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

# THE CHECKPOINT

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## Looking Ahead

- **June 26—July 8**

Checkpoint Strikeforce

- **July 20—July 29**

Aggressive Drivers are Public Threats (ADAPT) Wave 4

- **July 31**

National Heatstroke Prevention Day

- **August 17—September 3**

Checkpoint Strikeforce

US 50 Bay to Beach Border to Border High Visibility Enforcement (August 17-19)

## 2018 DUI Institute Graduation

On Friday, June 8, 29 officers from 18 law enforcement agencies across Maryland graduated from a rigorous 40-hour program that develops leaders in the enforcement of alcohol-impaired driving laws. The DUI Institute was developed by the Maryland Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Administration's Highway Safety Office (MHSO), the University of Maryland (UMD) Department of Behavioral and Community Health, police officers, and national experts.

From June 3 to 8, DUI Institute participants – including Maryland State Police troopers, Maryland Transportation Authority Police officers, and local police



officers and sheriff's deputies – learned the latest information on the effectiveness of impaired driving countermeasures, including ignition interlocks, DUI courts and sobriety checkpoints; police traffic management; the physiology of

alcohol and its abuse/addiction; and courtroom testimony. In addition, officers received advanced training in conducting Standardized Field Sobriety Testing and practiced these techniques with volunteers.

“Graduates of the DUI Institute are more effective in making impaired driving arrests that will lead to a conviction,” said Dr. Kenneth Beck, who facilitates the training for the UMD Institute of Advanced Law Enforcement Studies.

The award-winning DUI Institute is sponsored by the MHSO and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. More than 400 officers have graduated from the program since its inception.



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## A New TSS Program Hits the Streets

After a decade of administering the Traffic Safety Specialist Program (TSS), the MHSO has updated and streamlined TSS.

The TSS program recognizes law enforcement officers for their experience, education, training and proficiency in highway safety and traffic enforcement methods and procedures, and encourages ongoing professional development in these areas.

The key feature of the program, the Traffic Safety Specialist Designation, is a statewide, uniform and consistent recognition of police officers who have attained notable levels of experience, education, training and proficiency. The program is open to all certified police officers, deputy sheriffs, and State troopers from Maryland law enforcement agencies and Federal law enforcement agencies that have jurisdiction in Maryland.

The TSS Program is a collaborative effort of the MHSO, MCPA, and MSA.

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Be recognized for your experience, education, and training in highway safety!

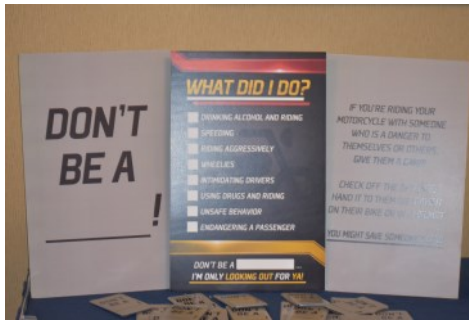


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## Motorcycle Safety Summit

The Maryland Highway Safety Office held its first Motorcycle Safety Summit in more than 10 years on Monday, June 11. Seventy-two people from the four Es of highway safety (Education, Enforcement, EMS, and Engineering) as well as motorcycle riders and advocates attended the interactive conference. Attendees learned about the current state of highway safety in Maryland, particularly as it relates to motorcycle safety. Presentations included:

- The numbers behind motorcycle safety from Cameron Rainey, Motorcycle Research Group at the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute;
- The Rise of Female Motorcyclists from Felicia Verrett, Throttle Basics (pictured below);
- Modified Law Enforcement Motorcycle Training for Civilians by Rick Sullivan of ProRider;
- Motorcycle Training Opportunities from Phil Sause, MDOT Motor Vehicle Administration's Safety Programs;
- And Motorcycle Crash Dynamics from Lieutenant Edward Schreier, Worcester County Sheriff's Office.



## MDTA Police and Secure Your Load HVE

**UNSECURED LOADS HAVE CAUSED:**  
**51,000 INCIDENTS**  
**10,000 INJURIES**  
**440 DEATHS**

**SECURE YOUR LOAD**

**\$90 FINE FOR UNSECURED LOADS**

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On June 6, the Maryland Transportation Authority Police participated in a nation-wide "Secure Your Load" campaign through grant funding from the MHSO.

Educational efforts included digital and social media and printed materials. The 2018 HVE led to the following enforcement actions:

**Unsecured Loads: 24**  
**Citations: 26**  
**Warnings: 40**  
**SEROs: 18**  
**Traffic Stops: 19**  
**Load Securement CMV Inspections: 71**  
**Out of Service Drivers: 3**  
**Out of Service Vehicles: 22**

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