<u>NEWS RELEASE</u>

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Driving Under the Influence Checkpoint

Members of the North Penn DUI Task Force conducted a Driving Under the Influence (D.U.I.) Checkpoint in the 600 block of Harleysville Pike in Franconia Township on Saturday, June 28, 2008 from 11:00 p.m. until 3:00 a.m.

Police officers from Franconia Township, Upper Gwynedd Township, Lansdale Borough, Souderton Borough, and Hatfield Township stopped vehicles during that period to provide information on the Click it or Ticket Seat Belt Campaign and to raise awareness of the consequences of driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol.

The following activities took place during the evening:

- Nine drivers were arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances
- One driver was cited for disorderly conduct
- Five other drivers were not permitted to drive from the checkpoint because officers detected alcohol in their system.

The North Penn DUI Task Force is comprised of police departments from the Indian Valley and North Penn regions. The Telford Volunteer Fire Company and the Souderton Community Ambulance Association assisted police at the checkpoint.

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<u>Media Note</u>: Information on the names and addresses of the nine persons that were arrested will be sent in a separate news release once the criminal complaints are filed.