

Milton Police Department

*Monthly Report
To
Mayor & Town Council*



“Pride & Integrity”

August 21 – September 20, 2008

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MILTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

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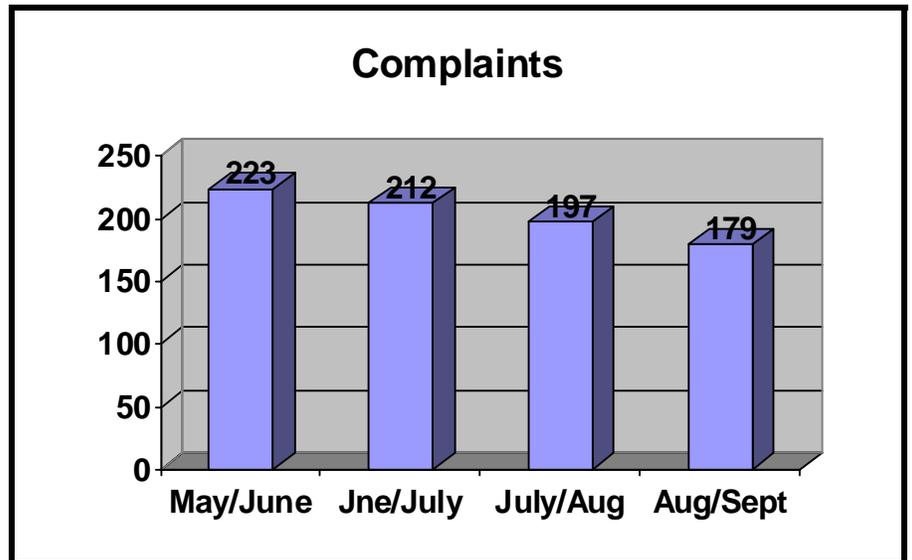
The Honorable Don Post, Mayor
Members of Milton Town Council
Town Hall
Milton, DE 19968

Mayor Post and Council Members:

The following is the report on police department activities from August 21 – September 20, 2008.

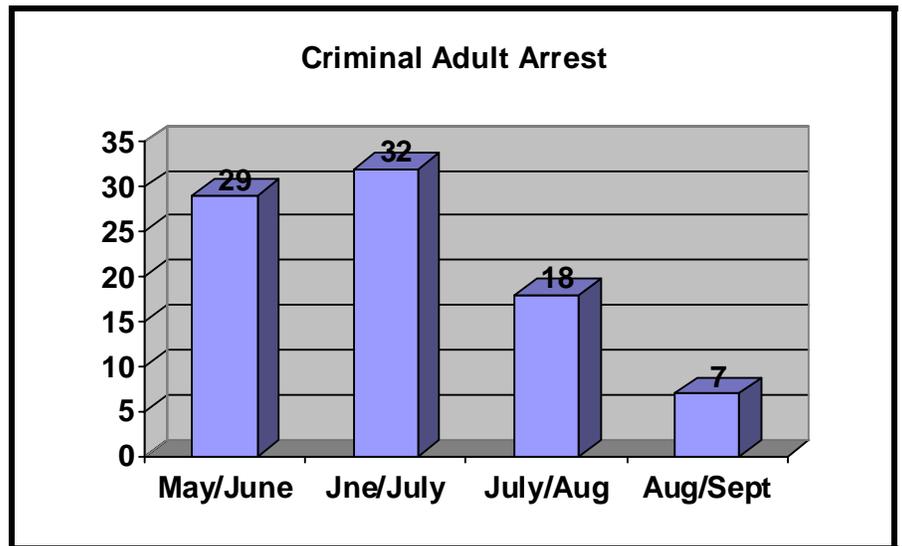
Complaints

Total complaints received
from **August 21 –
September 20, 2008**
numbered 179.



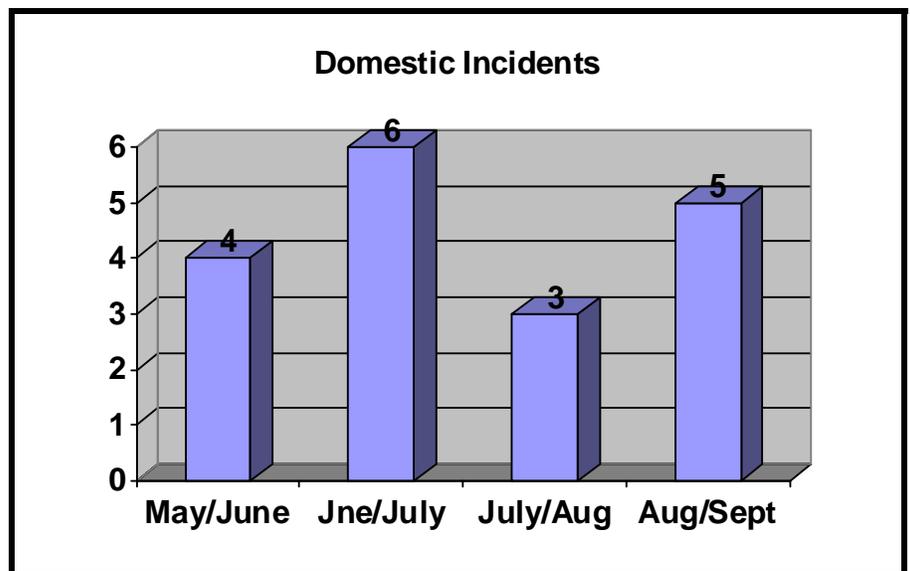
Criminal Arrests

Total criminal arrests from **August 21 – September 20, 2008** numbered 7.



