

Milton Police Department

*Monthly Report
To
Mayor & Town Council*



“Pride & Integrity”

April 21 – May 20, 2009

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MILTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRIDE



INTEGRITY

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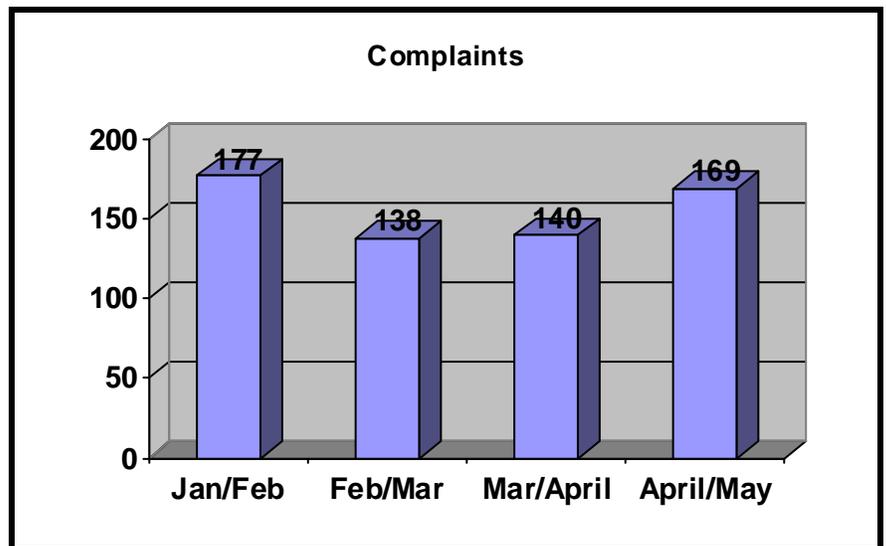
The Honorable Don Post, Mayor
Members of Milton Town Council
Town Hall
Milton, DE 19968

Mayor Post and Council Members:

The following is the report on Police Department activities from April 21 – May 20, 2009.

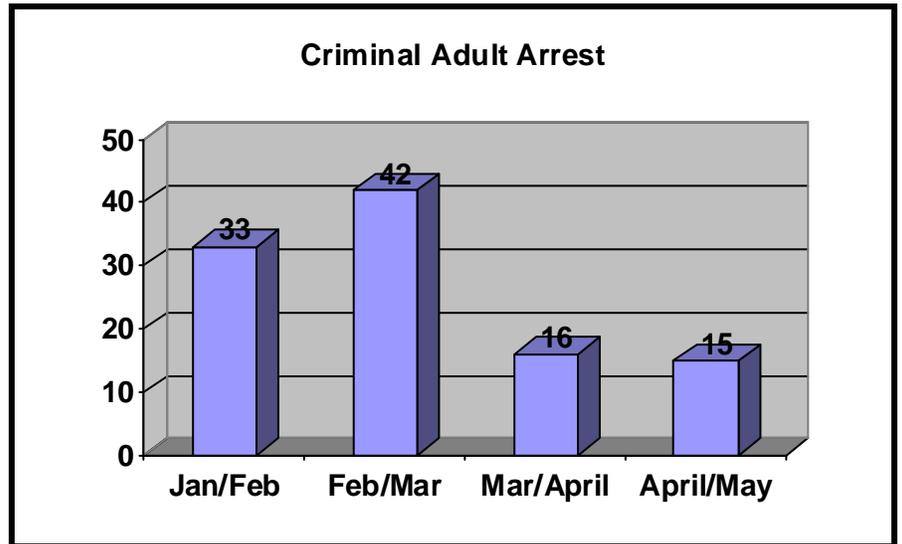
Complaints

Total complaints received
from **April 21 – May 20,**
2009 numbered 169.



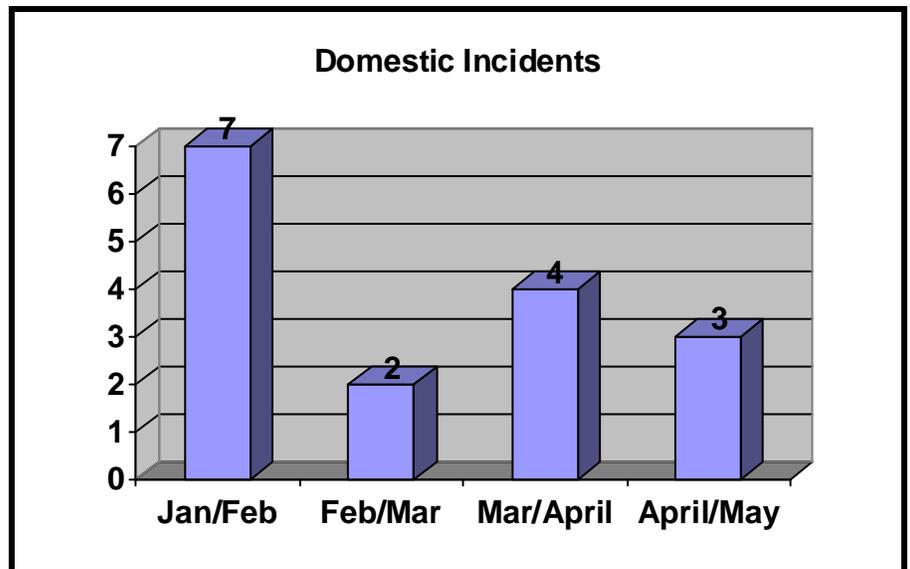
Criminal Arrests

Total criminal arrests from **April 21 – May 20, 2009** numbered 15.



