

Milton Police Department

*Monthly Report
To
Mayor & Town Council*



“Pride & Integrity”

August 21 – September 20, 2009

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INTEGRITY

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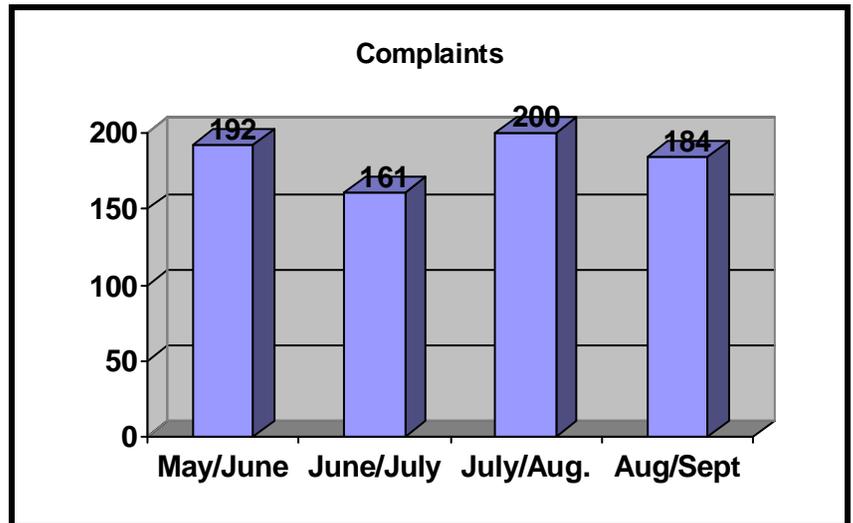
The Honorable Don Post, Mayor
Members of Milton Town Council
Town Hall
Milton, DE 19968

Mayor Post and Council Members:

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

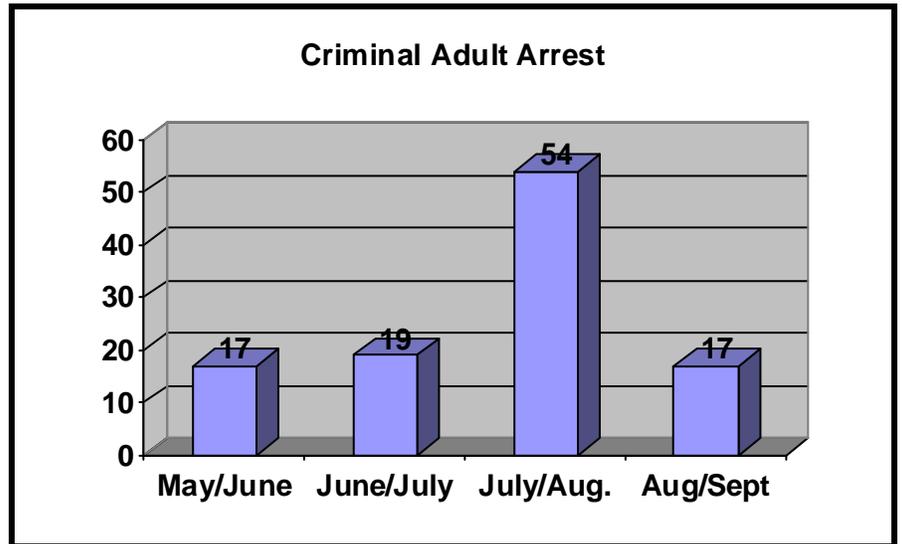
Complaints

Total complaints received
from **August 21 –
September 20, 2009**
numbered 184.



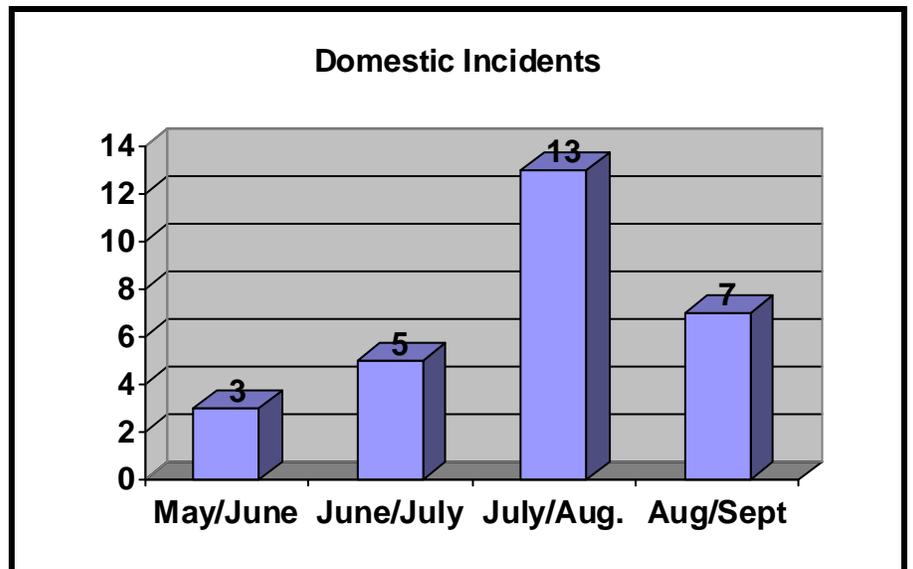
Criminal Arrests

Total criminal arrests from **August 21 – September 20, 2009** numbered 17.



