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Josh Ottenberg
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Dear Sir,

Chief John Coffey has instructed me to contact your office and ask you to review our plan for sobriety checkpoints in March, August, and November of this year. Enclosed find a proposal forwarded to Captain Connor for his input in the process.

This department plans on establishing three checkpoints for the year 2011. The dates for the checkpoints are March 18th, August 26th, and November 23rd. All checkpoints will begin with a mandatory roll call at 2230 hours and end at approximately 3:00AM the following morning.

Similar requests have been made in previous years and were reviewed by your self. If I may be of any further assistance or answer any questions regarding this intended operation, I may be reached at 856-488-0080 Ext. 2301.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sgt. Chris Sulzbach". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Sgt. Chris Sulzbach
Traffic Division

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February 28, 2011

To: CAPTAIN CONNOR
From: SGT. CHRIS SULZBACH
Subject: SOBRIETY CHECKPOINT PROPOSAL, 2011

Sir:

As in previous years, the Traffic Division submits that the department should consider the use of sobriety checkpoints during the year. The use of such checkpoints is constitutional when properly applied and is well grounded in case law, both federal and state. Contained herein is analysis of the township wide DWI problem and documentation that I believe supports the use of checkpoints on our highways.

The department has used checkpoints on previous occasions, and deploys roving patrols each weekend of the year. On at least 19 prior occasions, this department has established checkpoints in different locations in the township. In these prior years, charges of 39:4-50 were filed vs. over 200 motorists.

In a larger sense, just over 1 in 5 drunk drivers arrested in Pennsauken is as a result of, or involved in a crash. Annually, about 3% of all reported crashes in the township involve a drunk driver:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>TOTAL COLLISIONS</u>	<u>TOTAL INJURIES</u>
2000	1988	524
2001	1946	516
2002	1996	424
2003	2052	429
2004	1871	326
2005	2067	411
2006	1905	500
2007	1954	445
2008	1775	388
2009	1715	393
2011	1886	389

Percentage of Drunk Drivers Involved in Collisions

<u>TOTAL YEAR</u>	<u>DWI</u>	<u>CRASHES</u>	<u>APPROX. % OF DWI'S INVOLVED IN COLLISIONS</u>
2000	353	61	16%
2001	412	84	20%
2002	322	58	18%
2003	307	52	17%
2004	300	71	23%
2005	312	80	26%
2006	349	84	21%
2007	394	86	19%
2008	362	78	21%
2009	342	61	18%
2010	317	61	19%

Saturday and Sunday mornings from midnight to 4 AM are the days of the week and the times that are most likely to produce drunk driving arrests. However, the Wednesday prior to, and the morning of Thanksgiving, and the weekend of St. Patrick's Day have been shown to produce a relatively large number of arrests. I would suggest establishing checkpoints on weekend mornings as well as the Wednesday prior to Thanksgiving.

Turning to the location of the checkpoint(s), officers have conducted one-hour counts at three locations in the township for your review. Counts were taken at the approximate times the checkpoint will be held. Locations examined include three major roadways in different areas of the township. Among the factors considered were officer safety, safety of motorists, and traffic volume.

<u>Roadway</u>	<u>Traffic Count (Veh. /hr.)</u>
SH 130 at Cove Road	687
Haddonfield Road (2900 Blk)	413
SH 130 at Marlton Pike	740

SH 130 at Cove Rd is a site that has been used in prior years. This site is very near the geographic center of Pennsauken. About 40% of all DWI arrests occur on, or at an intersection with Rt 130. The roadway itself runs due north/south and basically dissects the town, connecting several towns, bridges, and counties. The entire township falls within about a three-mile radius of this location. This location has produced numerous DWI arrests in the past.

Haddonfield Road is a well traveled roadway. In logistical terms, the section of roadway is fairly straight with few view obstructions. There is a parking lot that would provide for assessment of suspects and the area is well lit.

SH 130 at Marlton Pike is a heavily traveled road. The northbound side of Rt 130 offers approximately 2000 feet of unobstructed visibility from the intersection of Rt 38/70 westbound to Rt 130 and Marlton Pike. There are several lots that would serve our purposes for assessing drivers.

The above locations represent suitable logistics to establish and maintain a checkpoint and include fairly well traveled roads, off road areas to investigate, exposure of our efforts and motorists and officer safety. Each of these areas is routinely patrolled by roving DWI patrols and has produced DWI arrests over the past year. Each location is suitable for a checkpoint and allow for the quick and safe deployment of and removal of the checkpoint. Should this proposal be accepted, I will prepare the necessary traffic control plan for the site chosen, inclusive of tapers and warning devices. Signage will be used on location to advise of our mission. Marked police units will be used and uniformed officers will wear reflective material vests to increase visibility.

