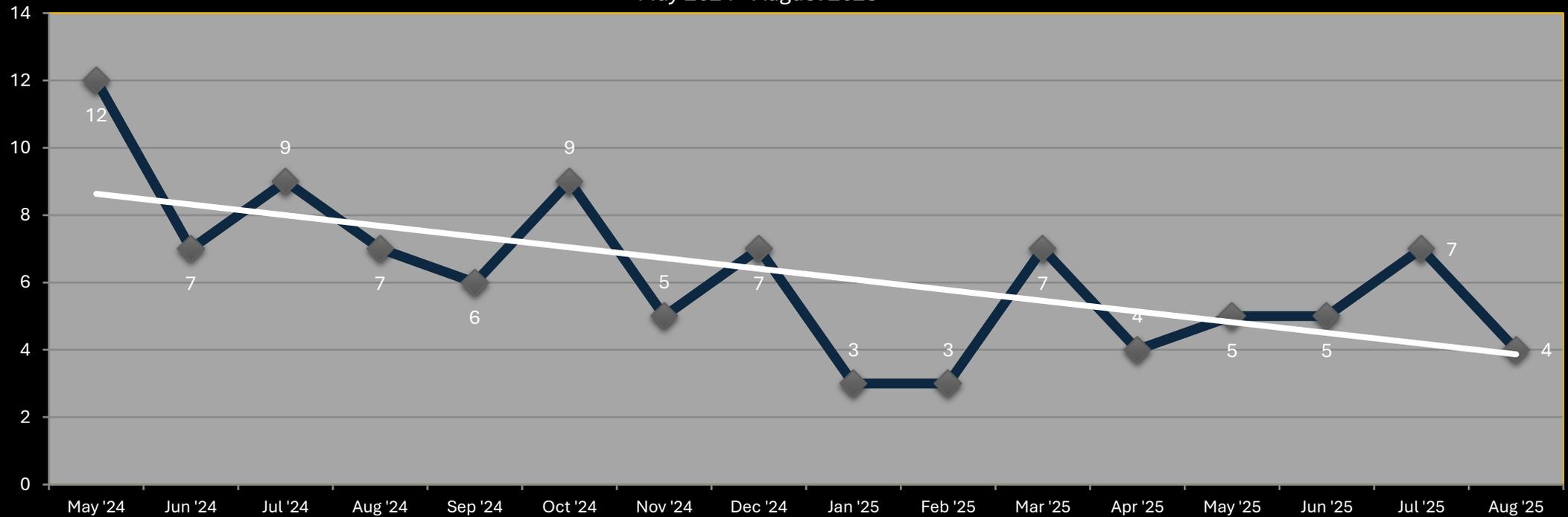
# Collision Reduction

Statewide All Crashes  
May 2024 - August 2025



# Fatal Reduction

Statewide Fatal Crashes  
May 2024 - August 2025



# Deployments

	2024	2025
<b>Troop 1</b>	10	10
<b>Troop 2</b>	14	15
<b>Troop 6</b>	13	16
<b>Troop 9</b>	17	21
<b>Troop 3</b>	15	29
<b>Troop 7</b>	17	27
<b>Troop 4/5</b>	4	32

# Statistics

- Speeding - 9243
- DUI- 11
- Reckless Driving- 532
- Aggressive Driving- 39
- Seatbelt/Child Restraint- 250
- Cell Phone- 201
- Move Over- 89
- Total Traffic Stops- 9980
- Total Traffic Charges- 12,564
- Total Traffic Warnings- 1,411



# Significant Cases

- 8/6/24
  - Troopers conducted enforcement on Coastal Highway from Milford to Lewes. A traffic stop was conducted a traffic stop for a speeding violation. The operator was determined to be under the influence and later charged with 5<sup>th</sup> offense DUI and speeding.
- 8/29/24
  - Troopers patrolled SR 1 from Dover to Milford. A motor vehicle stop of a stolen moped led to the suspect providing information on a high-level drug dealer. Kent Drug Unit was contacted and performed was able to conduct an order up. KDU was able to recover 53.13 grams of powder cocaine, 37.8 grams of crack cocaine, 21.98 grams of marijuana, .5 grams of meth, 1.463 grams of heroin, \$1,813 USC, and heroin packaging/processing materials.

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- 10/29/24
  - Troopers patrolled I-95 from the Maryland Line to Basin Rd. Recom broadcasted a stolen motor vehicle alert at the Christiana Mall. Troopers located the vehicle as it was leaving the parking lot near Macy's and were able to conduct a tactical vehicle stop and took the two defendants into custody without incident. The vehicle was reported stolen by NCCPD on 10/28/24. The operator of the vehicle was found to be in possession of 134 bags of heroin (approx. 4.02 grams) and approximately .14 grams cocaine.
- 11/13/2024
  - Troopers patrolled Route 1 from Dover to Milford (Troop 3 area). Troopers conducted a motor vehicle stop of a vehicle traveling in excess of 90 mph on Bay Rd and other moving violations. The operator was found to be DUI and had his child in the vehicle. The operator was transported to Troop 3 and charged with DUI, endangering the welfare of a child, and several traffic offenses.