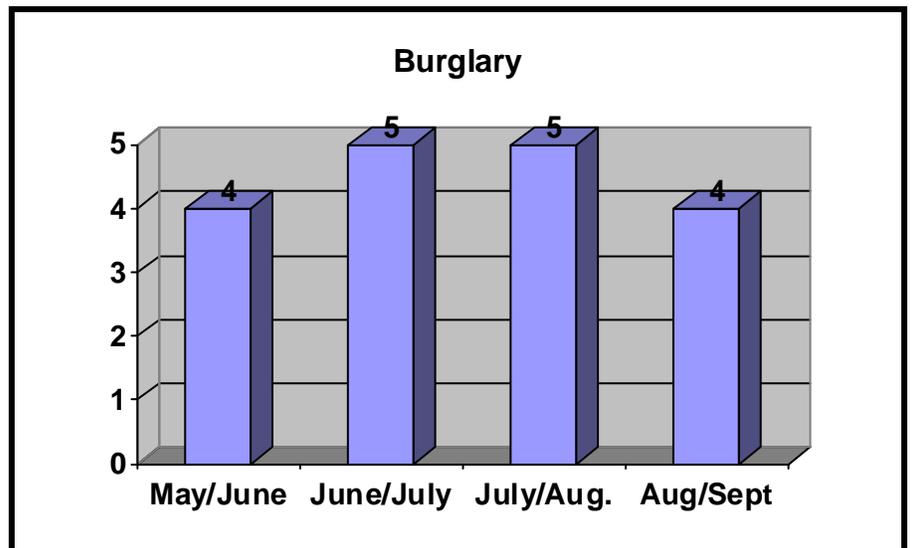
Domestic Incidents

Total domestic incidents from **August 21 – September 20, 2009** numbered 7.



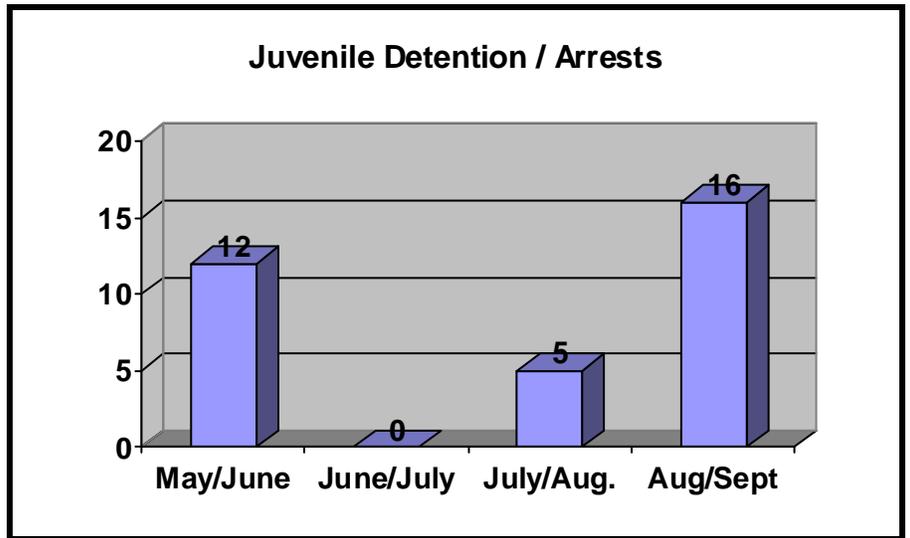
Burglary

Total Burglaries from **August 21 – September 20, 2009** numbered 4.



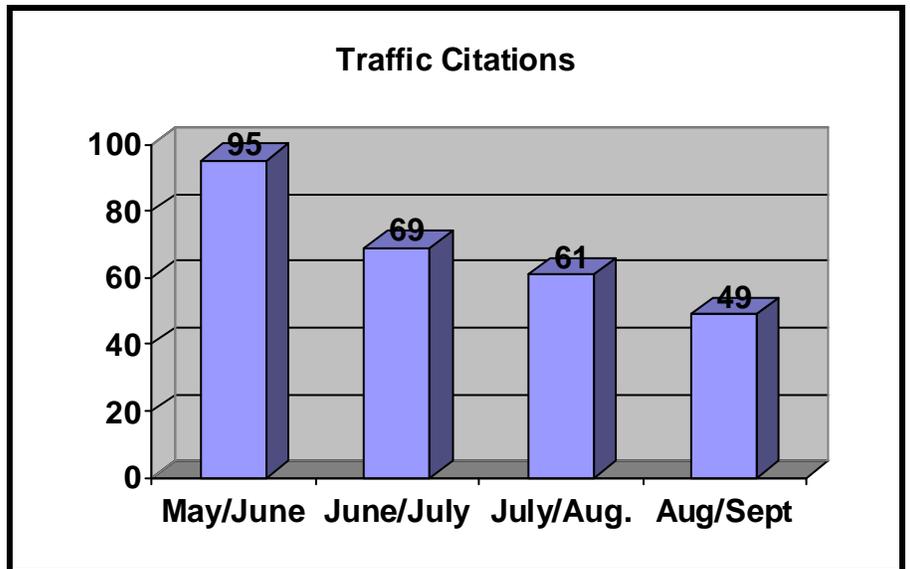
Juvenile Detention / Arrest

Total juvenile detention / criminal arrests from **August 21 – September 20, 2009** numbered 16.



