

## ❖ SMOOTH OPERATOR / AGGRESSIVE DRIVING

“Smooth Operator” is a grant-funded program that targets aggressive drivers. Patrol district officers performed 72 enforcement details during the summer months. Officers issued 51 speeding citations, 125 other citations, and 9 DUI arrests.

In addition to the Smooth Operator Program, Chief Shanahan initiated an aggressive driving enforcement campaign beginning August 24, 2003. The five-week program targeted Interstates 695 and 97, as well as Maryland State Routes 10, 100, 32, and 50. The program was extremely successful. Positive feedback and awareness were noted through informal polling of the public. The Special Operations Division supported the operation. The police helicopter was used successfully on three occasions to sight violations. At a minimum, Stop Teams were present on at least one of the targeted roadways between the hours of 8 AM and 10 PM.

The program accomplished the following:

- “Aggressive Driving Laws Enforced” signs were posted on all target roadways.
- The Capital/Gazette and Baltimore Sun newspapers wrote several articles announcing the campaign.
- 6,818 drivers were stopped.
- 3,482 citations were issued.
- 3,589 warnings were issued.
- 29 Driving Under Influence arrests were made.
- 74 Traffic arrests were made.
- 43 Criminal arrests were made.
- 21 drivers were cited under the Aggressive Driving Statute. The statute requires the commission of three specific violations in a continuous course of driving conduct.
- 10 Controlled Dangerous Substance arrests were made with two (2) vehicle seizures.