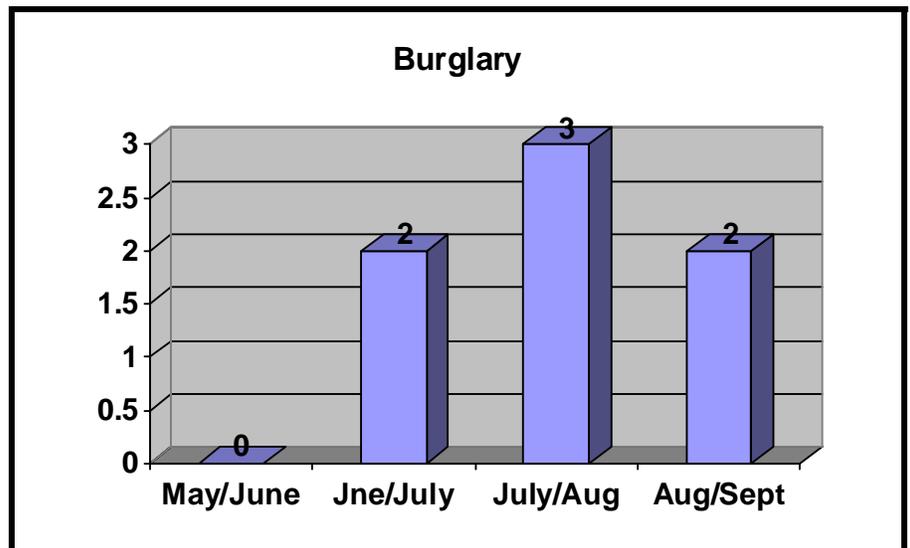
Domestic Incidents

Total domestic incidents from **August 21 – September 20, 2008** numbered 5.



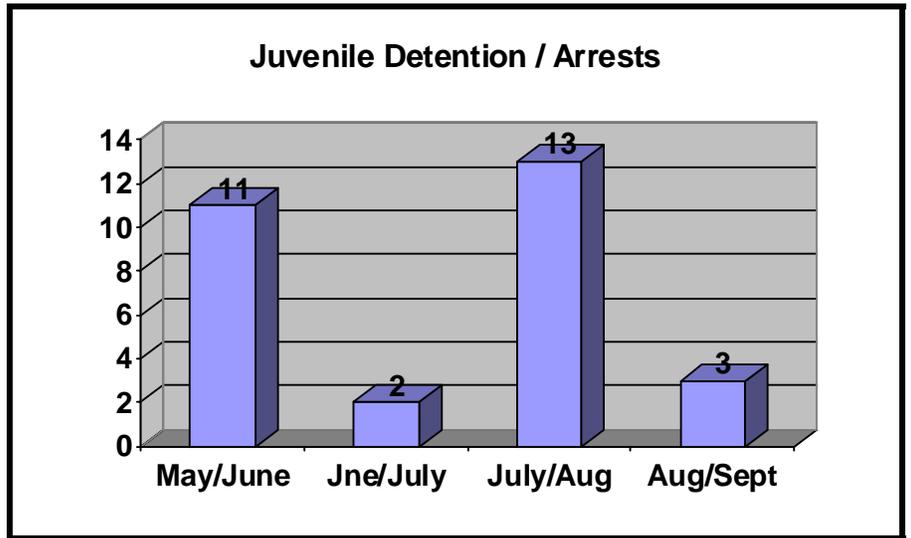
Burglary

Total Burglaries from **August 21 – September 20, 2008** numbered 2.