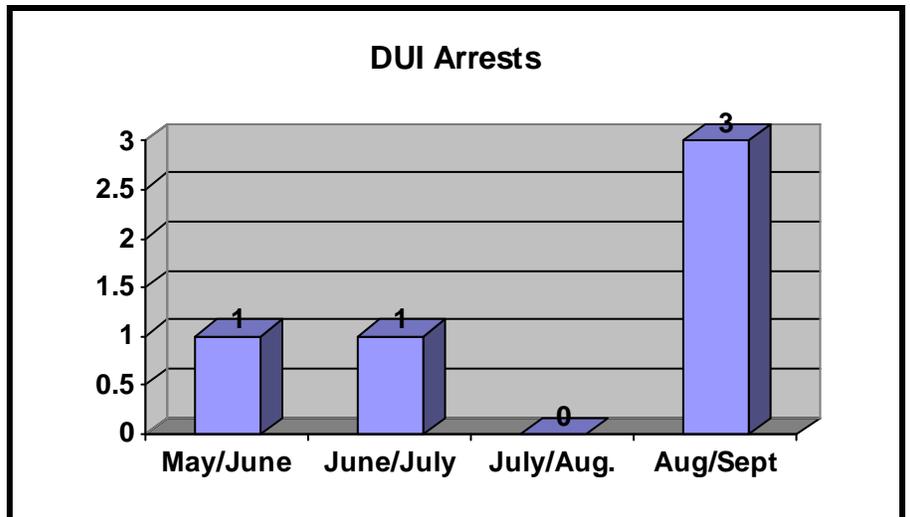
Traffic Citations

The department issued 49 traffic citations from **August 21 – September 20, 2009**.



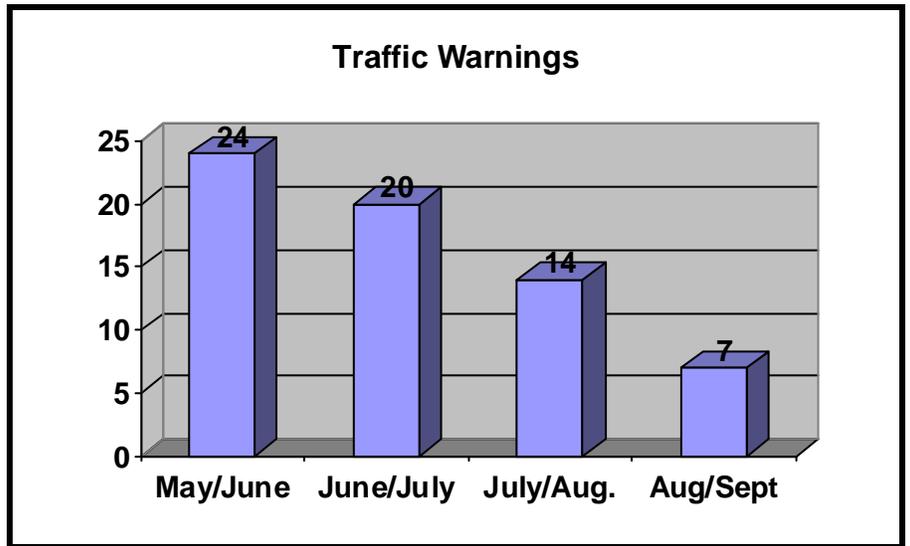
DUI Arrests

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



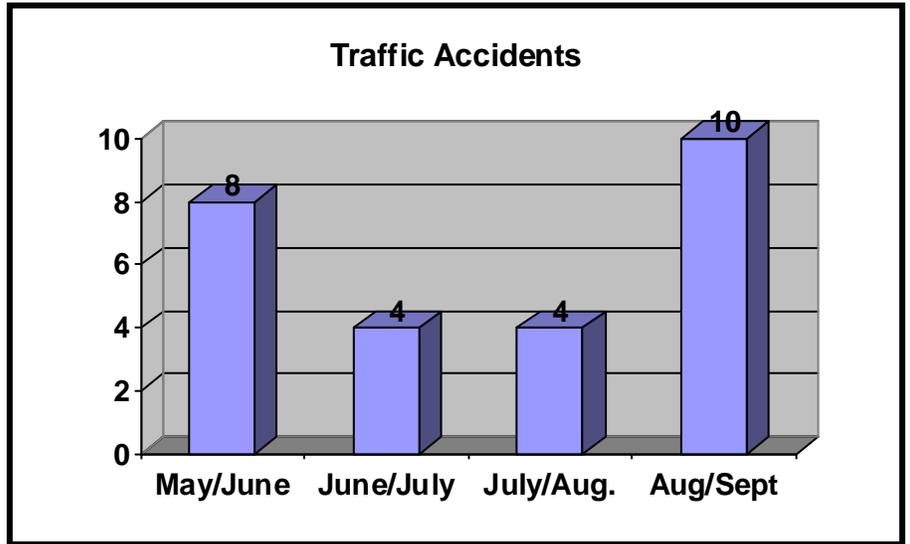
Traffic Warnings

The department issued 7 traffic warnings from **August 21 – September 20, 2009**.



