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More than 80 Police Departments across Southeast Pennsylvania to Target Aggressive Drivers during Statewide Mobilization

King of Prussia, PA – The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) announced today that more than 80 municipal police departments from Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia counties will join the Pennsylvania State Police in a coordinated aggressive driving enforcement wave to help reduce the number of crashes, injuries, and fatalities on area roadways as part of a statewide mobilization that runs through April 28.

The enforcement wave will focus on distracted driving, speeding, and work zone awareness. Motorists exhibiting unsafe behaviors such as driving too fast for conditions, following too closely, or other aggressive actions will also be cited.

Law enforcement will use traffic enforcement zones, saturation patrols, speed enforcement details, corridor enforcement, work zone enforcement, and multi-jurisdictional patrol strategies to identify and cite aggressive drivers.

The enforcement is part of Pennsylvania's Highway Safety Program and is funded by part of PennDOT's investment of federal funds from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

If you encounter an aggressive driver, PennDOT offers these tips:

- Get out of their way and don't challenge them.
- Stay relaxed, avoid eye contact, and ignore rude gestures.
- Don't block the passing lane if you drive slower than most traffic.
- Do not attempt to follow or pursue the vehicle. You or a passenger may call the police. But, if you use a cell phone, pull over to a safe location.

Preliminary 2023 crash data shows there were 1,297 aggressive driving crashes, resulting in 39 fatalities and 99 suspected severe injuries in Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia counties. Aggressive driving crashes involve at least two aggressive driving factors in the same crash. Factors include, but are not limited to, running stop signs or red lights, tailgating, careless turning or passing, and driving too fast for conditions.

The goal of targeted enforcement is to reduce the number of aggressive driving-related crashes, injuries, and deaths on roadways throughout the state. Any aggressive driver stopped by police will receive a ticket.

To learn more about aggressive driving and other PennDOT safety initiatives, visit www.PennDOT.pa.gov/safety.

PennDOT's <u>media center</u> offers social-media-sized graphics highlighting topics such as seat belts, impaired driving, and distracted driving for organizations, community groups, or others who share safety information with their stakeholders.

Motorists can check conditions on more than 40,000 roadway miles by visiting www.511PA.com. 511PA, which is free and available 24 hours a day, provides traffic delay warnings, weather forecasts, traffic speed information, and access to more than 1,000 traffic cameras.

For a complete list of construction projects impacting state-owned highways in Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia counties, visit the <u>District 6 Traffic Bulletin</u>.

Information about infrastructure in District 6, including completed work and significant projects, is available at www.penndot.pa.gov/D6Results. Find PennDOT's planned and active construction projects at www.projects.penndot.gov.

Subscribe to PennDOT District 6 news and traffic alerts at www.penndot.pa.gov/District6.

Follow PennDOT on <u>Twitter</u> and like the department on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u>.

Editor's Note: The following police departments in Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia counties will participate in the current aggressive driving mobilization:

Bucks County:

Bedminster Township Bensalem Township

Bristol Borough

Bristol Township

Buckingham Township

Doylestown Township

Falls Township

Hilltown Township

Lower Southampton Township

Middletown Township

Morrisville Borough

New Britain Township

New Hope Borough

Newtown Borough

Newtown Township

Northampton Township

Penndel Borough

Plumstead Township

Quakertown Borough

Richland Township

Solebury Township

Tinicum Township

Upper Southampton Township

Warrington Township

Warwick Township

Chester County:

Downingtown Borough
East Coventry Township
East Pikeland Township
Easttown Township
North Coventry Township
Southern Chester County Region
Tredyffrin Township
Uwchlan Township
Valley Township
West Brandywine Township
West Chester Borough
West Goshen Township
Westtown-East Goshen Township
West Whiteland Township
Willistown Township

Delaware County:

Alden Borough Aston Township Chester City Chester Township Eddystone Borough Glenolden Borough Haverford Township Lansdowne Borough Marple Township **Newtown Township** Radnor Township Ridley Township Sharon Hill Borough Springfield Township Upland Borough Upper Darby Township Upper Providence Township Yeadon Borough

Montgomery County:

Abington Township
Bridgeport Borough
Cheltenham Township
Collegeville Borough
Conshohocken Borough
Douglas Township
East Norriton Township
Franconia Township
Hatfield Township
Jenkintown Borough
Limerick Township

Lower Merion Township Lower Moreland Township Lower Pottsgrove Township Lower Providence Township Lower Salford Township Marlborough Township Montgomery Township New Hanover Township Norristown Borough Plymouth Township Pottstown Borough Springfield Township Towamencin Township Upper Dublin Township Upper Gwynedd Township **Upper Merion Township** Upper Moreland Township **Upper Pottsgrove Township** Upper Providence Township West Norriton Township Whitpain Township

Philadelphia County:

City of Philadelphia