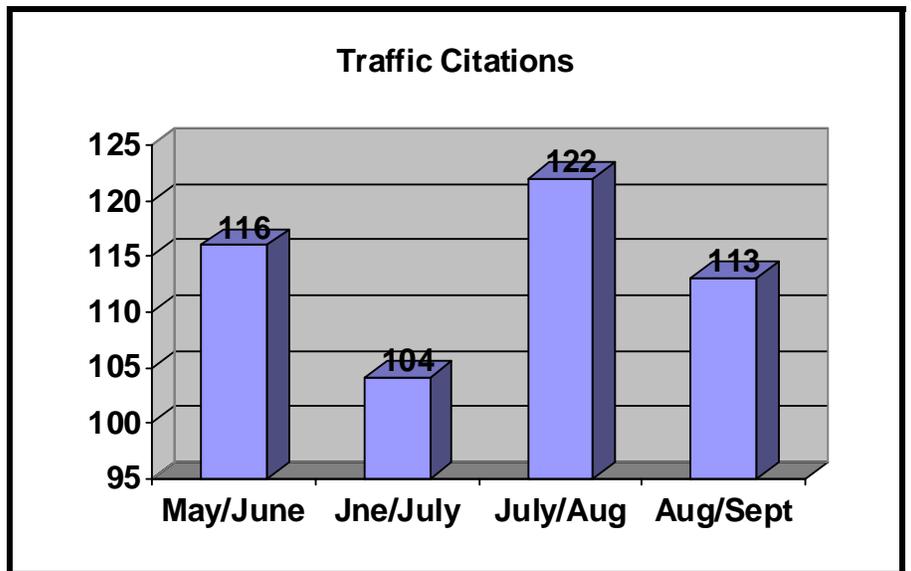
Juvenile Detention / Arrests

Total juvenile detention / criminal arrests from **August 21 – September 20, 2008** numbered 3.



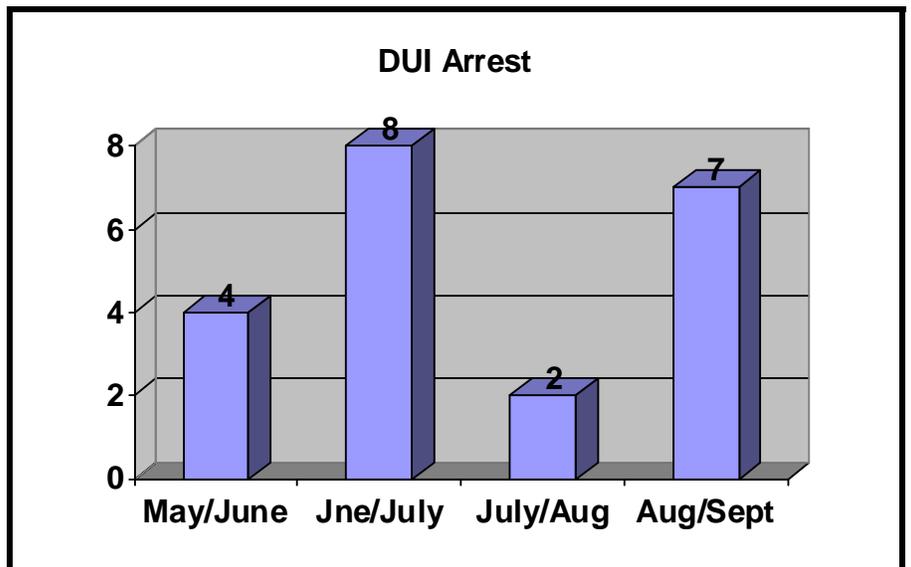
Traffic Citations

The total traffic citations issued from **August 21 – September 20, 2008** numbered 113.



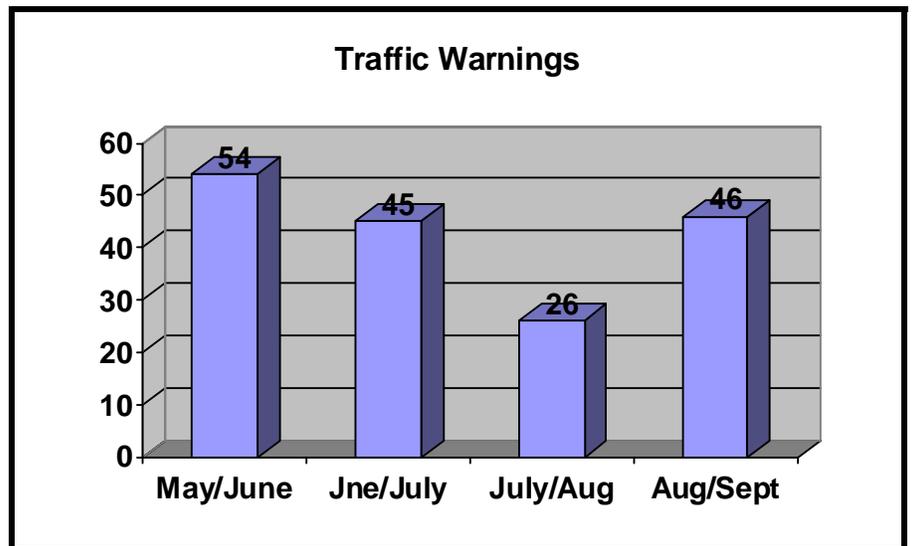
DUI Arrests

The department made 7 DUI arrests from **August 21 – September 20, 2008**.