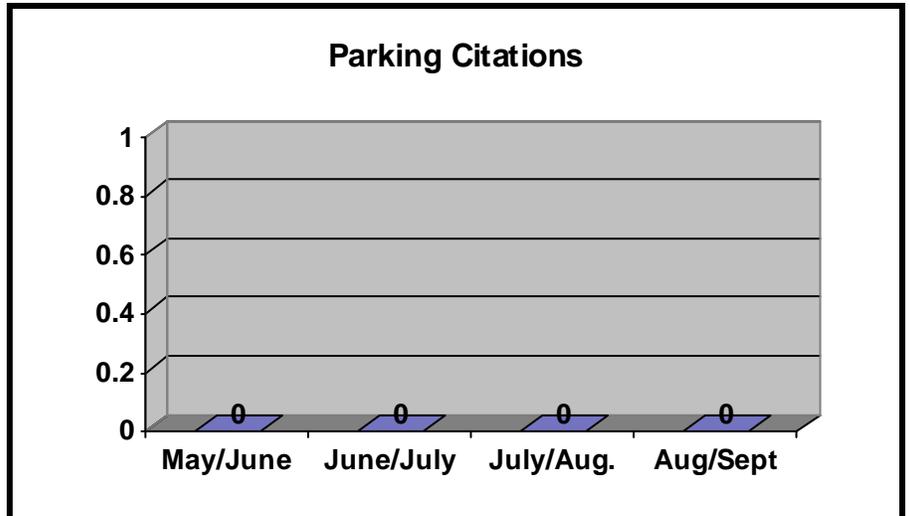
Traffic Accidents

From **August 21 – September 20, 2009** police investigated 10 traffic accidents.



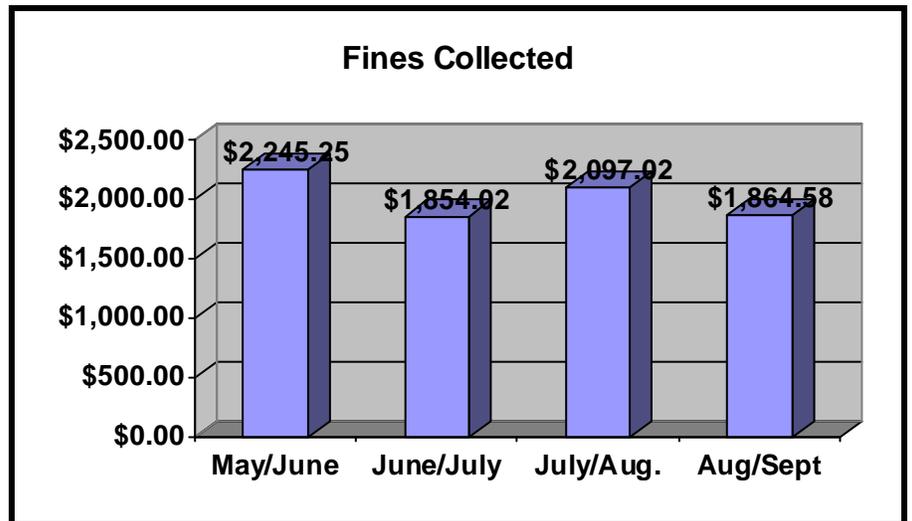
Parking Citations

The department issued 0 parking citations from **August 21 – September 20, 2009**.



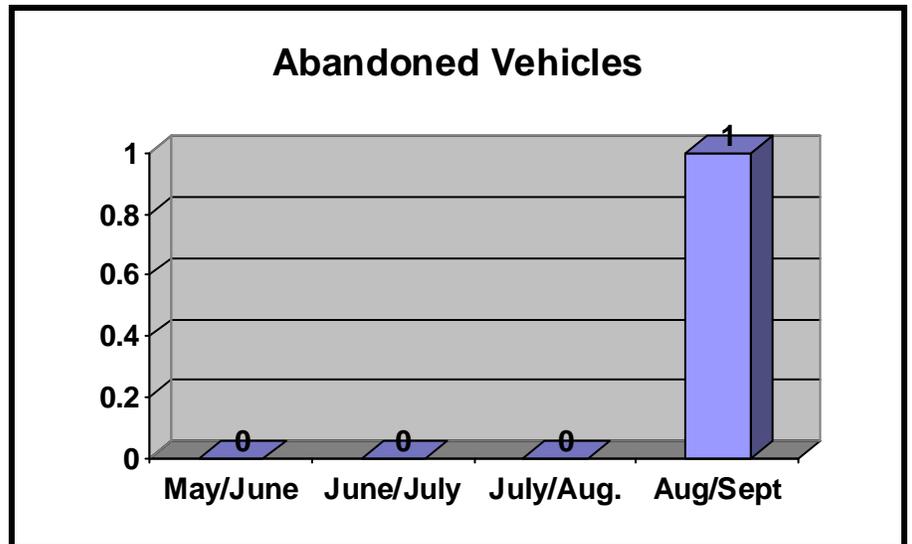
Fines Collected

From **August 21 – September 20, 2009** police have received \$1,864.58 in fines.