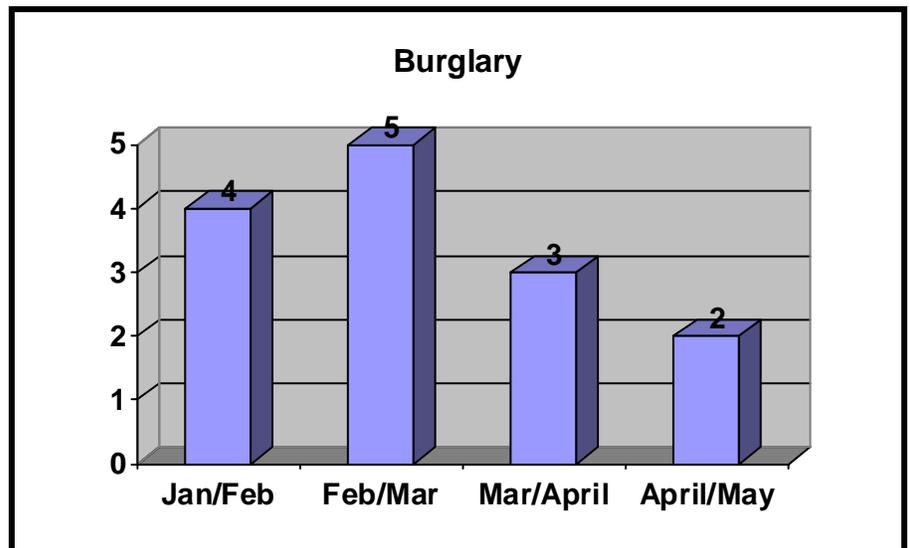
Domestic Incidents

Total domestic incidents from **April 21 – May 20, 2009** numbered 3.



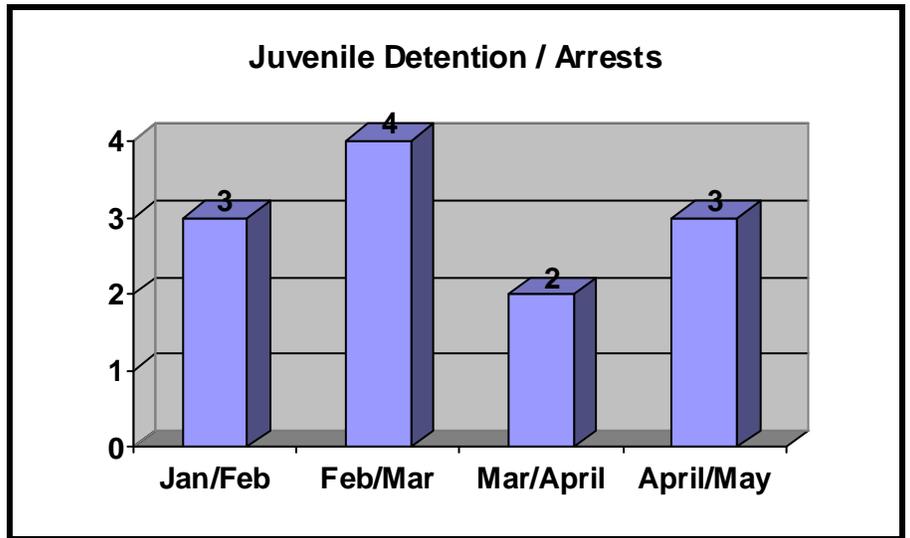
Burglary

Total Burglaries from **April 21 – May 20, 2009** numbered 2.



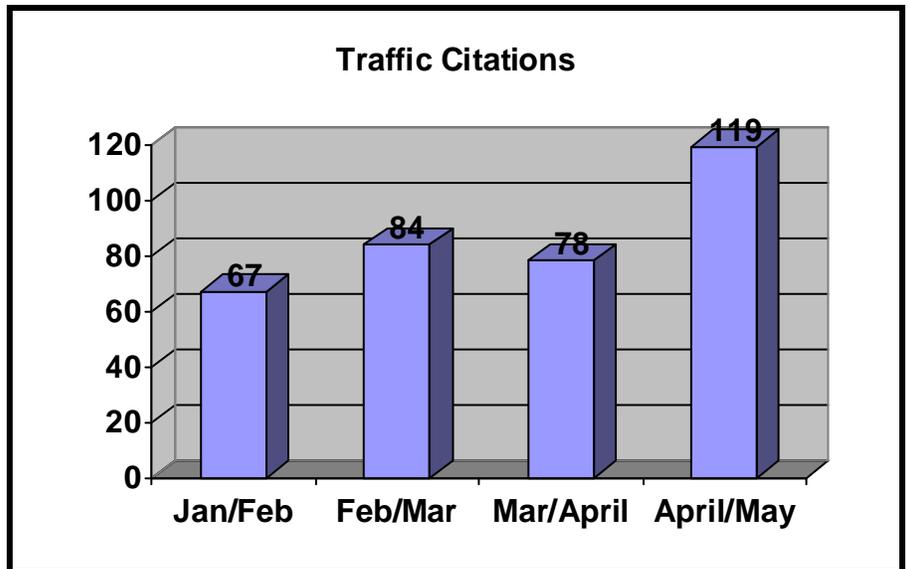
Juvenile Detention / Arrest

Total juvenile detention / criminal arrests from **April 21 – May 20, 2009** numbered 3.



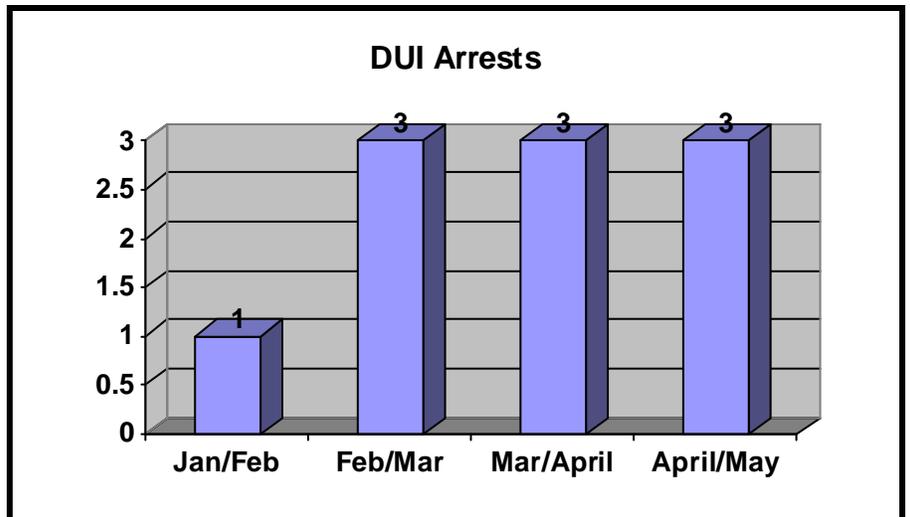
Traffic Citations

The department issued 119 traffic citations from **April 21 – May 20, 2009**.