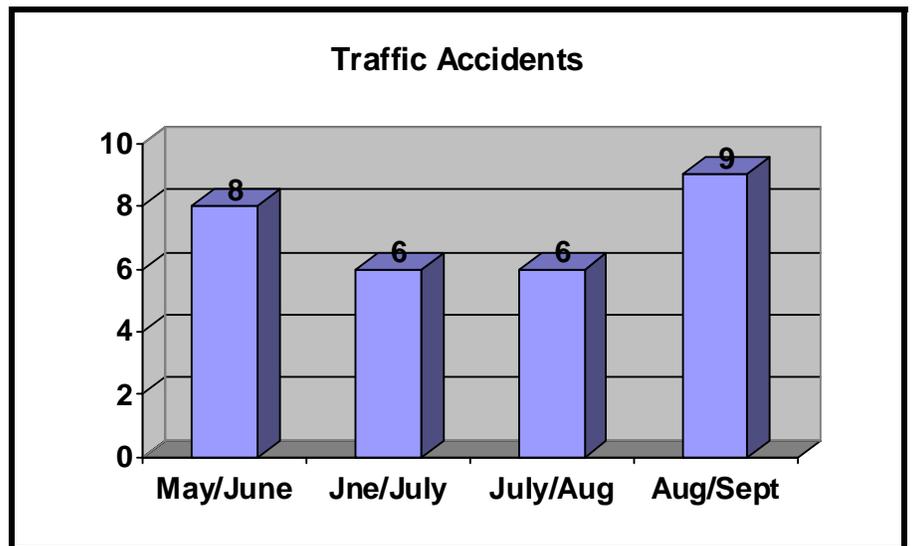
Traffic Warnings

The total traffic warnings issued from **August 21 – September 20, 2008** number 46.



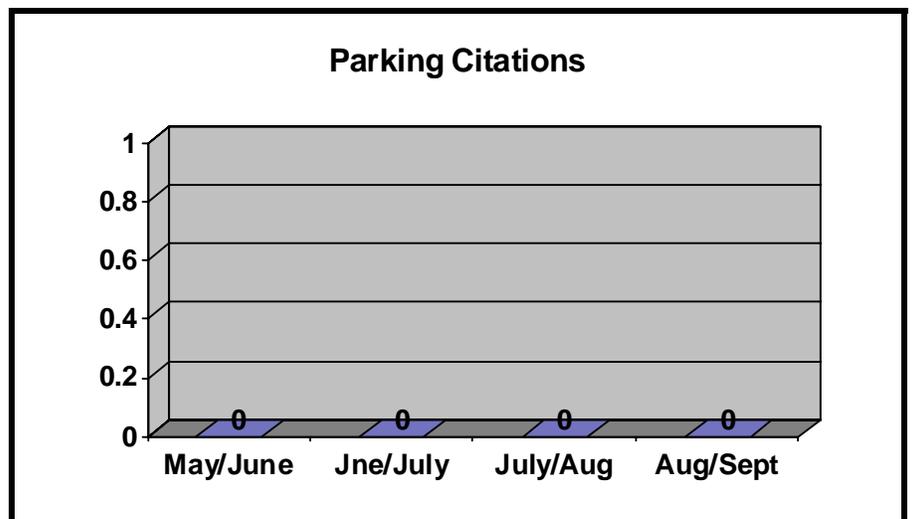
Traffic Accidents

From **August 21 – September 20, 2008** police investigated 9 traffic accidents.



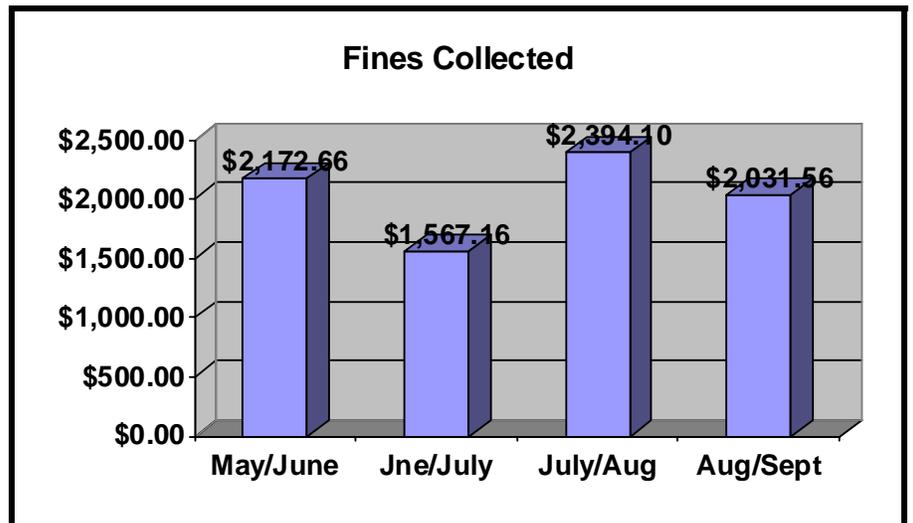
Parking Citations

The department issued 0 parking citations from **August 21 – September 20, 2008**.



