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**Wallingford Police Conduct DUI Checkpoint**

On August 31<sup>st</sup> 2019, members of the Wallingford Police Department Traffic, Patrol and Community Police Divisions teamed up to conduct a DUI Checkpoint on Hall Avenue in the Town of Wallingford. Funding for this effort was made available by the police department's participation in a State of Connecticut Department of Transportation Highway Safety DUI Enforcement Grant. The funding supported the staffing necessary to allow Wallingford Police Officers to specifically dedicate our efforts on DUI enforcement in a continual endeavor to reduce alcohol related accidents and the resulting injuries and fatalities.

The following is a synopsis of the arrests made and citations issued during Saturday night's Labor Day weekend DUI Checkpoint operation by the Wallingford Police Department:

(6) Six persons were arrested for DUI, of which; (5) Five were alcohol-only related, and (1) one was for a combination of alcohol and drugs. The Standardized Field Sobriety Tests were also administered to several other operators who had admittedly consumed alcohol prior to operating their vehicles, but passed the S.F.S.T.'s and were released. In addition to the DUI arrests, motorists were cited for the following offenses;

- (1) One for Possession Marijuana With Intent to Sell
- (2) Two for Possession of Marijuana
- (1) One for Drinking While Driving
- (1) One for Operating a Motor Vehicle w/a Suspended License
- (1) One for Operating a Motor Vehicle w/o a License
- (1) One for Operating a Motor Vehicle w/o Insurance
- (1) One for Larceny in the 6<sup>th</sup> Degree

Additionally, warnings were issued for a variety of motor vehicle related offenses, to include but not be limited to; improper turns, failure to display marker plates, failure to have headlamps lit, window tint violations, defective windshields, and failure to carry license or proper paperwork.

Lastly, just after the checkpoint operation was concluded for the evening and while Officers were clearing related materials from the roadway and parking area where the checkpoint was conducted, Officers noticed an individual jogging on Quinnipiac Street with one of the high-visibility DUI Checkpoint Signs in hand. The individual had stolen the sign from the corner of Hall Avenue and Route 5 where it had been positioned during the checkpoint, and was caught when attempting to flee the area with the sign. He was subsequently arrested for Larceny in the 6<sup>th</sup> Degree.

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