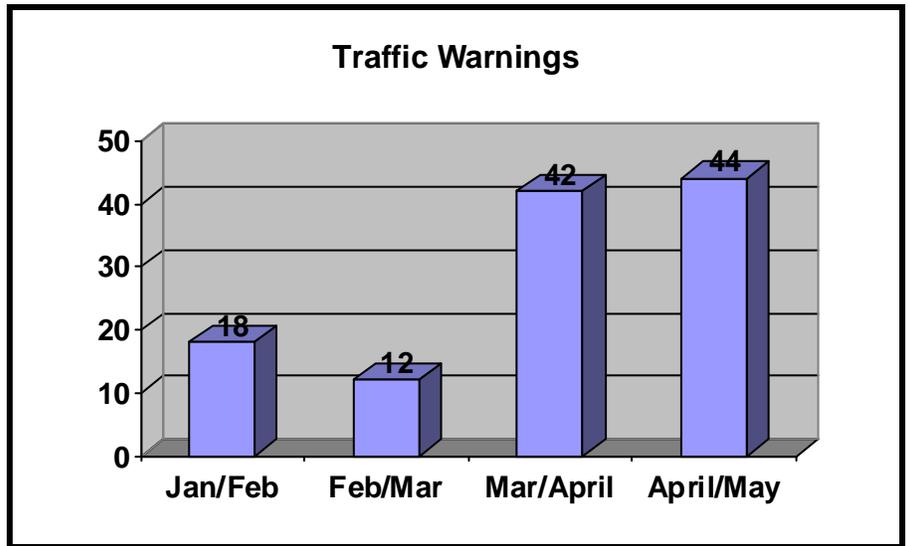
DUI Arrests

The department made 3 DUI arrest(s) from **April 21 – May 20, 2009**.



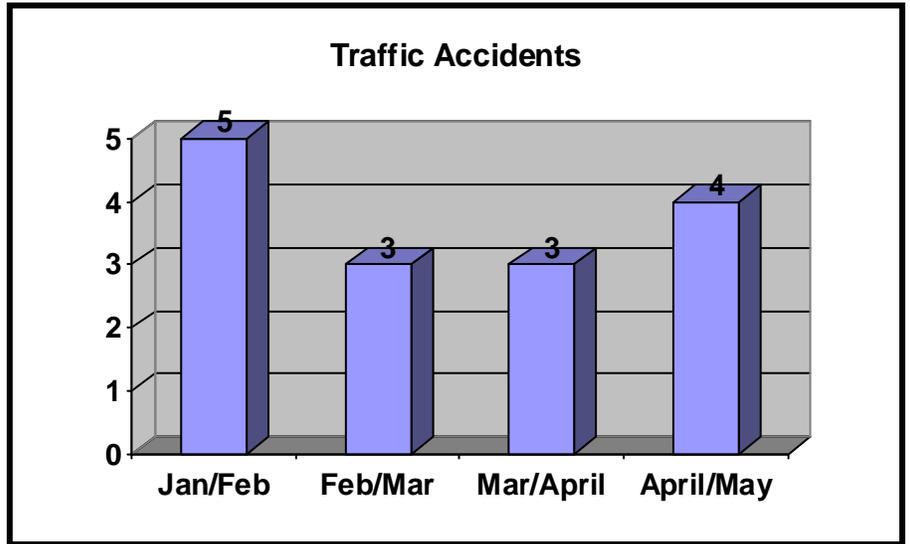
Traffic Warnings

The department issued 44 traffic warnings from **April 21 – May 20, 2009**.



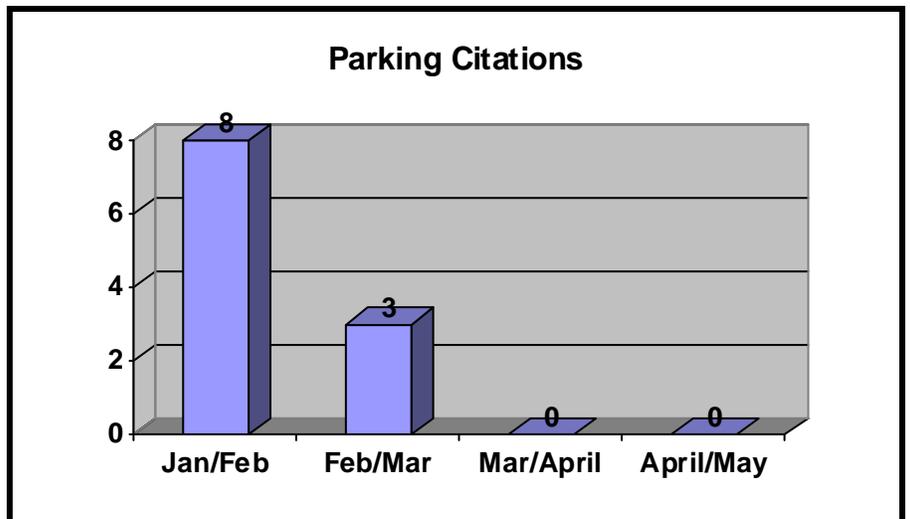
Traffic Accidents

From **April 21 – May 20, 2009** police investigated 4 traffic accidents.



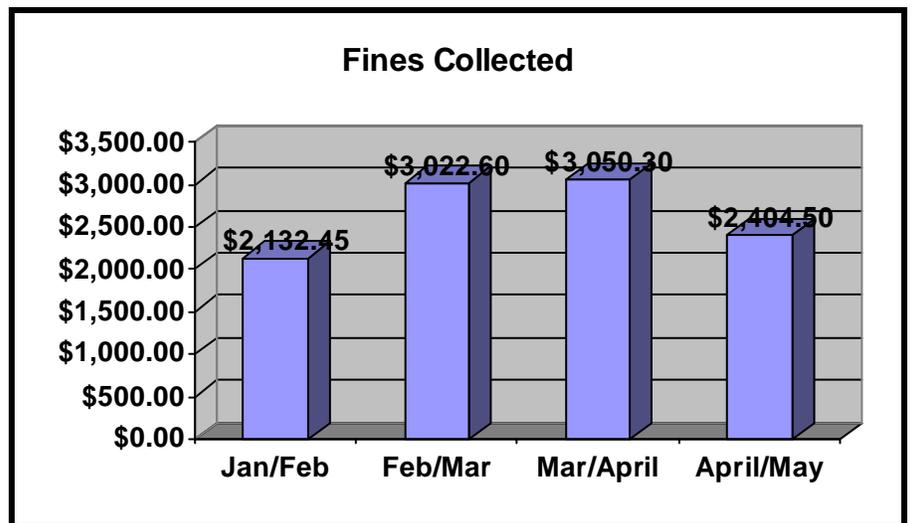
Parking Citations

The department issued 0 parking citations from **April 21 – May 20, 2009**.



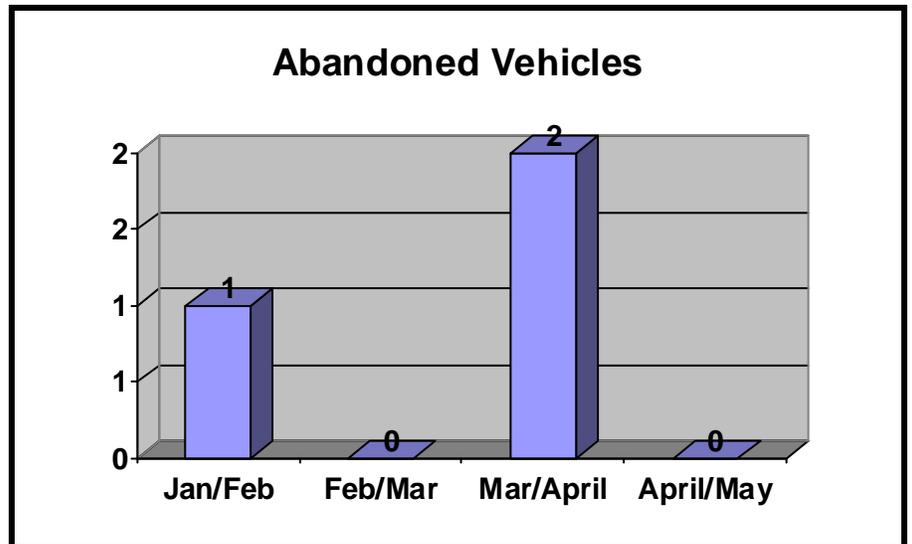
Fines Collected

From **April 21 – May 20, 2009** police have received \$2,404.50 in fines.



Abandoned Vehicles

From **April 21 – May 20, 2009** police have issued 0 abandoned vehicle notices.



The Milton Police Department is striving to better meet the needs of our community and would like to hear from its residents. Please take a moment and send us your questions, concerns, comments and ideas. Milton Police Department, 101 Federal Street, Milton, DE 19968 302-684-8547 or visit our new website www.ci.milton.de.us and click on the link to the police department and send an email. Please check out the Town's website and click on the link to the Police Department and click on the link to view local sex offenders within the state of Delaware.

News Releases

On May 1, 2009 the Milton Police Department arrested Lori A. Brown (36) of Milton for having an active capias, resisting arrest, and multiple traffic charges.

The Milton Police Department stopped a vehicle for failing to signal and having a suspended registration. Police learned Brown was driving the vehicle, which Brown had an active capias out of the Sussex County Court of Common Pleas and a suspended driver's license.

Police told Brown multiple times to exit the vehicle because she was under arrest and Brown failed to comply with the commands of the officer. The Milton Officer attempted to pull Brown from the vehicle and Brown pulled away from the officer, failing to exit the vehicle. The Milton Officer unholstered and pointed a taser at Brown and advised Brown again to exit the vehicle or she would be tasered, which Brown finally complied and exited the vehicle.

Brown was video-arraigned by Judge Mckenzie from the Justice of the Peace Court 2 and released on \$2,700.00 unsecured bond.

On May 6, 2009 the Milton Police Department arrested John O. Hazzard (43) of Lincoln for shoplifting and conspiracy 3rd degree, Litisha R. Lewis (23) of Lincoln for shoplifting, conspiracy 3rd degree, criminal impersonation, and endangering the welfare of a child, and Yolando X. Lewis for shoplifting and conspiracy 3rd degree.

On May 6, 2009, the Milton Police Department responded to a call of a shoplifting in progress at the Dollar General store. The suspects were gone when Milton officers arrived on scene, but were later located inside the Food Lion grocery store.

Milton officers made contact with the suspects inside Food Lion who were later identified as John Hazzard, Litisha Lewis, and Yolando Lewis, and placed all three suspects under arrest. Litisha Lewis had her small child with her at Dollar General and Food Lion. Litisha Lewis also gave a false name to Milton officers after being arrested.

Milton officers located several packs of meat in the pants of Hazzard at the time of his arrest, which were stolen from Food Lion. Milton officers located numerous unpaid items totaling approximately \$300.00, inside the vehicle of which all three suspects used to get to Dollar General and Food Lion.

Milton officers learned that Hazzard had an active capias out of the Kent County Court of Common Pleas and Litisha Lewis had three active capias' out of the Sussex County Family Court and the Sussex County Court of Common Pleas.

Hazzard and Yolando Lewis were arraigned and released on unsecured bond pending a court appearance. Litisha Lewis was arraigned and committed to Sussex Correction Institute in default of \$1,392.00 secured bond.

On May 10, 2009 the Milton Police Department arrested Frantz Saladin (59) of Milton for resisting arrest and multiple traffic charges.

On May 10, 2009, a Milton Police officer attempted to conduct a traffic stop on a vehicle for traffic violations, which the vehicle fled from the officer. The vehicle finally stopped after an approximate half of a mile chase and police learned that Saladin was the driver.

