



March 2018

Monthly Insights from the Maryland Chief's and Sheriff's Associations

THE CHECKPOINT

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Looking Ahead

- **April 2018**
Distracted Driving Awareness Month
- **April 24, 2018**
MHSO Highway Safety Summit
(Maritime Institute in Baltimore)
- **May 2018**
Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month
National Bicycle Safety Month
National Youth Traffic Safety Month
- **May 9, 2019**
Bike to School Day
- **May 15—June 4, 2018**
Click It or Ticket Mobilization
- **May 21, 2018**
Click It or Ticket Border-to-Border
- **June 3—8, 2018**
The DUI Institute for Law Enforcement
(University of Maryland)
- **June 11, 2018**
MHSO Motorcycle Safety Summit
(Maritime Institute in Baltimore)

Route 13 / Delmarva St. Patrick's Day Border-to-Border

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT), law enforcement and transportation officials from Maryland, Delaware, and Virginia kicked off a joint effort on March 15 to save lives on their roadways during the St. Patrick's Day weekend. **Law enforcement from 21 agencies across the three states teamed up for a Border-to-Border High Visibility Enforcement (HVE) effort on Route 13 and Route 113 throughout the Delmarva Peninsula.**

In 2016, 522 people were killed on Maryland's roads. Approximately one-third of Maryland's roadway deaths involve impaired driving. There were two DUI checkpoints in Maryland, two DUI checkpoints in Delaware, and one checkpoint in Virginia along the Route 13 corridor on St. Patrick's Day. Saturation patrols also ran throughout the Route 13 and Route 113 corridors with law enforcement on the lookout for impaired drivers.

In Maryland, two HVE checkpoints, led by the Wicomico County Sheriff's Office and Pocomoke Police Department, resulted in approximately 900 driver contacts leading to 24 DUI arrests, 19 other arrests, 167 speed citations, 25 seat belt citations, and citations to 25 drivers with suspended licenses. Two HVE checkpoints in Delaware resulted in 12 DUI arrests and 13 other arrests. Saturation patrols in Virginia led to 1 DUI arrest and 41 other arrests. *(continued on next page)*



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A big thank you to all of our law enforcement partners for their participation in this very successful Border-to-Border:

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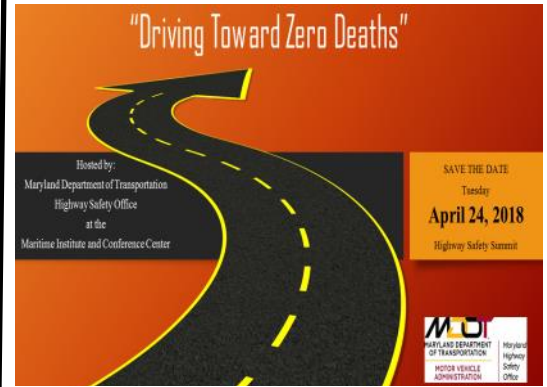
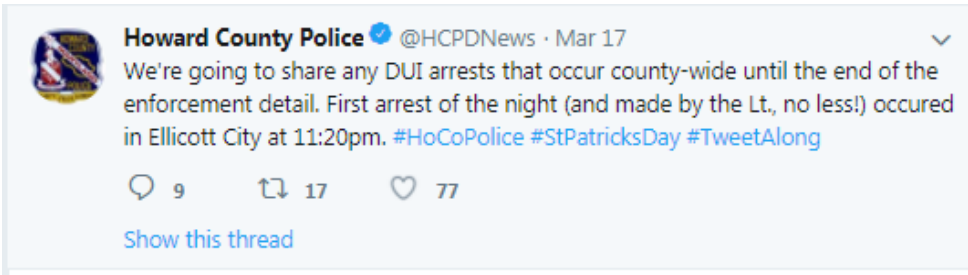
- Maryland State Police
- Wicomico County Sheriff
- Worcester County Sheriff
- Salisbury Police Department
- Salisbury University Police Department
- Princess Anne Police Department
- Fruitland Police Department
- Delmar Police Department
- Pocomoke Police Department



DUI Patrols Result in 13 Arrests in Howard County on St. Patrick’s Day

The Public Affairs Office of the Howard County Police initiated a “Tweetalong” during their St. Patrick’s Day detail, a combined effort of the department’s DUI Saturation and District Patrol Officers.

They made over 149 traffic stops resulting in 22 arrests (13 DUI arrests, 8 motor vehicle violation arrests and 1 criminal arrest). Each arrest was tweeted in real time.



April 24 MD Highway Safety Summit REGISTER TODAY

www.mdhighwaysafetysummit.org

Also, if your agency is interested in participating in the partner showcase and creating a table display to promote an exciting traffic safety initiative conducted by your agency,

contact the **Traffic Safety Committee**
Co-chairs:

- Colonel Jerry Jones** at wjones1@mdta.maryland.gov
- Kelly Melhem** at kmelhem@mdot.state.md.us

APRIL IS DISTRACTED DRIVING AWARENESS MONTH
“Phone in One Hand, Ticket in the Other”

Studies show that people are limited in the amount of information they can process at any one time. To accommodate the multiple demands that occur during driving, people are forced to shift their attention back and forth. It only takes a moment of diverted attention to miss important cues on the road. There are three main types of distracted driving:

- Visual — taking your eyes off the road
- Manual — taking your hands off the wheel
- Cognitive — taking your mind off the task of driving

It’s not just cell phone use. Traditional interruptions such as changing the music, eating, or settling arguments between children can be just as distracting, and just as deadly.

