

STATE OF DELAWARE



**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
DOVER**

EXECUTIVE ORDER
NUMBER Fifty Seven

TO: HEADS OF ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

RE: GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON HIGHWAY SAFETY

WHEREAS, by Executive Order Number Six, dated May 21, 1985, I established the Governor's Task Force on Highway Safety with certain responsibilities and duties; and that same Executive Order provided for the Task Force's termination on February 1, 1988; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Task Force on Highway Safety was successful in stimulation and encouraging public awareness and public education concerning DUI (Driving Under the Influence), seat belt usage, and other highway safety-related legislation. The Task Force played an important role in the preparation, monitoring and review of proposed legislation; in promoting coordination of efforts among public safety agencies and groups; in stimulation discussion of emerging safety

issues and providing a legitimate forum for concerned groups and citizens to articulate their concerns and to attempt to influence public policy; and

WHEREAS, during the calendar year 1986, fifty-eight percent of highway fatalities in Delaware were shown to be alcohol related. For the period from January 1, 1987 to December 31, 1987, that figure decreased to fifty-six percent.

WHEREAS, the Governor's Task Force on Highway Safety expressed the opinion that the public would greatly benefit from the continuation of the Task Force and the active involvement of member legislators and public members; and

WHEREAS, the work performed by the Governor's Task Force on Highway Safety should be continued on an ongoing basis with well defined goals, functions, and priorities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL N. CASTLE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Delaware, do hereby declare and order as follows:

1. The Governor's Task Force on Highway Safety is hereby reestablished and is reauthorized to continue to fulfill its mandate.
2. The Task Force shall consist of the following members:
 - A. Two members of the House of Representatives of the Delaware General Assembly, one representing each political party, who shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House;

- B. Two members of the Senate of the Delaware General Assembly, one representing each political party, who shall be appointed by the President Pro-Tempore of the Senate:
- C. The Chief Justice;
- D. The Secretary of Public Safety
- E. The Director of the Office of Highway Safety;
- F. One representative from each of the following State agencies or council, who may be the Director, Chairperson or the Chief Executive Officer of the agency or someone designated by him/her:

- 1) The Delaware State Police;
- 2) The Division of Motor Vehicles;
- 3) The Department of Justice;
- 4) The Office of the Public Defender;
- 5) The Delaware Criminal Justice Planning Commission;
- 6) Division of Alcoholism, Drug Abuse and Mental Health;
- 7) The Department of Corrections;
- 8) The Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission;
- 9) The Superior Court;
- 10) The Court of Common Pleas;
- 11) The Justice of the Peace Courts;

- 12) The Municipal Court;
- 13) The Family Court
- 14) The Department of Public
Instruction;
- 15) Delaware Safety Council;
- 16) The Department of Transportation.

G. One representative from each of the following police agencies:

- 1) New Castle County Police;
- 2) Wilmington Police;
- 3) Newark Police;
- 4) Dover Police;
- 5) Chairperson, Sussex Police Chief's
Council
- 6) Delaware Council of Police Chiefs.

H. Six members of the general public, to be appointed by the Governor. There shall be at least one public member from each county of the State.

3. The Secretary of Public Safety shall serve as Chairperson of the Task Force.
4. Members appointed by the Governor shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Terms of members who serve by virtue of the office they hold shall be concurrent with service in such office.

Terms of members who are designated by the Director or Chief Executive Officers or an agency or by an organization shall serve at the pleasure of the designating office or organization.

5. The entire Task Force shall meet at least four (4) times a year and at such other times as the Chairperson may deem necessary. Fifteen members shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business.
6. There shall be an Executive Committee of the Task Force which shall consist of the Secretary of Public Safety, the four legislative members, the Chief Justice, the Director of the Office of Highway Safety, and two public members, as designated by the Chairperson, who is authorized to supervise and direct the work of the Task Force and receive committee reports and recommendations. The Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the Chairperson.
7. In addition to the Executive Committee, the Chairperson shall designate membership in committees which are deemed necessary for the efficient conduct of business.
8. The duties of the Task Force shall include but are not limited to the following:

- A. Statistically analyze traffic accidents that occur in Delaware (both fatal and nonfatal) in order to determine the contributing factors and causes of the accidents, and the extent of personal injury and damage to property.
- B. Serve as an information contact to better establish coordinated efforts among public safety interest groups and/or agencies; i.e., Department of Public Instruction, Delaware State Police, Office of Highway Safety, Higher Education, Delaware Safety Council, Mothers Against Drunk Drivers, and Students Against Drunk Drivers.
- C. Monitor the statutes that are directly and indirectly concerned with highway safety.
- D. Recommend and assist in implementing changes in administrative procedures to improve the application of Delaware's motor vehicle laws, especially as they related to DUI cases.
- E. Prepare an Annual Report for submission to the Governor on the Task Force's accomplishments, problems, and future plans.

- F. Recommend to the legislature changes in legislation dealing with traffic and highway safety, together with any available supporting data on need, effect or financial impact.
- G. Stimulate and encourage the development of public awareness and education programs concerning highway safety.
9. The Task Force on Highway Safety shall have the authority to examine records and documents of state agencies, except to the extent that disclosure of such information may be prohibited by State law.
10. The Task Force on Highway Safety shall be terminated as of February 1, 1991, unless earlier terminated by Executive Order.

APPROVED this 27th day of

May, 1988



Michael N. Castle

Governor

ATTEST

[Signature]

Secretary of State