Saladin was arraigned and released on \$1,400.00 unsecured bond pending a court appearance at the Sussex County Court of Common Pleas.

On May 16, 2009, the Milton Police Department arrested Keith L. Bell also known as Keith L. Faust (38) of Wilmington, DE for two counts of terroristic threatening. Bell also had an active warrant for violation of probation.

The Milton Police Department has had warrants on file for Bell since May 1, 2009 and has been unable to locate him. Bell allegedly made threats toward two people to burn their house down. On May 16, 2009 the Georgetown Police Department came in contact with Bell; which Bell provided a false name. The Georgetown Police Department arrested Bell for criminal impersonation and later turned Bell over to the Milton Police Department.

Bell was arraigned and committed to prison on \$19,000.00 cash bond.

On May 16, 2009 the Milton Police Department arrested Lester M. Wright (39) of Wilmington, DE for Burglary 2nd degree, Theft of a Motor Vehicle, and Theft under \$1,000.00. Wright also had an active capias out of New Castle County Family Court and an active capias out of New Castle County Court of Common Pleas.

On December 29, 2008 the Milton Police Department was contacted by the Casa San Francisco homeless shelter after learning that a van was stolen from the homeless shelter. After the investigation Milton Police Department obtained warrants for Wright and was unable to locate Wright until May 16, 2009.

On May 16, 2009 the Wilmington Police Department contacted Milton Police Department after they came in contact with Wright. Wright was taken into custody and transported to Milton Police Station. Wright was arraigned and committed to prison in default of \$13,260.00 cash bond.

Local Fugitive Arrests

April 2009

On April 24, 2009, the Milton Police Department arrested Jacquelyn Johnson (50) of Newark after learning Johnson had an active capias out of the Justice of the Peace Court 20 for failing to appear for traffic charges.

A Milton officer came in contact with Johnson at the Milton Police Station on an unrelated issue and learned of the capias. Johnson was arraigned by Judge Mckenzie from the Justice of the Peace Court 2 and released on \$250.00 unsecured bond.

(75-09-600)

May 2009

On May 15, 2009, the Milton Police Department arrested James Gibbs (33) of Dagsboro after learning Gibbs had an active capias out of the Sussex County Court of Common Pleas for failing to pay a fine.

A Milton officer stopped Gibbs for driving without a seatbelt and learned of the capias. Gibbs was arraigned by Judge Coffelt from the Justice of the Peace Court 2 and committed to prison in default of a \$666.00 bond.

(75-09-717)

On May 16, 2009, the Milton Police Department arrested Toriano Mallory (37) of Georgetown after learning Mallory had an active capias out the Sussex County Court of Common Pleas for failing to pay a fine.

A Milton officer came in contact with Mallory while investigating a shoplifting complaint and learned of the capias. Mallory was arraigned by Judge Martin from the Justice of the Peace Court 3 and committed to prison in default of \$384.00 cash bond.

(75-09-724)

On May 18, 2009, the Milton Police Department arrested Moniqua Parrish (18) of Milton after learning Parrish had an active capias out of the Sussex County Family Court for an unpaid fine.

A Milton officer was aware of Parrish's capias and observed Parrish walking on Union Street. Parrish was transported to the Milton Police station and later released after a family member posted bond.

(75-09-733)

DUI Arrests

April 2009

N/A

May 2009

On May 8, 2009, the Milton Police Department arrested Dawn Wilson (32) of Lincoln for DUI and two counts of endangering the welfare of a child.

A Milton officer was contacted by a citizen who claimed to have almost been hit head on by a vehicle on Broadkill Road. Shortly after, the Milton Police Department responded to a domestic in the area of the little league field on Atlantic Street involving Wilson, and made contact with Wilson who was in a vehicle that fit the description of the vehicle that almost struck the citizen. After investigation, the Milton Police Department learned Wilson drove to the little league field with her 7 and 11 year old children both in the vehicle under the influence of prescription medicine.

Wilson was arraigned by Judge Mollohan from the Justice of the Peace Court 3 and committed to prison. On May 11, 2009, Wilson pled guilty to DUI.

(75-09-682)

On May 15, 2009, the Milton Police Department arrested Dean Miller (26) of Milton for Felony DUI and speed exhibition.

A Milton officer observed Miller driving a vehicle on Mulberry Street, which Miller squealed his wheels twice. The officer stopped the vehicle and learned after investigation that Miller was driving

under the influence of alcohol. Further investigation revealed that Miller had two previous DUI convictions, which a third offense is a Felony.

Miller was arraigned at the Justice of the Peace Court 3 and committed to prison in default of \$2,100.00 cash bond.

(75-09-720)

On May 17, 2009, the Milton Police Department issued traffic tickets to Amanda Grigsby (26) of Rehoboth Beach for DUI and inattentive driving.

A Milton officer responded to a single vehicle crash on Mulberry Street, which the vehicle struck a curb. Investigation revealed that Grigsby was driving the vehicle and was under the influence of alcohol.

(75-09-732)



Office of Highway Safety (OHS)

72 Minors Cited for Underage Drinking Violations After Launch of Statewide Underage Drinking Campaign

April 22, 2009

Dover, - Police officers statewide cited 72 minors for a variety of underage drinking violations during a weeklong enforcement blitz operated during Delaware high schools' spring break period. The enforcement, conducted by officers from 18 different police agencies, kicked off the State's underage drinking prevention campaign coordinated by the Delaware Office of Highway Safety (OHS).

The 72 underage drinking violations included: 8 for underage consumption of alcohol, 17 for underage possession of alcohol, 14 for possession of a fake ID, 24 for entering a package store underage, 1 for a violation of the state's Zero Tolerance (or underage DUI law), and 8 other underage drinking violations.