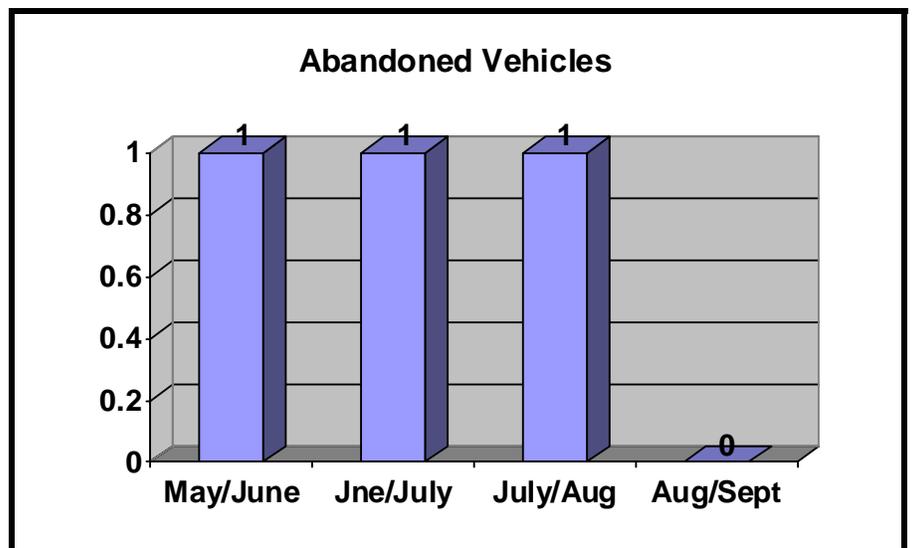
Fines Collected

From **August 21 – September 20, 2008** police have received \$2,031.56 in fines.



Abandoned Vehicles

From **August 21 – September 20, 2008** 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 officer 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.



As of September 2, 2008, there have been 85 fatalities, compared to 79 at this time last year. Motorcycle fatalities comprise 18% of these fatalities and pedestrians 19%. Unfortunately, this alarming trend does not appear to be slowing.

To date, there have been 15 motorcycle fatalities, and only 5 of these individuals were wearing helmets. In all of 2007, there were only 17 motorcycle fatalities. With record high fuel prices and no end in sight, the number of motorcycles on the roads has increased significantly. Whether a sport bike or a cruiser, speed seems to be the common denominator. Of the 15 fatalities, speed has been the primary contributing circumstance in 10 cases. In two additional cases, the operators lost control for an unknown reason, and in three cases, alcohol is suspected. Also, it's important to note, 9 of the crashes involved just the motorcycle and no other vehicles.



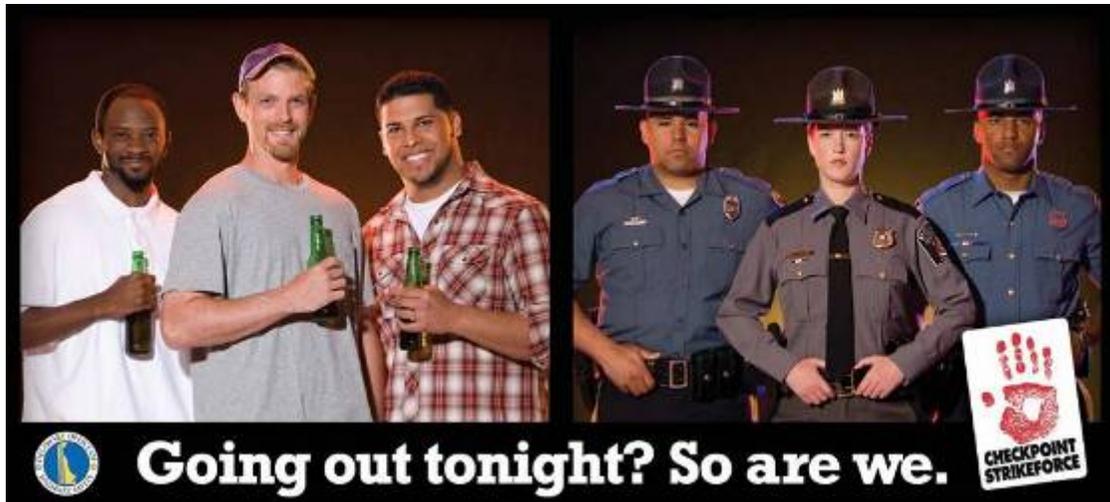
Also, there have been 16 pedestrian fatalities to date. In all of 2007, there were only 17 pedestrian fatalities. Pedestrian crashes spike between 6pm-11pm, and slightly more than 60% occur between Friday and Sunday. In 10 of the 16 fatalities, the pedestrian crossed the road at mid-block, rather than at an intersection. In addition, alcohol involvement is confirmed in 5 cases, and suspected in 3 others. Further, pedestrians often wear dark clothing and do not carry a light source.

