STATE POLICE

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Aggressive Driving

The Problem

- Most densely populated state
- Over 75 billion vehicle miles travels / year
- 320, 000 crashes per year
- 700+ fatalities per year **
- 80,000+ Injuries per year

The Issue Aggressive Driving

What is considered Aggressive Driving?

- Unsafe Speed
- Improper Lane Change
- Improper Passing
- Following Too Closely
- Failing to Yield Right of Way
- Failing to Obey Traffic Control Device

The Solution?

- Enforcement
- Education

ENFORCEMENT

- NJSP and NJDOT form a Partnership March '05
 - "State Police Enhanced Enforcement Program"
- Roads / Areas of concern identified
 - 10 "Target Areas
 - I-78 (3), I-80 (2), I-195, I-280, I-287 (2), I-295 (2)
 - 92 Miles of Interstate
 - Encompasses 9 State Police Stations, 3 Troops
- Approximately 2000 Details per year
- 16 Fully Equipped Unmarked Dodge Chargers

Funding

- \$400,000 from implementation of .08 BAC
- 2 Million in Federal Safety monies
- Request 2 Million for 2 year period

Results: '05 –'08 (Approximates)

- 55,600 Motor Vehicle stops
- 55, 600 Summonses
 - 15,000 Driver Inattention
 - 3,800 Following too Close
 - 3, 588 Unsafe Speed
- Overall Crashes increased by 6.9%
- Injury Crashes Decreased by 23.5%
- Fatal Crashes Decreased by 20%
 - '06 = 774, '07 = 730, '08 = **590**
- Vehicle Miles Traveled INCREASED by 18%

NJ Turnpike Tailgating Initiative

- Approximately 30% of Crashes attributed to F.T.C
- Use of laser to determine Distance Between Vehicles
 - Speed of one vehicle
 - Speed of second vehicle
 - Mathematical Equation
- PSA's, Palmcards, Press Releases
- Oct 17th Oct 31st
- Info: Lt. Tom Bernhardson, Troop D Traffic Officer, (609) 860-9000 Ext.4205

Education ('08-'09)

- PSA's, Plamcards, Billboards, Variable Message Boards, etc
- Emphasis on Young Drivers Change Culture
- NJ Drive Program
 - 62 presentations reaching over 13,000 high school students
- Graduated Drivers License
 - 10 presentations reaching over 1000 students
- DWI
 - 35 presentations reaching over 5500 people
- Alive @ 25 (partnership w NJ Safety Council)
 - 20 programs reaching over 1700 students

The New Jersey State Police commits itself to our partners in an effort to reduce the number of crashes, injuries and deaths attributed to aggressive driving behaviors