The following are a list of Delaware's penalties for various alcohol-related offenses involving minors:

- Underage Impaired Driving – loss of license for 2 months or \$200 fine if minor is driving without a license (1st offense). Penalties for minors with a Blood Alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 or higher may face more severe penalties.
- Underage Consumption or Possession – loss of license for 1 month or \$100 fine if unlicensed
- Using False Identification – up to \$500 fine or 30 days in jail if fine is not paid

- Enter a Bar or Package Store Underage - \$50 fine
- Providing a Minor with Alcohol – up to \$500 and 40 hours of community service

Phase two of the underage drinking campaign will begin next week when OHS will send materials including posters, brochures, and incentive items with alcohol prevention information and messages on them to schools for teachers and students to distribute. Students will also notice underage drinking billboards going up near their school buildings. These efforts are being conducted in conjunction with prom activities.

Then in late May and June phase three of the campaign will include more enforcement surrounding graduation and beach week activities, as well as radio and internet messaging. This time though messages are aimed at parents know that providing alcohol to minors is not only illegal but also damaging to a teenager’s development.

Agencies which participated in the week long enforcement blitz conducted either DUI saturation patrols, ‘hot spot’ patrols, or Cops In Shops operations. The agencies include: Bridgeville Police, Camden Police, Clayton Police, Delaware State Police, Dewey Beach, Division of alcohol, Tobacco Enforcement (DATE), Elsmere Police, Georgetown Police, Harrington Police, Laurel Police, Middletown Police, Milford Police, Millsboro Police, New Castle County Police, Newport Police, Rehoboth Beach Police, Smyrna Police, and Wyoming Police.

OHS Announces Start of Ride Smart Motorcycle Safety Campaign

Motorcycle Awareness Day (Event, Parade & Bike Show) April 25th



April 23, 2009

Dover – Motorcycle crashes have been on the rise nationally for the past ten years. And in the last five, while fatal crashes involving a motorcyclist in Delaware have gone up and down, injury crashes have steadily increased. Just in time for May’s Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, the Delaware Office of Highway Safety (OHS) is launching its Ride Smart Motorcycle Safety campaign.

The Ride Smart campaign, which begins April 27th and runs through the month of October, is a combination of enforcement and awareness activities. Throughout the campaign, Delaware State Police, Dover Police, Felton Police, Middletown Police, Newark Police and New Castle County Police will conduct patrols on high crash roadways and will cite violators of the state’s motorcycle safety laws. They will be paying particular attention to speeding and impaired motorcyclists.

Public awareness efforts though are aimed at reaching not only motorcyclists but also the drivers of passenger vehicles. Motorists will be encouraged to share the road with motorcyclists through billboards, bumper stickers, radio messaging and internet ads. The billboards, like enforcement activities, are being placed statewide in high crash areas. Now that the weather is warming up, motorists should actively look out for motorcyclists which are easy to miss in a

vehicle's blind spot. Since January 1st, one motorcyclist has been killed in a traffic crash, when according to police reports, the driver of the other vehicle pulled into the path of the motorcycle operator then fled the scene.

Motorcycle operators are being reminded not to speed or ride while under the influence of alcohol through radio ads, and through internet ads placed on sites that motorcyclists frequently visit. Posters with alcohol prevention messages on them are being delivered to bars/restaurants where motorcyclists like to hang out. Additionally safety brochures, bumper stickers and posters are being distributed through OHS's partners including motorcycle rider groups.

OHS formed partnerships with these groups through the State's Motorcycle Rider Education Advisory Committee (chaired by Sen. Bruce Ennis and Rep. Danny Short) of which OHS is a member. Other members include DMV, the Dover Air Force Base, motorcycle businesses, and members of motorcycle rider groups. The Committee's Motorcycle Awareness Day (Event, Parade and Bike Show) will be Sat. April 25th from 9:30 – 2pm and will include a parade in Dover from William Henry Middle School to Legislative Hall where there will be vendors, displays, judging and presentation of awards. The event is open to the public.

Additionally, motorcycle enthusiasts are invited to participate in the 1st Annual Police Escorted Memorial Ride for the Delaware Chapter of COPS (Concerns of Police Survivors). The event, which takes place Saturday, May 9th, starts in two locations – the Seaford Harley Davidson and Mike's Famous Harley Davidson of New Castle. Registration, which is \$25.00, starts at 9am and the ride starts at 10am. The two groups will meet up at the Little Creek Fire Hall and then ride as one parade to Legislative Hall for food, entertainment and a reading of the names of fallen officers. COPS is a non profit group that provides support to the families of officers killed in the line of duty. Proceeds from the Ride will go to benefit the local chapter of COPS (for family financial support when a line of duty death occurs, to send members to Healing Seminars, to send the families to COPS National Retreats, for local meeting and organization costs) as well as toward the construction of a fallen police officers memorial in Dover.

Here are additional facts about motorcycle crashes in Delaware:

- There were 16 motorcycle fatalities in 2008 – 1 less than in 2007
- 9 of the m/c operators were under the influence of alcohol . . . 7 were wearing helmets.
- Half of the year's motorcycle deaths last year occurred in a 3.5 week period in August.
- There were 286 injured in motorcycle crashes last year.
- 50% fatal crashes occurred on a weekend
- Last year 1 of the fatal crashes was caused by driver of a passenger vehicle (according to State Police reports)
- Primary causes of fatal crashes: alcohol, speeding, loss of control of motorcycle
- Average age of person killed 31-40 (Usually skews a little older in ages)
- Average age of persons involved in crashes 41-60
- In 2008 – most m/c involved in fatal crashes were sport bikes – in past years it's been the touring bikes that older riders favor
- Crashes occurred in Milford, Dover, Rt. 1 in beach area, Rt. 113 Georgetown – Millsboro area, Rt. 13 Bridgeville – Laurel area, Rt. 1 between Dover and Middletown, Rt. 301 area, Rt. 141, Rt. 2, Rt. 4, Rt. 40 area.

Week Four of Speed Campaign Results in 237 Additional Speeding Citations

April 28, 2009

Dover - Delaware State Police cited 237 more individuals for speeding as part of a month long speed enforcement blitz being conducted in partnership with the Delaware Office of Highway Safety (OHS). Troopers from State Police Troops 4, 5 and 7 issued 21 of those citations while conducting Team Speed Enforcement activities on Saturday, April 25th on Rt. 13. Last week's enforcement activities bring the total number of speed arrests for the first four weeks of 2009 Stop Aggressive Driving campaign to 1,229.