The detail should be comprised of the ten member traffic division, under my command, and should be supplemented by patrol officers. A total of 12-14 officers will be needed. A plan concerning the deployment and removal of the checkpoint, neutral and courteous procedures of the involved personnel, arrests, and the processing of arrests is included and will be disseminated to officers in roll call at approximately 2230 hours on the date of the checkpoint.

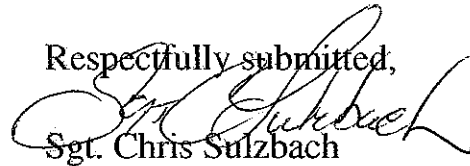
The pre-determined procedure will be to briefly detain each vehicle approaching the checkpoint and further detain those who show indicia of DWI. This plan will not be deviated from without my approval. In past years the average delay has usually been less than 2 minutes and those waiting have been largely supportive of our efforts.

In the event of an unanticipated period where the traffic backs up longer then projected, we will allow a determined number of vehicles to proceed through the checkpoint without stopping. This will ensure the safety of both the officers and the motorists.

Each officer who participates in the operation will be required to submit a report as to their duties during the checkpoint. An after action report of the conduct and the results of the detail will be forwarded to your office and the Camden County Prosecutors Office.

At your convenience, please review this proposal. On your order, I will provide a copy of this memo to the Office of the Camden County Prosecutor for review at least 72 hours prior to implementation of the plan

Respectfully submitted,



Sgt. Chris Sulzbach
Traffic Division

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November 23, 2011

Chief John Coffee
Pennsauken Police Department
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RE: DWI Checkpoint Plan for November 23, 2011

Dear Chief Coffee,

I have reviewed Sgt. Christopher Sulzbach's DWI Checkpoint Plan for the above date in 2011. It contains sufficient statistical and technical detail to provide a basis and justification for their locations and times. I believe that the plan meets the constitutional requirements justifying the limited intrusion on people's privacy that a checkpoint creates.

If you have any questions, please contact me directly.

Very truly yours,

Joshua M. Ottenberg
Deputy First Assistant Prosecutor



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PRESS RELEASE

On the evening of November 23rd, and into the morning of the 24th the Pennsauken Police Department will be conducting a sobriety checkpoint to combat the problem of driving while intoxicated. For more information contact Sgt. Chris Sulzbach at 856-488-0080 ext 2301



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12/12/2011

To: Capt. Connor
From: Sgt. Sulzbach, Traffic Division
Subject: Sobriety Checkpoint 11/23-11/24/2011

Sir:

In reference to the above listed checkpoint, I submit the following for your review. On 11/23/2011, at approximately 2230hrs, all officers assigned to the detail reported to Roll Call for instruction and assignments. Among those things discussed at that time were specific duties of each officer along with their professional and courteous conduct with respect to citizen contacts. It was determined that we would briefly intervene in the travel of each vehicle along Rt 130 at Marlton Pike in the north bound direction.

The checkpoint was established at approximately 2300hrs following a traffic control plan which reduced 3 lanes to 1 lane. During the operation four officers were sufficient in stopping vehicles on the roadway. The delay to motorists didn't exceed 3 minutes and the vehicles waiting didn't exceed 300 feet or so.

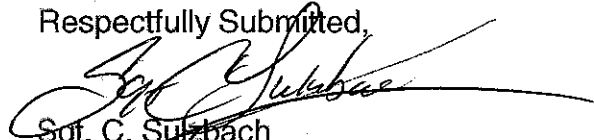
The officers were instructed to briefly speak to the motorists and determine whether or not there was any indication of alcohol consumption or intoxication, which would warrant further investigation. In the event that some indicia of intoxication was observed, the motorists were directed to enter a parking lot for further investigation.

The detail was concluded at approximately 0300hrs on 11/24. The weather for this detail was clear. In addition to the reflective channeling devices and flares placed on the roadway, a sign was located within each taper advising the public of our mission and all officers were in uniform and used marked vehicles with overhead emergency lighting.

In the course of the check point 954 vehicles were temporarily detained, 10 arrests were made for DWI.

The public was generally supportive of our efforts. Each officer participating in the checkpoint has submitted a memorandum regarding their participation, which is on file in the Traffic Division.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sgt. C. Sulzbach
Traffic Division