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THE CHECKPOINT

PLEASE DISTRIBUTE TO YOUR RANKS

Message from the Chairman

Now that you have the fifth edition of *The Checkpoint* in your hands, I need to ask a favor.

The partnership between the Traffic Safety Committee and the Maryland Highway Safety office delivers training and information so that each of us can develop – and implement – plans to reduce fatal and serious-injury crashes. In fact, much of *The Checkpoint* is geared toward our patrol commanders, supervisors and officers.

So here's my ask: help me get this information into their hands. After reading each issue, please distribute it in such a way to reach specifically this core group. Taking just this one action will go a long way in helping us reach those who can make the most difference in saving lives on our roads.

We're in this together, and I appreciate your support!

Jerry Jones, Chairman
MCPA Traffic Safety Committee

APPLY FOR YOUR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2019 HIGHWAY SAFETY GRANT

Applications Due March 16

The Maryland Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Administration (MDOT MVA) Highway Safety Office (MHSO) is accepting grant applications for traffic safety projects that will take place between October 1, 2018, and September 30, 2019 (Federal Fiscal Year 2019). The application deadline is **March 16**.

State and local government agencies, law enforcement agencies, institutions of higher education, hospitals, associations and other nonprofit and not-for-profit groups are encouraged to develop projects that address the "four Es of highway safety" – education, enforcement, engineering and emergency medical services. The MHSO provides funding on a competitive basis to projects that are data driven and implement proven countermeasures for reducing motor vehicle crashes.

The MHSO is responsible for administering grant-funded programs that focus on preventing impaired, aggressive and distracted driving; protecting vehicle occupants; enhancing traffic-records systems, and ensuring the safety of pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorcyclists.

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Super Bowl HVE Efforts



Traffic enforcement efforts by Maryland state troopers during the Super Bowl weekend resulted in more than 3,900 traffic stops that led to 131 arrests, of which more than 60 were arrested for driving while impaired.

Maryland State Police patrol troopers began increased Super Bowl LII traffic enforcement efforts on February 2, 2018 that continued through February 4, 2018. During that period, troopers arrested 62 impaired drivers, arrested 38 for criminal offenses and arrested another 31 people who were found to be wanted on warrants.

The arrests occurred during 3,935 traffic stops made by troopers working traffic safety initiatives that included additional patrols, sobriety checkpoints, saturation patrols, and speed enforcement. Troopers issued 2,657 citations, 2,547 warnings and 542 safety equipment repair orders. Troopers at each of the 23 Maryland State Police barracks were involved in special enforcement operations during the Super Bowl weekend.



65 pounds of marijuana seized by MDTA Police during Super Bowl weekend HVE

As part of the Super Bowl weekend HVE efforts throughout the State, the Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) Police conducted a DUI Checkpoint at the Hatem Bridge on Friday, February 2nd. The MDTA also had two saturation patrols in Harford County and two in Cecil County. Officers made 54 stops with 29 citations and 44 warnings issued. There was one DUI arrest, two traffic arrests, and a handgun arrest. MDTA officers also had one felony CDS arrest, where 65 pounds of marijuana was recovered.

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Looking Ahead

- **March 2—11, 2018**
ADAPT Aggressive Driving HVE Wave 2
- **March 5—8, 2018**
LETEP (Baltimore Police Department Academy in Dundalk)
- **March 11—18, 2018**
Pedestrian/Bicyclist HVE
- **March 15—18, 2018**
Route 13 Border to Border Impaired Driving HVE: Maryland, Virginia, and Delaware
- **March 25—27, 2018**
Patrol Supervisors Conference (Grand Hotel in Ocean City)
- **April 2018**
Distracted Driving Awareness Month
- **April 24, 2018**
MHSO Highway Safety Summit (Maritime Institute in Baltimore)
- **June 3—8, 2018**
The DUI Institute (University of Maryland)
- **June 11, 2018**
MHSO Motorcycle Safety Summit (Maritime Institute in Baltimore)

SAVE THE DATE!

"Driving Toward Zero Deaths"

Hosted by:
Maryland Department of Transportation
Highway Safety Office
at the
Maritime Institute and Conference Center

SAVE THE DATE
Tuesday
April 24, 2018
Highway Safety Summit

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