Abandoned Vehicles

From **August 21 – September 20, 2009** police have issued 1 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 August 21, 2009, Milton Police arrested Clifford W. Bowman (21) of Greenwood for Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Driving Without a Seatbelt.

A Milton Officer stopped Bowman's vehicle after observing Bowman not wearing a seatbelt. Further investigation revealed that Bowman was in possession of 2.4 grams of marijuana and a device used to smoke marijuana.

Bowman was arraigned and released on \$750.00 unsecured bond.

On September 4, 2009, Milton Police arrested George Miller (17) of Milton for Assault 2nd degree, Attempted Burglary 2nd degree, Conspiracy 2nd degree, (2) counts of Assault 3rd degree, Criminal Mischief, and Disorderly Conduct.

On September 9, 2009, Milton Police arrested Anthony Oberholtzer (18) of Lewes for Assault 2nd degree, Attempted Burglary 2nd degree, Conspiracy 2nd degree, (2) counts of Assault 3rd degree, Criminal Mischief, and Disorderly Conduct.

On September 10, 2009, Milton Police arrested Christopher Boone (19) of Lincoln for Assault 2nd degree, Attempted Burglary 2nd degree, Conspiracy 2nd degree, (2) counts of Assault 3rd degree, Criminal Mischief, and Disorderly Conduct.

On September 10, 2009, Milton Police arrested Malcolm Mapp (16) of Lewes for Assault 2nd degree, Attempted Burglary 2nd degree, Conspiracy 2nd degree, (2) counts of Assault 3rd degree, Criminal Mischief, and Disorderly Conduct.

On August 27, 2009, Milton Police responded to a fight in progress complaint. Milton Police learned that three subjects were attacked by four black males, who fled the scene prior to the police arriving. Milton Police learned that after the victims were attacked, the suspects attempted to force entry into the victim's house. One victim was treated at the hospital and suffered several fractured bones to the facial area.

Milton Police conducted an investigation and learned the four black males involved were Christopher Boone, Anthony Oberholtzer, George Miller, and Malcolm Mapp.

Miller was arraigned and committed to the Stevenson House in default of \$12,200.00 secured bond. Oberholtzer was arraigned and released on \$14,000.00 unsecured bond. Boone was arraigned and released on \$13,000.00 unsecured bond. Mapp was arraigned and released on \$10,000.00 unsecured bond.

Milton Police on September 15, 2009 arrested Leslie A. Spady, 21, of Dover De, Michael K. Scott, 18, of Magnolia De, Mark McDonald, 37, of Dover De, Deangelo Hoskins, 40, of Camden, De, and Crystal R. Thomas, 27, of Mareno Valley Ca for Robbery 1st, Conspiracy 2nd, Wearing a Disguise during the Commission of a Felony, Possession of a Deadly Weapon during the Commission of a Felony, Possession of a Deadly Weapon by a person prohibited. Spady was a local fugitive for a Capias out of Kent Superior Court, and wanted on criminal charges from Dover PD both for Fail Register as a sex offender. Hoskins was a local fugitive from New Castle CCP and Kent CCP for traffic capiases. Hoskins was also wanted by Kent Superior Court and DSP for Failure to Register as a Sex Offender and Family Court on a capias. Thomas was a local fugitive out of JP7 for a shoplifting capias.

Milton Police on September 15, 2009 at approx. 8:50 P.M. responded to a report of a robbery that just occurred with a handgun at Workman's Package Store on Federal St.

Milton Police upon arrival confirmed a robbery had occurred and obtained a suspect vehicle description and placed a general broadcast out to all units. Georgetown Police stopped the suspect

vehicle with the above defendants inside. Milton Police responded and were assisted by Delaware State Police and Probation & Parole Sussex Street Unit. Milton Police recovered a money box, U.S.C. and 2 bb handguns from the suspect vehicle.

Milton Police learned that McDonald entered the establishment prior to the robbery and then left after casing the business. Spady then entered the establishment a short time later while wearing a disguise and held up the clerk with a handgun. Scott stood by outside as a lookout. Spady and Scott fled a block away to the suspect vehicle driven by Hoskins with Thomas as lookout. All suspects were apprehended without incident. McDonald and Scott were committed to SCCI in default of \$64,000.00 secured bond pending preliminary hearing. Thomas was committed to SCCI in default of \$64,500.00 secured bond pending preliminary hearing and later court date for the capias. Spady was committed to SCCI in default of \$64,000 secured bond and \$324.00 cash bond pending later court dates. Hoskins was committed to SCI in default of \$69,050,00 secured bond and \$5,070.00 cash pending court at a later date.

On September 21, 2009, Milton Police arrested Cedric Moody (39) of Milton for Theft of a Firearm, Possession of a Firearm by a Person Prohibited, and for an active capias out of the Sussex County Court of Common Pleas.