As members of law enforcement, you have the ability to make a difference! Be vigilant when enforcing Delaware's speed limits – pay extra attention to motorcyclists; slowing them down could save a life. BUT, the Office of Highway Safety urges you to use caution and always weigh the risk to yourself or other motorists before you choose to chase a speed bike. Most agencies have a “no-chase” policy; there's good reason for it!

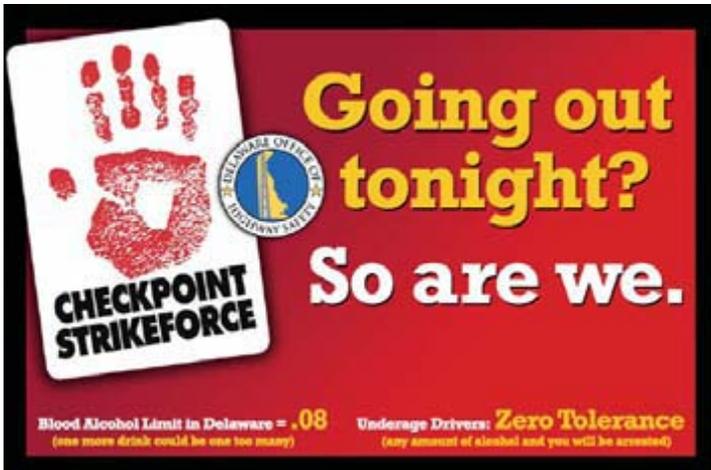
Don't be afraid to enforce Delaware's pedestrian safety laws! Write a citation if you see a violation. Stopping people who are impaired and walking along the roadway can save a life. A reminder to wear light colored clothing and to carry a light source can only show your commitment to the safety of your community. If you see someone crossing mid-block, stop and advise them to use the intersection. Even unmarked intersections are safer than crossing mid-block. Sometimes just that little piece of education can make a difference.

We're all in this fight together. We urge everyone to share the information with your family and friends, and to be role models in your communities!

Checkpoint Strickeforce Campaign



Checkpoint Strickeforce is a year round, multi-state crackdown on impaired drivers. The goal of this regional sobriety checkpoint campaign is to deter people from driving while under the influence of alcohol, and arrest DUI offenders on Delaware roadways. Every week between July 4th and New Year's Eve there will be at least one DUI checkpoint somewhere in the state of Delaware. Then from January through June- DUI checkpoints are conducted monthly. The states of Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia make up Region III of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and are committed to preventing impaired driving no matter where motorists travel in our multi-state area.



We're setting up DUI checkpoints every week, everywhere in Delaware. What a DUI will cost you:

- Average of \$3,150 in fines, court costs and attorney fees
- Driver's license revoked for 3 months or more
- 8 weeks of mandatory DUI treatment classes with drug testing (another \$300-\$700)
- A criminal record
- Insurance premiums at triple your normal rate

16 Arrested for DUI Over Weekend – 6 Checkpoints Scheduled for Coming Weekend

Dover - Delaware Law enforcement officers arrested 16 individuals for Driving Under the Influence (DUI) of alcohol over the weekend. This brings the total number of people arrested for DUI during the first 13 weeks of the of the 2008 "Checkpoint Strickeforce" campaign to 252.

Participating agencies included the New Castle County DUI Task Force, the Smyrna & Clayton Police Departments working jointly, and the Seaford and Laurel Police Departments working together.

In addition to the weekend's 16 DUI arrests, officers issued 1 citation for an underage drinking violation, apprehended 8 wanted individuals, made 4 drug arrests, 5 felony arrests, recovered 1 stolen vehicle, issued 7 seat belt citations, 5 child restraint citation, and 81 citations for various other traffic violations.

Six sobriety checkpoints are scheduled for the coming weekend (September 26th & 27th). The following are the scheduled checkpoints:

Friday September 26th - NcCo DUI Task Force
 DSP Troop 4
 Saturday September 27th – Georgetown PD
 Millsboro PD
 DSP Troop 1
 DSP Troop 9

The checkpoints are part of OHS’s ongoing *Checkpoint Strikeforce* campaign. Now in its seventh year, “Checkpoint Strikeforce” is a multi-state crackdown on impaired drivers coordinated locally by the Delaware Office of Highway Safety. Participating law enforcement agencies are conducting weekly DUI checkpoints through New Year’s Eve, and monthly checkpoints in the spring, all with the goal of at deterring impaired drivers and arresting DUI offenders.

For weekly and ongoing campaign statistical updates please visit our website at www.ohs.delaware.gov and click on the *Checkpoint Strikeforce* icon in the center of the page.