In addition to the 237 speed arrests, Troopers statewide also made 1 DUI arrest, 7 drug arrests, apprehended two wanted individuals, 4 arrests for underage drinking violations and cited 10 drivers for seat belt violations, 1 for a child restraint violation and 100 others for additional traffic offenses.

Stepped up speed enforcement activities will continue through April 30th. Speed is currently the number one contributing factor in Delaware's traffic deaths, responsible for 32% of the state's 22 fatal traffic crashes, and more than a quarter of our fatalities.

Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS) Announces Inaugural Memorial Motorcycle Ride

Ride to benefit survivors of Delaware officers killed in line of duty

April 30, 2009

Seaford/New Castle, - Thirty-three officers have been killed in the line of duty in Delaware. On May 9th, the local chapter of an organization which offers both emotional and financial support to surviving family members of these brave individuals is holding a Memorial Motorcycle Ride to support construction of a memorial in their honor.

The Delaware chapter of Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS) will hold their Inaugural Memorial Motorcycle Ride on Saturday, May 9th. Registration begins at 9am in two locations, the Seaford Harley-Davidson and the Mike's Famous Harley-Davidson in New Castle. The ride will be police escorted to provide safety for all involved. Both groups will leave at 10am and ride to the Little Creek Fire Hall where they will join up and ride as one large procession to Legislative Hall. There the riders will have a chance to rest and eat, before a short ceremony which will include the reading of the names of the fallen officers.

Registration is 25.00 and the proceeds will go to support the local COPS chapter as well as the construction of a Fallen Police Officer's Memorial on Legislative Mall. COPS is a national non profit organization aimed at helping the families of fallen officers. There are chapters nationwide, including one in Delaware, serving over 15,000 families. Members, who don't pay dues, receive emotional and financial support when a loved one is killed in the line of duty. The remainder of the ride's proceeds will benefit the local chapter and help pay for counseling for victim's families, scholarships, attendance at retreats and Healing Seminars as well as transportation to Nation Police Memorial Week. This year, National Police Memorial Week begins May 10th, the day after the ride. This is the 25th anniversary of the national COPS organization.

Portions of the May 9th ride will also be filmed as part of a video project involving several area high school students making an educational video on sharing the road with motorcycles. The first 175 riders to register at each site will receive a free t-shirt with the names of the 33 fallen officers and their End of Watch dates. At Legislative Hall, a banner with the same information will be on display.

The 33 officers killed in the line of duty in Delaware come from several different police departments including the Delaware River and Bay authority, Delaware State Police, the Dover Police, Ocean View Police, New Castle County Police, Seaford Police and the Wilmington Police. The last line of duty death was DSP Cpl. Christopher Shea on July 18, 2004. Food for the riders has been donated by Grotto's, water by NKS distributors, and entertainment is being provided by the First State Force Band. The rain date for the event will be June 7th. For more information you can contact the COPS Chapter Resident at (302) 388-2657 or Joe Wagner at (302) 994-9183.

OHS Launches 120 Days of Summer HEAT Campaign

Increased enforcement on traffic violators starts next week with Click It or Ticket

May 4, 2009

Dover, - Today State Highway Safety officials along with state, county and municipal law enforcement officials are announcing that for the fourth year in a row they are "turning up the HEAT on traffic violators in Delaware" this summer. The high visibility traffic safety initiative aimed at reducing traffic deaths and injuries in the state is called the "120 Days of Summer HEAT" (Highway Enforcement of Aggressive Traffic).

The umbrella traffic initiative unifies Delaware's three primary safety campaigns conducted during the summer months. The campaigns include *Click It or Ticket*, *Checkpoint Strikeforce* and the *Stop Aggressive Driving* campaign.

OHS will begin by turning up the HEAT on unbelted motorists next week with the kick off of the 2009 *Click It or Ticket* campaign. While stepped up enforcement of Delaware's seat belt laws begins Sunday, May 10th, residents should already be seeing Click It or Ticket messages starting this week in the form of T.V., radio, billboard, print and internet ads. The campaign ads and handout materials have been updated and drivers will recognize their dashboard seat belt icon as the central figure in the messages.

Despite an all time high statewide seat belt use rate of 91%, nearly three quarters of drivers and passengers killed in Delaware traffic crashes so far this year have not been buckled up. Several of these victims, including one killed this weekend, have been ejected from their vehicles because they were not wearing seatbelts. People who are ejected are four times more likely to be killed than those who remain in the vehicle.

The 'Summer HEAT' campaign moves into phase two starting July 4th, when the HEAT will be on impaired drivers as Checkpoint Strikeforce moves into its eighth year. Speeding drivers will feel the HEAT a week later when the Stop Aggressive Driving campaign resumes. Speeding is currently the leading cause of fatal traffic crashes in Delaware.

All three campaigns involve both placing additional officers on the road for enforcement, and high visibility public awareness through both paid and media messages and the distribution of fliers, posters, table tents and other information. While officers will focus on a particular traffic safety

violation during each campaign, they will continue to address any other traffic violations as they occur.

During the first year of the “120 Days of Summer HEAT” initiative which ran from early May through the Labor Day weekend, officers from law enforcement agencies statewide made 225 DUI arrest, 983 Aggressive Driving arrest, and issued 2,930 seat belt citations.

Since January 1st, 32 people have been killed in traffic crashes in Delaware. For more information on the 2009 Click It or Ticket campaign, visit our website at www.ohs.delaware.gov.

OHS Launches 2009 Click It or Ticket Campaign

Lack of seat belt use in fatal crashes far too high despite state’s high seat belt use rate



May 8, 2009

Dover - Despite an all time high statewide seat belt use rate of 91%, nearly three quarters of drivers and passengers killed in Delaware traffic crashes so far this year have not been buckled up. Continuing its efforts to save lives by increasing seat belt use, the Delaware Office of Highway Safety is launching the May 2009 Click It or Ticket campaign. Click it or Ticket is a high visibility enforcement and public awareness campaign aimed at saving lives by increasing the number of Delawareans who regularly buckle up.