On July 12, 2009, Milton Police began an investigation after learning a handgun was stolen from the victim while the victim was visiting a family member in Milton. Milton Police obtained warrants for Moody after conducting an investigation and developing Moody as a suspect.

Moody was arraigned by the Justice of the Peace Court 2 and released on unsecured bond pending a Preliminary Hearing.

Local Fugitive Arrests

August

On August 28, 2009, Milton Police arrested a 16 year old juvenile after learning the juvenile had an active warrant out of the Sussex County Family Court for Violation of Probation. Milton Police learned of the warrant while conducting an investigation of a missing child after the juvenile did not return home. The juvenile was arraigned and committed to the Stevenson House in default of \$500.00 secured bond.
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September

DUI Arrests

August

September



Office of Highway Safety (OHS)

August 23, 2009

Seat Belt Enforcement Results for Month 1 of Mobilization

Dover – Officers participating in a stepped up enforcement effort to save lives by getting more Delawareans to buckle up have issued 239 citations for seat belt violations in the first month of the campaign.

The enforcement and awareness mobilization, which launched August 1st, is part of a four-month long safety initiative created after results from observational seat belt surveys conducted by the Office of Highway Safety in June revealed that the state's 2009 statewide use rate declined from 91% last year to 88% this year. Additionally, 64% of drivers and passengers killed since January 1st of this year have not been buckled up.

In addition to the seat belt citations issued during the first month of enforcement, officers have also issued 9 citations for violations of Delaware's child restraint law, cited 70 for speeding, arrested one for DUI and cited another 198 for other traffic violations. Drivers who don't wear seat belts are also more likely to exhibit other risky behaviors like driving aggressively or while impaired by drugs and / or alcohol.

As part of the mobilization eight county and municipal police agencies, primarily in Sussex and New Castle County, are conducting either traffic safety patrols and / or checkpoints looking for unbuckled drivers and passengers. Enforcement is occurring both day and night and will continue through the end of November, purposely including the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

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. Delaware's law also requires correct use of the seat belt . . . which means the shoulder belt must be worn over the shoulder and not under the arm. 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 more than \$70.00.

Participating agencies include: Bridgeville Police, Harrington Police, Laurel Police, Milford Police, Millsboro Police, New Castle County Police, Ocean View Police, and Seaford Police. Seat belt usage declined by 4% each in New Castle and Sussex Counties, while the usage rate actually increased by 1% in Kent County.

For weekly updates on OHS's seat belt mobilization results please visit the Newsroom on the OHS website at www.ohs.delaware.gov. While there, bookmark the site in your RSS Reader. You can also follow OHS updates on our activities on Twitter at www.twitter.com/DEHighwaySage.

September 9, 2009

Three Out of Four Children Riding at Risk!

Enforcement and car seat check events planned for National Child Passenger Safety Week (Sept. 12 – 19)

Dover – In July, three young children ages 11 months, two years, and three years old were injured in a single car motor vehicle crash in Laurel – police report none of the three were properly restrained in child safety seats. This crash highlights a disturbing situation that continues to exist in this country . . . that three out of four children are riding at risk because their car seats are not installed properly.

That’s why the Delaware Office of Highway Safety (OHS) is coordinating both enforcement and awareness activities for National Child passenger Safety Week (September 12-19). National CPS Week is an annual campaign to bring public attention to the importance of properly securing all children in appropriate child safety seats, booster seats, or seat belts – every trip, every time.

“We are urging everyone to see this special week as an opportunity and a call to action, to get their child safety seats checked for correct installation,” said Andrea Summers, a Certified Child Passenger Safety Instructor for OHS. “When it comes to the safety of a child, there is no room for mistakes.”

The campaign kicks off on September 12, 2009, with “National Seat Check Saturday,” where certified child passenger safety technicians nationwide will provide free child safety seat inspections that educate parents and caregivers on how to install their child’s safety seats properly in their vehicles. In Delaware the “Seat Check Saturday” event will be at the Burlington Coat Factory, in the Tri State Mall on Naamans Rd, In NcCo from noon to 3 p.m.

OHS has four additional car seat check events planned for the week of September 12-19th.

- 1) Monday, September 14th – Lewes Auto Mall, Rt 1 NB in Lewes, 10am – 2pm live remote by Eagle 97
- 2) Monday, September 14th – Cozy Critters Child Care (for center’s parents), Ocean View, 4-6pm
- 3) Tuesday, September 15th – Closic’s Children’s Store, 4201 Miller Rd., Wilmington, 10am – 2pm
- 4) Thursday, September 17th – Milford Avenue Methodist Church, Milford, 1pm – 4pm.

In addition to the enforcement efforts, 12 State and local police agencies will conduct 16 checkpoints and nearly 200 patrols during the week, looking for unrestrained children, as well as other occupants, in vehicles. Participating agencies include Clayton Police, Dagsboro Police, Delaware State Police, Felton Police, Georgetown Police, Harrington Police, Laurel Police, Millsboro Police, New Castle City Police, Ocean View Police, Seaford Police and Smyrna Police.