* weekly totals for weekend of September 19th & 20th

Checkpoint Activity	Weekly Totals	Running Totals	2007 Totals
# of checkpoints conducted	3	45	114
DUI Arrests	16	252	665
Child Restraint Arrests	5	38	131
Other Traffic Arrests	81	976	3012
Wanted Person Apprehensions	8	93	170
Stolen Vehicles Recovered	1	4	10
Drug Arrests	4	122	241
Seat Belt Arrests	7	124	546
Underage Arrests	1	34	118
Felony Arrests	5	80	157

Press Release

Milton Police on September 4, 2008 arrested a 16 year old male from Lewes, DE for Assault 2nd (F), Disorderly Conduct, and Loitering.

Milton Police responded to a large group about to fight at Park Royal Apartments on July 7, 2008. Milton Police upon arrival did not locate any of the group and a short time later was notified of a resident who had been injured.

Milton Police learned that a resident had been pushed to the ground resulting in her hip being broken. The victim was taken to Beebe Medical Center and had surgery to repair the broken hip.

Milton Police after follow up were able to locate the suspect and obtain warrants. Milton Police arrested the 16 year old and he was processed and presented to Justice of the Peace Court via video. The 16 year old was released to his mother on \$2,000.00 unsecured bond pending Family Court.

Milton Police on September 6, 2008 arrested Joshua B. Bolen, 31, of Dover, De for DUI, and Fugitive from another State.

Milton Police stopped Bolen for a traffic violation and discovered that he had been drinking alcoholic beverages. Milton Police conducted field sobriety tests at the vehicle stop and then took Bolen into custody.

Milton Police completed a wanted check on Bolen and he was found to be wanted by Maryland State Police. Milton Police processed Bolen and he was brought before Justice of the Peace Court 3 and committed to SCCI in default of \$5,000.00 secured bond.

Milton Police on September 16, 2008 arrested a 13 year old juvenile for Assault 1st, Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony, Aggravated Menacing, Terroristic Threatening.

Milton Police learned that a domestic occurred between the 13 year old and his 16 year old cousin on September 13, 2008. Milton Police learned that the 16 year old told the 13 year old to do something.

The 13 year old pulled a pocket knife and then stabbed the victim in the arm. The 13 year old then held the knife and threatened to kill the victim. The victim was taken by a family member to the Hospital and received medical attention.

Milton Police obtained warrants for the 13 year old and placed him under arrest. The 13 year old was processed then arraigned. The 13 year old was committed to Stevenson Center pending later court date.

Milton Police on September 16, 2008 investigated a theft of a Case skid steer valued at \$25,000.00 from a construction site on Harbeson Rd. The theft happened between the evening of Monday September 15, 2008 to the early morning hours of Tuesday September 16, 2008.

The Milton Police request that anyone having information regarding the theft please contact the Milton Police Department (302) 684-8547 attention Det. Boone or Crime Stoppers at (800) TIP-3333.

Local Fugitive Arrest

August 2008

Milton Police on August 27, 2008 arrested Antonio Rivera, 37, of Milton DE for being a local fugitive.

Milton Police on a theft call completed a wanted check on Rivera and he was wanted by Court of Common Pleas. Rivera paid \$500.00 bond and he was released pending a later court date.

75-08-1528

Milton Police on August 30, 2008 arrested Telley Aiken, 30, Georgetown DE for being a local fugitive.

Milton Police observed Aiken inside a vehicle and ran a wanted check on Aiken who was wanted three times from Court of Common Pleas. Aiken was taken into custody and then committed to SCCI by Justice of the Peace Court 3 in default of \$1,272.00 secured bond.

75-08-1547

Milton Police on August 30, 2008 arrested Melvin S. Davis, 22, of Lewes, DE for being a local fugitive.

Milton Police while handling a complaint ran a wanted check on Davis who turned up wanted by DSP Troop 7. Davis was transported to Troop 7 and turned over without incident.

75-08-1550

September 2008

Milton Police on September 1, 2008 arrested John Mullen Jr., 25, of Laurel, DE for being a local fugitive.

Milton Police stopped Mullen for a traffic violation and after a computer check discovered that Mullen was wanted by CCP in New Castle County. Mullen was presented to JP 3 and committed to SCCI in default of \$200.00 secured bond.

75-08-1567

Milton Police on September 20, 2008 arrested Myron Hazzard, 44, of Lincoln, DE for being a local fugitive.

Milton Police stopped Hazzard for a traffic violation and discovered that Hazzard was wanted two times. Hazzard was committed to SCCI in default of \$750.00 secured bond by Justice of the Peace Court 3.

75-08-1667

DUI Arrest

August 2008

Milton Police on August 24, 2008 arrested Loretta Webb, 25, of Delmar, DE for DUI, Fictitious Registration.

Milton Police completed a registration check and discovered that the vehicle the reg was displayed on was not the correct make and model and stopped the vehicle operated by Webb.

Milton Police observed a strong odor of alcoholic beverage and Webb was tested at the vehicle stop and then later at Milton PD. Webb was issued summons and released pending later court date.