Starting Sunday, May 10th, 30 state, county, and municipal police agencies will conduct stepped up daily enforcement in the form of traffic safety checkpoints and patrols through Memorial Day. Starting May 18th, highway safety and law enforcement agencies nationwide will join Delaware in this important safety initiative.

Enforcement will be conducted both day and night looking for those who violate Delaware’s seat belt and child restraint laws. Seat belt use drops approximately 10% at night, even though a person’s risk of dying in a crash triples. Since January 1st, 56% of all the fatal crashes where an unbelted occupant has died have occurred in the late evening or early morning hours.

“We are truly troubled by the number of people who are not wearing seat belts and are being killed in vehicle crashes despite our high statewide seat belt use rate. So many of these tragic deaths could have been prevented if the driver or passenger had simply buckled up,” said Tricia Roberts, Director of the Office of Highway Safety (OHS). “Buckling up costs you nothing, but the cost for not buckling up may be a ticket, or worse – you life!” National studies show that wearing a seat belt improves your chance of surviving a crash by up to 50%.

Officers conducting enforcement will also be looking for impaired and aggressive drivers, who by the very nature of their risky behavior are less likely to be buckled up. So far this year, 75% of the crashes where an unbelted driver or passenger has been killed where the result of an impaired

or speeding driver. In the majority of these crashes the driver who caused the crash was also the unbelted person who was killed whether it was a single or multi-vehicle crash.

“The crash data is showing us that many of the people we are looking for are the riskiest drivers out there, the ones who are impaired and aggressive behind the wheel,” said Andrea Summers, Community Relations Officer for OHS. “The only proven way to get high risk drivers to sue seat belt is through zero tolerance enforcement. We’re conducting Click It or Ticket because the more people who were seat belts, the more who will survive car crashes.”

Summers adds that the data is showing them new and interesting trends that are helping shape enforcement efforts. More enforcement is being done at night when unbelted crashes are occurring, teens for the first time in years have fallen out of the primary age group of non seat belt users, and more than a quarter of the unbelted victims were ejected from the vehicles – which is when people are four times more likely to die in a crash.

Delaware law requires drivers and *all* passengers, including those in the back seat, to wear a seat belt. An officer can pull over a drive he sees any person not wearing one. Officers will be issuing citations for seat belt violations as part of a zero tolerance policy. The ticket, which goes to the driver no matter who is unbuckled in the vehicle, is a \$25.00 fine plus court administrative fees, which can eventually total as much as \$70.00.

The two week enforcement period is being accompanied by a statewide paid media awareness effort which is already underway. The Click It or Ticket campaign materials including T.V., radio, print and internet ads and billboards have a new look for the first time in eight year history of the campaign. Additionally thousands of fliers, and hundreds of posters and table tents with information about the campaign and Delaware’s seat belt law are being distributed through OHS’s corporate, trauma, medical, law enforcement, and state agency partners. Two Sussex County businesses, Perdue, Inc. of Milford and Bayhealth Milford Memorial Hospital are also conducting month long Click It or ticket awareness activities including observational seat belt surveys and information tables at their sites to promote seat belt use.

For more information on the campaign, enforcement results and a look at updated campaign materials, please visit www.ohs.delaware.gov and click on the Click It or Ticket button on the website.

905 Cited for Seat Belt Violations In First Week of Click It or Ticket

Dover – In the first week of a statewide effort to save lives by increasing seat belt use, officers statewide have issued 905 citations to unbelted drivers and/or passengers as part of the 2009 Click It or Ticket campaign. Click It or Ticket is a nationwide high visibility enforcement and public awareness campaign aimed at saving lives by increasing the number of motorists who regularly buckle up.

During the campaign, thirty state, county and municipal police agencies are conducting stepped up daily enforcement in the form of traffic safety checkpoints and patrols. In addition to the 905 citations issued for seat belt violations, officers also cited 48 individuals for failing to properly secure children in an appropriate child restraint according to Delaware law.

While conducting enforcement, officers have also made arrests for several other significant violations. Among them were 204 for speeding, 7 for DUI, 14 for drugs, 2 for underage drinking violations, the apprehension of 24 wanted individual, 2 felony arrests, and the seizure of a concealed

deadly weapon. Three of the speed arrests were for drivers going in excess of 80 miles per hour . . . two of the DUI arrest was for a fourth offense DUI. The drug arrests included possession of marijuana, cocaine and ecstasy.

Despite an all time high statewide seat belt use rate of 91%, nearly three quarters of drivers and passengers killed in Delaware traffic crashes so far this year have not been buckled up. Additionally, 75% of the crashes where an unbelted driver or passenger has been killed in a crash this year were the result of an impaired or speeding driver. National studies show that wearing a seat belt improves your chances of surviving a crash by up to 50%. Campaign enforcement will continue through Memorial Day.

Delaware law requires drivers and *all* passengers, including those in the back seat, to wear a seat belt. An officer can pull over a driver if he sees any person not wearing one. Officers will be issuing citations for seat belt violations as part of a zero tolerance policy. The ticket, which goes to the driver no matter who is unbuckled in the vehicle, is a \$25.00 fine plus court administration fees, which can eventually total as much as \$70.00.

Enforcement is being accompanied by a statewide public awareness effort in the form of billboards, radio, T.V., print and internet advertising.

For more information on the campaign, enforcement results and a look at updated campaign materials, please visit www.ohs.delaware.gov.

DELAWARE FATAL CRASH SUMMARY

TRAFFIC DEATHS			
Statistics are current from 01/01/09- 05/26/2009 (and are compared to 1/01/08 - 05/26/2008 - the same time frame)			
2009		2008	
Total	36	Total	44
Alcohol Related	7	Alcohol Related	21
Vehicle Occupants	30	Vehicle Occupants	29
Seatbelts Not Used	21	Seatbelts Not Used	12
Pedestrians	2	Pedestrians	9
Bicyclists	2	Bicyclists	2
Motorcyclists	2	Motorcyclists	4

Seat Belt surveys May 31 - June 13. Click It or Ticket!

Upcoming Highway Safety Events

April 21 - May 2nd National Motorcycle Awareness Week
 May 11 - June 7 Click It or Ticket (local and national) Enforcement Mobilization

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