Delaware law states that all children up to age 8 or 65 pounds in weight must be properly secured in a child safety seat. All children from age 8 (or more than 65 pounds in weight – whichever comes first) up to age 16, must be properly secured in a seat belt. And no child under at 12 or 5’5” may sit in the front seat when the vehicle is equipped with an airbag in front of the passenger seating position. Violations will result in a \$25.00 citation, plus court fees.

In 2008 child passenger safety technicians in Delaware installed 1,089 (or 70%) showed some form of misuse. The most common examples of misuse are seats not being installed tightly in

the vehicle, children who are placed forward facing too early and children not being secured tightly enough in the child safety seats.

Also last year, six children under the age of 9 were killed in Delaware motor vehicle crashes and 151 others were injured. One of the six killed was not in a child safety seat, neither were 25 of the injured.

If you cannot make one of the scheduled child safety seat check events, please visit the OHS website at www.ohs.delaware.gov and click on the “Child Passengers” link on the left side of the page to find a year round Fitting Station in Delaware near you. To locate a Fitting Station outside of Delaware, visit www.nhtsa.dot.gov and click on the Seat Check Saturday icon on the right side of the page.

September 10, 2009

120 Days of Summer HEAT Campaign Results in the Thousands of Citations for Seat Belt, DUI and Speeding

Dover - Thousands of speeding, impaired and unbelted drivers on Delaware roadways this summer were cited as part of a summertime crackdown on traffic violators. The “120 Days of Summer HEAT (Highway Enforcement of Aggressive Traffic)” campaign is a high visibility traffic safety initiative aimed at reducing traffic deaths and injuries in the First State. The umbrella traffic initiative unifies Delaware’s three primary safety campaigns conducted during the summer months. They are: *Click It or Ticket*, *Checkpoint Strikeforce* and the *Stop Aggressive Driving* campaign.

Delaware law enforcement officers statewide participate in the various campaigns by conducting traffic safety checkpoints and/or roving patrols. OHS and law enforcement began turning up the HEAT in May with the launch of the 2009 Click It or Ticket campaign. Under that initiative, officers issued 2,012 citations to drivers for seat belt violations.

Over the Fourth of July weekend, safety and police agencies turned up the HEAT on impaired drivers with the launch of *Checkpoint Strikeforce*. The DUI checkpoint program has resulted in 191 DUI arrests since that date. Additionally, officers statewide began conducting DUI saturation patrols as part of a nationwide crackdown on impaired drivers on August 22nd. Another 37 individuals were arrested for DUI under that effort.

On July 6th, the HEAT was on aggressive drivers as OHS launched the speed focused Stop Aggressive Driving campaign. Since then, Delaware State Police, New Castle County Police and Dover Police have issued 3,845 speed citations to drivers. This campaign will continue through the end of October.

In addition to the primary arrests in each campaign, officers also collectively made arrests for other serious violations over the last three months including: apprehending 138 wanted individuals, recovering 6 stolen vehicles, making 127 drug arrests and 80 felony arrests, citing 43 minors for underage drinking violations, recovering 10 weapons, and making arrests for another 42 criminal violations.

Currently alcohol-related fatalities are half of what they were at this time last year, speed related fatal crashes have declined since the Stop Aggressive Driving campaign’s launch from 30%

to 18%, and lack of seat belt use in driver and passenger fatalities has declined from 65% in August to 58% since OHS added statewide stepped up enforcement of occupant protection laws last month.

The Office of Highway Safety would like to remind the public that traffic crashes kill and injure Delaware citizens nearly twice as often as violent crimes. For more information on all of OHS's safety initiatives please visit our website at www.ohs.delaware.gov and click on the Checkpoint Strikeforce icon in the center of the page or follow OHS on Twitter at www.twitter.com/DEHighwaySafe.



General Guidelines for Using Safety Seats

Children Under Age 1 and less than 20 pounds:

Infants must ride in the back seat of the car facing rearward until they are a minimum of age 1 **and** 20 pounds. Many infant only seats are equipped to accommodate children only up to 20 pounds.

However, more babies are reaching 20 pounds before the age of one. If this happens to you, you should buy a convertible seat (for use facing both backward and forward) with a rear-facing weight limit of 30 or 35 pounds and keep the child facing backward until they have reached this weight limit.



** Please note that the American Academy of Pediatrics now recommends that children remain rear facing until the rear facing weight limit of the seat is maxed out.

Other Tips:

Keep harness straps snug like suspenders. You should not be able to pinch harness webbing between your fingers when you grip it at your baby's collarbone.

Harness straps must be at or below your baby's shoulder level. If you find that even when putting the harness straps through the lowest slots, the harness straps are above the baby's shoulder level, you should not continue to use that seat until the baby grows into it.

Make sure the plastic retainer clip is placed at the baby's armpit level. The retainer clip is used to hold the straps in place so they can effectively hold your child down in the event of a crash. (The above picture is of a Fisher-Price Safe Embrace which does not require a retainer clip for rear-facing installations.)

It is extremely important to recline a rear-facing seat at a 45-degree angle for an infant. If the baby is sitting up any straighter, especially when very young, the head could fall forward and cut off its ability to breathe. As your child gets older, the seat can recline between 30 and 45-degrees.