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- 1/30/25
  - Troopers patrolled Coastal Highway from Milford to Lewes. Troopers conducted a motor vehicle stop for speeding. The operator initially provided a false name. A 3-month old child was located on the rear passenger floor board under clothing (not in a child restraint). During the inventory search, a loaded Glock 19 handgun was located in the child's diaper bag.

# Significant Cases

- 1/9/25
  - Trooper patrolled US 113. Troopers conducted a motor vehicle stop for speeding violation. Troopers noticed a strong odor of marijuana. An inventory search revealed the following items inside the vehicle: 6 sandwich bags that contained various amounts of marijuana (total weight 81.72 grams), digital scale, grinder, multiple THC Juuls and vapes.
- 3/6/25
  - Troopers patrolled US 13 from Dover to Farmington. Troopers observed a vehicle traveling 98 in a 55 MPH zone. During the traffic stop, the operator threw out a bookbag containing 395.22 grams marijuana, a digital scale and packaging materials.
- 3/23/2025
  - Cpl/3 Minear patrolled SR 1 in Kent County. Cpl/3 Minear was contacted by Capt. Short reference assisting the Homicide Unit with apprehending and transported two suspects.

# Significant Cases

- **Operation Blarney Stone March 24-26**
  - Proactive Traffic Stops: 250
  - Proactive Traffic Charges: 401
  - Felony Complaints: 2
  - Misdemeanor Complaints: 9
  - Drug Complaints: 4
  - Criminal Arrests: 2 Felony, 9 Misdemeanor
  - Adults Arrested: 6
  - Local Fugitives: 10
  - Out of State Fugitives: 2
  - Capiases Cleared: 28
  - Stolen Vehicle Recovery: 1
- **Seizure Information:**
  - 1.44 grams crack cocaine
  - 1.7 grams heroin
  - Promethazine 120 mL, 5 Rx Pill



# Significant Cases

- 4/22/25
  - Troopers patrolled Rt 1, 301 and Rt 13 in the Troop 9 area. Troopers conducted a traffic stop for a speeding violation within the town limits of Odessa and detected an odor of marijuana which resulted in seizing approx. 289.94 grams of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.
- In March 2025, GTF members, in collaboration with the Highway Safety Unit, developed intelligence which identified a suspect as being actively involved in the distribution of crack cocaine from his residence. As a result of the ongoing investigation, detectives were able to obtain a search warrant for the property. A search warrant was executed at the suspect's residence which resulted in the following seizures:
  - **57 grams of crack cocaine**
  - **\$2,281.00 in suspected drug proceeds**
  - **Drug packaging materials**
  - **Digital scales**
  - **A currency counter**

# Significant Cases

- 6/12/25
  - Troopers observed a vehicle traveling at 104 mph on SR 1 before quickly cutting across all 3 lanes of S/B SR 1 and exiting on to the ramp for Lorewood Grove Rd. The vehicle traveled towards Dupont Parkway and lost control. The operator turned off the vehicle lights in an attempt to hide from police. The operator had handgun ammunition in his pants pocket. A search of the vehicle revealed a Sig Sauer P320 with an obliterated serial number (fully loaded) under the driver seat, a glass meth pipe and approximately .45 grams methamphetamine.
- 7/15/25
  - Troopers assisted Troop 5 patrol with a possible medical assist for a vehicle which drove into the median of US 113 and the operator was unresponsive. Troopers determined the operator was overdosing on suspected heroin. EMS was contacted and transported the subject to Bayhealth Sussex. The operator was charged with 6<sup>th</sup> offense DUI, possession of a controlled substance, drug paraphernalia, and related traffic offenses.

# Significant Cases

- 8/13/25
  - While patrolling the area of SR 1 and School House Rd. Troopers observed a gray Honda Civic traveling north on SR 1 at 100 mph. A search of the vehicle revealed approximately 258.25 grams of marijuana, a digital scale, \$506 USC in suspected drug proceeds, and a stolen Glock 30 handgun with extended magazine. The 17-year-old was charged with multiple felonies.



# Education/Community Outreach

- DelDot Highway Safety Summit
  - Distracted Driving 2024
  - HSU 2025
  - Speed Panel 2025
- Delaware Army National Guard 50<sup>th</sup> Annual State Safety Conference
- OHS Townhalls
- PSA's
  - Move Over
  - Aggressive Driving
  - Pedestrian
  - Motorcycle
- Teen Driving Task Force/Driver's Education