75-08-1513

Milton Police on August 31, 2008 arrested Bernardino Estrada, of Milton DE for DUI.

Milton Police stopped Estrada for a traffic violation and found Estrada to have been drinking alcoholic beverages. Estrada was given tests at the stop and then back at Milton Police Department.

Estrada was issued summons and released pending later court date.

75-08-1560

September 2008

Milton Police on September 8, 2008 arrested Gregory B. Stewart, 48, of Lewes, DE for DUI.

Milton Police responded to Food Lion Shopping Center after a concerned citizen reported a possible DUI.

Milton Police contacted Stewart and he was tested for DUI and taken into custody. Stewart was given another test at Milton PD and then issued summons and released to family pending a later court date.

75-08-1609

Milton Police on September 14, 2008 arrested Bernardino Estrada, 39, of Milton DE for DUI.

Milton Police stopped Estrada after a General Broadcast was given about his vehicle being a possible DUI called in by the public.

Estrada was tested at the stop location and then at Milton Police Department. Estrada was issued summons pending later court date.

75-08-1629

Milton Police on September 20, 2008 arrested Donna Q. Holden, 59, of Millsboro, DE was arrested for DUI.

Milton Police responded to a one car vehicle crash involving a light pole at the corner of Union St and Federal St. Holden appeared to be disoriented and was tested for DUI (medication).

Holden had further testing done and was released after summons issued.

75-08-1668

The Milton Police Chief William E. Phillips has provided the information below to you for educational purposes.

§ 4142. Pedestrians' right-of-way in crosswalks.

(a) When traffic-control signals are not in place or not in operation or when the operator of a vehicle is making a turn at an intersection, the driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way, slowing down or stopping if need be to so yield, to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within a crosswalk when the pedestrian is upon the half of the roadway upon which the vehicle is traveling, or when the pedestrian is approaching so closely from the opposite half of the roadway as to be in danger.

(b) No pedestrian shall suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close as to constitute an immediate hazard.

(c) Subsection (a) of this section shall not apply under the conditions stated in § 4143(b) of this title.

(d) Whenever any vehicle is stopped at a marked crosswalk or at any unmarked crosswalk at an intersection to permit a pedestrian to cross the roadway, the driver of any other vehicle approaching from the rear shall not overtake and pass such stopped vehicle. (21 Del. C. 1953, § 4142; 54 Del. Laws, c. 160, § 1; 60 Del. Laws, c. 701, § 31; 68 Del. Laws, c. 438, § 1.)

§ 4143. Crossing at other than crosswalks.

(a) Every pedestrian crossing a roadway at any point other than within a marked crosswalk or within an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles upon the roadway.

(b) Any pedestrian crossing a roadway at a point where pedestrian tunnel or overhead pedestrian crossing has been provided shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles upon the roadway.

(c) Between adjacent intersections at which traffic-control signals are in operation pedestrians shall not cross at any place except in a marked crosswalk.

(d) No pedestrian shall cross a roadway intersection diagonally unless authorized by official traffic-control devices; and, when authorized to cross diagonally, pedestrians shall cross only in accordance with the official traffic-control devices pertaining to such crossing movements. (21 Del. C. 1953, § 4143; 54 Del. Laws, c. 160, § 1.)

§ 4144. Drivers to exercise due care.

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this chapter, every driver of a vehicle shall exercise due care to avoid colliding with any pedestrian upon any roadway and shall give warning by sounding the horn when necessary and shall exercise proper precaution upon observing any child or any obviously confused or incapacitated person or a person wholly or partially blind, carrying a cane or walking stick white in color, or white tipped with red or accompanied by a guide dog, upon a roadway. (21 Del. C. 1953, § 4144; 54 Del. Laws, c. 160, § 1; 60 Del. Laws, c. 701, § 32.)

§ 4148. Carrying of lights or reflector device by pedestrians; penalty.

(a) No pedestrian shall walk upon any roadway or shoulders of any roadway of this State that is used for motor or vehicle traffic, beyond the corporate limits of any city or town, without carrying a lighted lantern, lighted flashlight or other similar light or reflector type device during the period of time from sunset to sunrise and at any other time when there is not sufficient light to render clearly visible any person or vehicle on the highway.

(b) Whoever violates subsection (a) of this section shall for the first offense be fined not less than \$2.30 nor more than \$28.25. For each subsequent like offense within 1 year, the person shall be fined not less than \$11.50 nor more than \$28.25. (21 Del. C. 1953, § 4148; 54 Del. Laws, c. 160, § 1; 58 Del. Laws, c. 54, § 2; 65 Del. Laws, c. 353, § 1; 68 Del. Laws, c. 9, § 28; 70 Del. Laws, c. 186, § 1.)

THE MILTON POLICE DEPARTMENT IS COMMITTED IN MAINTAINING A COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICE DEPARTMENT DEDICATED TO IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR RESIDENTS OF THE TOWN OF MILTON WHILE ENFORCEING THE LAWS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE.