



PENNSAUKEN TOWNSHIP
POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Traffic Safety Unit

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July 27, 2012

Josh Ottenberg
Camden County Prosecutor's Office
Camden, New Jersey

Dear Sir,

Chief John Coffey has instructed me to contact your office and ask you to review our plan for sobriety checkpoints in 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 two checkpoints for the year 2012. The dates for the checkpoints are August 24th and November 21st. 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. Sulzbach", written in a cursive style.

Sgt. Chris Sulzbach
Traffic Division

Department of Public Safety
Bureau of Police
2400 Bethel Avenue
Pennsauken, New Jersey 08110

July 27, 2012

To: CAPTAIN CONNOR
From: SGT. CHRIS SULZBACH
Subject: SOBRIETY CHECKPOINT PROPOSAL, 2012

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 21 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 225 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
2010	1886	389
2011	1941	455

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%
2011	372	62	17%

Saturday and Sunday mornings, during any month 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	720
Haddonfield Road (2900 Blk)	419
SH 130 at Marlton Pike	731

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 nine 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.

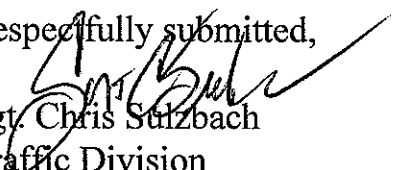
The pre-determined procedure will be to briefly detain each vehicle approaching the checkpoint and further detain those who show indicia of DWI. This plan will not be deviated from without my approval. In past years the average delay has usually been less than 2 minutes and those waiting have been largely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



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August 6, 2012

Sergeant Chris Sulzbach
Traffic Safety Unit
Pennsauken Township Police Department
2400 Bethel Avenue
Pennsauken, NJ 08109

RE: PROPOSED DWI CHECKPOINT FOR FRIDAY, AUGUST 24, 2012 AT 10:30 P.M. THROUGH SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 2012 AT 3:00 A.M. AND WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2012 STARTING AT 10:30 P.M. THROUGH THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2012 AT 3:00 A.M.

Dear Sergeant Sulzbach:

Our office has reviewed the above-mentioned proposal for a DWI checkpoint. Because it complies with the Attorney General's guidelines, we approve your proposal. If you have any questions, please contact me at 225-8569.

Very truly yours,


MICHELE G. MORGERA
ASSISTANT PROSECUTOR

MGM:

*** FAX MULTI TX REPORT ***

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November 16, 2012

PRESS RELEASE

On the evening of November 21st, and into the morning of the 22nd the Pennsauken Police Department will be conducting a sobriety checkpoint to combat the problem of driving while intoxicated.

Sgt. C. Sulzbach
Pennsauken Police
Traffic Division

MEMORANDUM

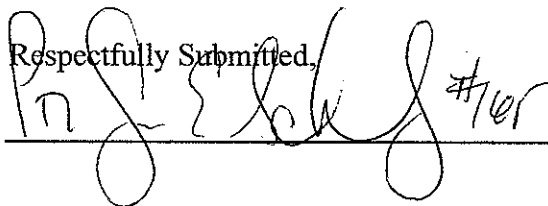
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2400 Bethel Avenue
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November 23, 2012

To: Sgt.Sulzbach
From: Ptl.Schenberger # 165
Subject: D.W.I. Checkpoint

On November 22, 2012 I was assigned to work the D.W.I. checkpoint Route 130 North and Marlton Pike. I attended roll call and I received my assignment for this detail. My primary responsibility was to transport subjects that were under arrest for D.W.I. from the assessment area to police headquarters. I went to State Highway Route 130 and did assist with deployment of traffic cones. After the traffic was properly channeled I assumed my post at the assessment area.

Respectfully Submitted,


Ptl. Schenberger #165

MEMORANDUM

Department of Public Safety
Bureau of Police
2400 Bethel Avenue
Pennsauken, New Jersey 08109

November 23, 2012

To: Sgt. Christopher Sulzbach

From: Detective James Sanders #126

Subject: D. W. I. check point

Sir,

On November 22nd, 2012 I was assigned to the D.W.I. checkpoint at State Highway 130 North and Marlton Pike. At 22:30 I attended roll call and training where I received my assignment. The training portion was conducted by yourself and you explained the importance of communication with the motorist and advising them why the checkpoint was being conducted.

My primary assignment was to greet motorists upon the roadway and to check for signs of impairment. I was also to assist in the set up of cones and barrels on the roadway and take a total count of vehicles entering the checkpoint.

I went to State Highway 130 and did assist with the deployment of cones. After the traffic was properly channeled I assumed my post on the roadway of State Highway 130 north. During the operation I spoke with each driver that was assigned to me and advised why they were being stopped. This brief interaction took no more than 10-15 seconds and the overall consensus of drivers was that the checkpoint was needed for safety. Most drivers thanked me for the service the police department was doing.

At the end of the checkpoint at 02:56 on November 23rd I assisted in removing all of the cones and barrels from the roadway. The total count for vehicles entering the checkpoint was 991 vehicles.

Respectfully Submitted,

Detective James Sanders #126

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November 24, 2012

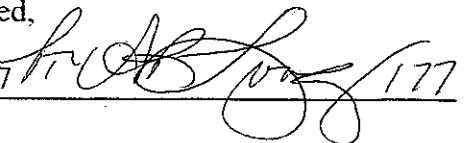
To: Sgt. Sulzbach
From: Ptl. Aerika Long #177
Subject: Sobriety Checkpoint

Sir,

On November 21, 2012, I was assigned to the DWI Sobriety Checkpoint. I reported to roll call on that date at 2230 hours where I received my assignment and instructions for the checkpoint. After roll call I responded to Route 130 and Marlton Pike and assisted with deploying traffic control devices for the checkpoint. My primary assignment was to speak to drivers that had been stopped in the greeting area. After determining whether or not the drivers had been drinking, I directed the drivers into the assessment area. I specifically looked for physical signs such as bloodshot watery eyes, slow and slurred speech, and the odor of an alcoholic beverage on their breath. During the course of the operation, I directed several drivers into the assessment area. At the conclusion of the checkpoint, I assisted in the removal of the traffic control devices from the roadway. That concludes my involvement in this assignment.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ptl. Aerika Long #177



MEMORANDUM

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November 24, 2012

To: Sgt. Sulzbach

From: Det. Paul McCausland #140

Subject: Sobriety Checkpoint

Sir:

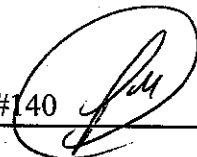
On November 21, 2012 I was assigned to the DWI Sobriety Checkpoint. I reported to roll call at 2230 hours where I received my assignment. After roll call I proceeded to Rt. 130 north and Marlton Pike and assisted with deploying traffic control devices for the checkpoint.

I was assigned as a greeter in the checkpoint. My duties were to greet motorists as they stopped in the checkpoint and determining whether or not the operators had been drinking. I specifically looked for physical indicators such as slow or slurred speech, bloodshot eyes and the odor of an alcoholic beverage on their breath. During the course of this operation I directed several operators into the assessment area for further investigation.

At the conclusion of the operation I assisted with the removal of the traffic control devices from the roadway. That concludes my involvement in the assignment.

Respectfully Submitted,

Det. Paul McCausland #140



MEMORANDUM

Department of Public Safety

Bureau of Police

2400 Bethel Avenue

Pennsauken, New Jersey 08109

November 26, 2012

To: Sgt. Sulzbach

From: Det. Philip Olivo #167

Subject: Sobriety Checkpoint

Sir,

On 11/21/12 - 11/22/12 I was assigned to work the DWI Sobriety Checkpoint at Route 130 / Marlton Pike. I attended roll call at 2230 hours where we were briefed on our assignments and directions for the checkpoint. At the conclusion of roll call I traveled to Route 130 / Marlton Pike to assist with putting barriers and cones in place. Once the operation began, my primary responsibility was greeter. I greeted drivers who entered the checkpoint and checked for signs of impairment. The primary indicators were the odor of alcoholic beverage on their breath, blood shot watery eyes and slow or slurred speech. When I detected these indicators I instructed the driver to pull in to the assessment area. At the conclusion of the operation I assisted with the removal of the traffic cones and barriers. This concludes my participation in this assignment.

Respectfully Submitted


Det. Philip Olivo #167

**Department of Public Safety
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Pennsauken, New Jersey 08109**

November 21, 2012

To: Sgt. Chris Sulzbach

From: Lt. Marco Anthony

Subject: DWI Checkpoint

On Wednesday November 21, 2012, I attended roll call at 2230 hrs for the DWI checkpoint. I was assigned to the booking area where I took care of logging in all arrests and processing of the booking paperwork during this checkpoint.


Lt. Marco Anthony

Department of Public Safety
2400 Bethel Avenue
Pennsauken, New Jersey 08109

November 21, 2012

To: Sgt. Sulzbach

From: Ptl. R. Kern #181- Traffic Division

Subject: Sobriety Checkpoint

Sir,

On November 21, 2012 I was assigned to the DWI Sobriety Checkpoint. I reported to roll call at 2230 hours where I received my assignment and directions for the checkpoint. I then went to Route 130 and Marlton Pike to assist with putting barriers and cones in place. Once the operation began my primary responsibility was to evaluate drivers that had been sent into the assessment area. I specifically looked for such physical indicators as bloodshot watery eyes, slow and slurred speech, and the odor of an alcoholic beverage on their breath. During the course of the operation, I conducted Standardized Field Sobriety tests on several drivers. At the conclusion of the assignment, I assisted with removing the traffic cones and barrels from the roadway that were used for the taper. This concludes my participation in this assignment.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ptl. R. Kern #181

MEMORANDUM

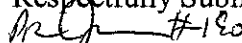
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November 21, 2012

To: Sgt. Sulzbach
From: Ptl. J. Kuchmek #190
Subject: DWI Checkpoint

Sir,

On November 21st, 2012 I was assigned to work the DWI checkpoint detail at the intersection of Route 130 and Marlton Pike. At 2230 hours I responded to roll call where I was given my assignment. I was assigned to collect breath samples from individuals that were placed under arrest for the suspicion of DWI. Samples of their breath were collected by using the Alcotest Instrument 7110 MKIII-C. These samples were collected in the booking area of the Pennsauken Police Station. While inside the booking area, I assisted by processing individuals that were placed under arrest for the suspicion of DWI. I also issued appropriate citations to drivers that were arrested for DWI.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ptl. J. Kuchmek #190

MEMORANDUM

Department of Public Safety
Bureau of Police
2400 Bethel Avenue
Pennsauken, New Jersey 08109

November 22, 2012

To: Sgt Sulzbach
From: Ptl Goschler #148
Subject: DWI Checkpoint

On 11-22-12 I was assigned to the DWI checkpoint at Rt 130S and Marlton Pk. My primary responsibility was to maintain the traffic taper and monitor the flow of traffic.

I did assist with the set up and break down of the traffic taper and barricades. That ends my involvement in the checkpoint.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ptl Goschler #148

P. Goschler #148

MEMORANDUM

Department of Public Safety

Bureau of Police

2400 Bethel Avenue

Pennsauken, New Jersey 08109

November 23, 2012

To: Sgt. Sulzbach

From: Ptl. Nurthen

Subject: D.W.I. Checkpoint

On 11/21/12 at 2230 hours I was assigned the role of Alcotest operator during a D.W.I. checkpoint. My duties concluded on 11/22/12 at 0330 hours.

During those times I processed one intoxicated driver and assisted with the necessary paperwork and booking procedures with four others.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ptl. Nurthen, #184



MEMORANDUM

Department of Public Safety

Bureau of Police

2400 Bethel Avenue

Pennsauken, New Jersey 08109

November 22, 2012

To: Sgt. Sulzbach

From: Ptl. Steven R. Reese #137

Subject: DWI Checkpoint

Sergeant,

On Wednesday November 22nd, 2012 I was assigned to the DWI checkpoint located at Rt. 130 and Marlton Pike. I reported to roll call at 2230 hours where I received my assignments for the checkpoint. I then responded to Rt. 130 and Marlton Pike where I assisted in placing barriers and cones in place for traffic control. My primary responsibility was to evaluate drivers that were directed to the assessment area by the greeters on the roadway. I conducted field sobriety tests on several drivers. At the conclusion of the assignment I assisted with the removal of the barrels and cones that were used for the taper.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ptl. Steven R. Reese

Ptl. Steven R. Reese #137

Department of Public Safety
2400 Bethel Avenue
Pennsauken, New Jersey 08109

11-22-12

To: Sgt. Sulzbach, Traffic Division

From: Ptl. G. Henkel #149, Traffic Division

Subject: Sobriety Checkpoint

Sir,

On 11-21 to 11-22, 2012 I was assigned to the DWI Sobriety Checkpoint. I reported to roll call at 2230 hours where I received my assignment and directions for the checkpoint. I then went to Rt. 130 north and Marlton Pike to assist with putting barriers and cones in place. Once the operation began, my primary responsibility was to speak to drivers that had been sent into the "assessment area". I specifically looked for such physical indicators as bloodshot watery eyes, slow and slurred speech, and the odor of an alcoholic beverage on their breath. During the course of the operation, I spoke to several drivers and had some perform field sobriety tests. At the conclusion of the assignment, I assisted with removing the traffic cones and barrels from the roadway that were used for the taper. This concludes my participation in this assignment.

Respectfully Submitted, #

Ptl. G. Henkel #149

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Department of Public Safety
2400 Bethel Avenue
Pennsauken, New Jersey 08109

11-22-12

To: Sgt. Sulzbach, Traffic Division

From: Ptl. P. Fabiani #187, Traffic Division

Subject: Sobriety Checkpoint

Sir,

On 11-21 to 11-22, 2012 I was assigned to the DWI Sobriety Checkpoint. I reported to roll call at 2230 hours where I received my assignment and directions for the checkpoint. I then went to Rt. 130 north and Marlton Pike to assist with putting barriers and cones in place. Once the operation began, my primary responsibility was to speak to drivers that had been sent into the "assessment area". I specifically looked for such physical indicators as bloodshot watery eyes, slow and slurred speech, and the odor of an alcoholic beverage on their breath. During the course of the operation, I spoke to several drivers and had some perform field sobriety tests. At the conclusion of the assignment, I assisted with removing the traffic cones and barrels from the roadway that were used for the taper. This concludes my participation in this assignment.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ptl. P. Fabiani #187

Department of Public Safety
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Pennsauken, New Jersey 08110

November 27, 2012

To: Capt. Connor
From: Sgt. Sulzbach, Traffic Division
Subject: Sobriety Checkpoint 11/21 – 11/22/2012

Sir:

In reference to the above listed checkpoint, I submit the following for your review. On 11/21/2012, 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 Route 130 at Marlton Pike in the northbound 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 4 minutes and the vehicles waiting didn't exceed 400 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 11/22. 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 991 vehicles were temporarily detained, 5 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