If you use a convertible seat, avoid using seats with T-shields (hard plastic triangles near the buckle) or seats with trays. These could injure small children in a crash, and often allow too much space between the straps and the child. Seats with a 5-point harness system are recommended.

Do not attach extra padding or dangling toys to the safety seat. These toys could harm your child if you were involved in a crash. Extra padding puts too much space between the baby and the car seat, and has not been crash tested.

Children Over Age 1 and Between 20 and 40 pounds

These children should be facing forward in the back seat of the vehicle, after they have reached the maximum weight limit for a rear facing convertible seat. Many convertible or forward facing seats have a "foot" or recline arm at the back of the car seat's base. Flip that out to help stabilize the seat. If your car seat has a lever at the front of the seat to adjust the angle, adjust it so that the seat sits completely upright.

Harness straps should go through the slots at or above shoulder level. Most car seats have a reinforced plastic hump or bar in the back. If yours does, then the harness straps must go over that bar and through the top slots.

Make sure that the retainer clip rests at armpit level.

If your car seat is equipped with a tether strap on the back, use it. Tether straps cannot be used for rear-facing seats, but should be used for children facing forward to limit the amount of space that your child's head will come forward in a crash. Consult your driver's manual to see if you have anchor points in your vehicle to attach a tether strap to, and follow your manufacturer's instructions.

For more information on the use of tether straps and the LATCH (Lower Anchors and Tethers for Children) universal attachment system, click on the Hot Topics section of our Home Page.

Children over 40 pounds

Often around age 4...children at this point should be placed in booster seats as long as they are under 4 feet 9 inches tall. Do not place them in a seatbelt alone. Seatbelts are made to fit adults, not small children.

Booster seats raise children up so that the lap and shoulder belt fit them properly

The lap portion should fit snugly and low over the hips. A lap belt that comes across the child's stomach could cause internal injuries in the event of a car crash. The shoulder strap should come across the child's chest, not his or her neck.



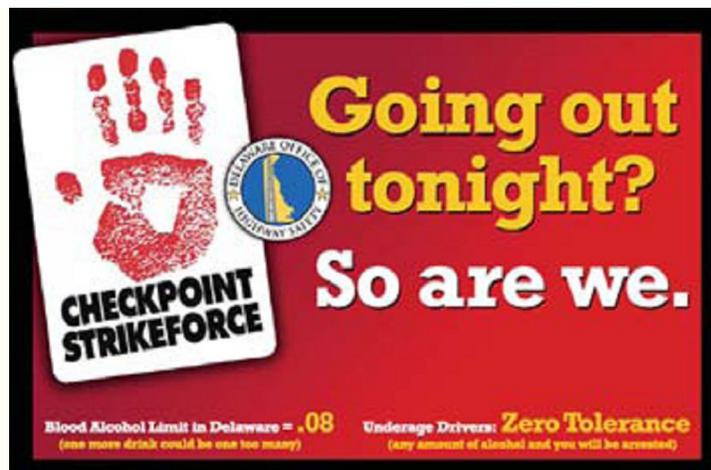
There are two types of booster seats: High back boosters and shield boosters. High back booster seats look like a chair with no legs, and are generally considered safer than shield boosters.

Use high back boosters with their harness strap systems for children between 30 and 40 pounds. Remove the harness system for children over 40 pounds, and use the booster seat with a lap and shoulder belt.

Never use a device that looks like a sling to pull a shoulder belt away from your child's neck. If used, the "sling" also pulls the lap belt up to rest on the stomach area, which could result in organ damage during a crash. And never put a shoulder belt behind the child's back.

Once the middle of the back of your child's head is above the top of the high back booster seat, it is safe to move them into a seatbelt.

If you have lap belts only in the back seat of your car, never use a booster seat with the lap belt only. It is more dangerous to do that than to place your child in just the lap belt without the booster.



Checkpoint Strikeforce is a six month long multi-state crackdown on impaired drivers. The goal of this regional sobriety checkpoint campaign, now in its 8th year, is to deter people from driving while under the influence of alcohol, and arrest DUI offenders on Delaware roadways. The campaign which runs through New Year's Eve involves setting up weekly DUI checkpoints statewide. During peak holiday times such as Labor Day, Halloween, and the month of December. The number of checkpoints will be increased and DUI patrols will be added. Officers participating in the 2008

campaign made 559 DUI arrests.

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. To learn more about Checkpoint Strikeforce in Delaware...check the press release section of this webpage for the kickoff press release.

**** Running Totals for July 3rd through 12/31/2009.**

*** Weekly Totals for Weekend of September 25th**

Checkpoint Activity	* Weekly Totals	** Running Totals	2008 Totals
# of checkpoints conducted	3	49	103
DUI Arrests	16	230	559
Child Restraint Arrests	2	40	67
Other Traffic Arrests	57	762	1,987
Wanted Person Apprehensions	6	81	169
Stolen Vehicles Recovered	1	6	9
Drug Arrests	9	93	218
Seat Belt Arrests	8	118	249
Underage Arrests	0	48	93
Felony Arrests	8	82	168

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.