

Milton Police Department

*Monthly Report
To
Mayor & Town Council*



“Pride & Integrity”

December 2007

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MILTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

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The Honorable Don Post, Mayor
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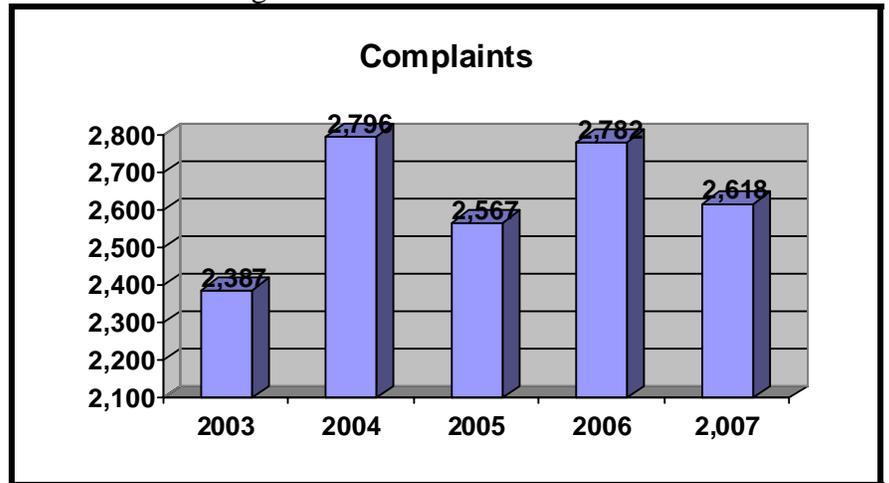
Mayor Post and Council Members:

The following is the report on police department activities through December 2007.

Complaints

Total complaints received through December numbered 2,618. This is a decrease of 164 over the same time period of last year.

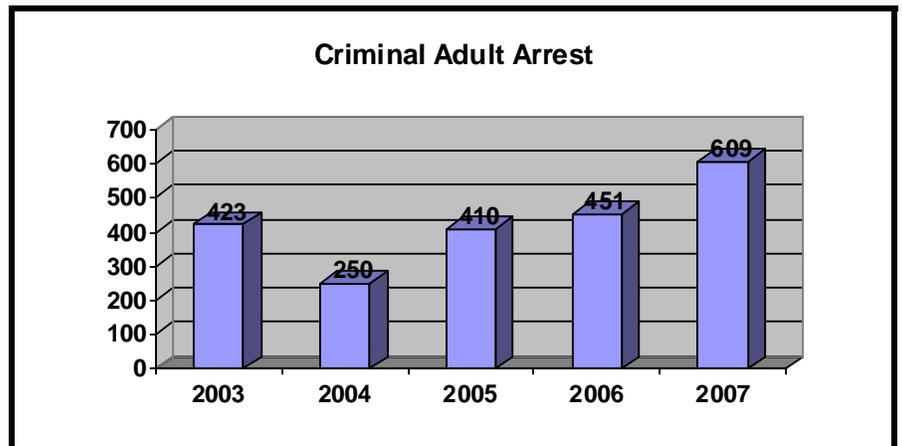
Dec. Total: 184



Criminal Arrests

Total criminal arrests through December numbered 609. This is an increase of 158 criminal arrests over the same time period for last year.

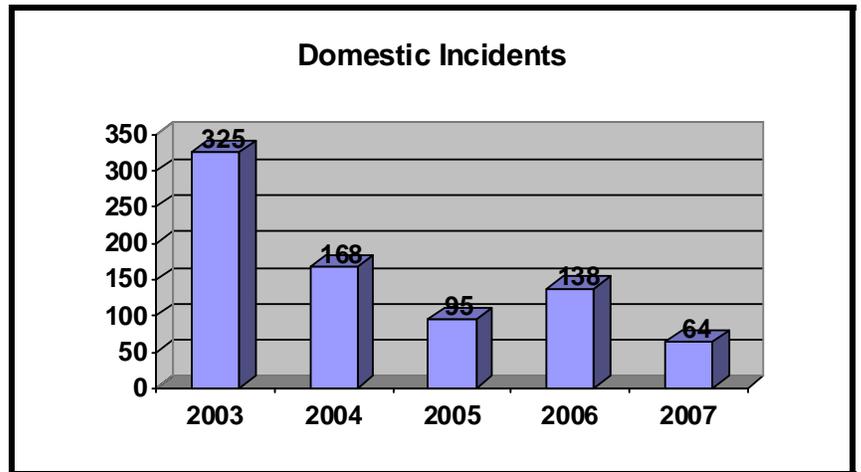
Dec. Total: 28



Domestic Incidents

2003, 04 stats come from a new program COMSTAT that is managed by the state. 2003, 04 are year totals. 2005, 06, 07 stats are current stats for the months of March. 05 and December 06 December 07 to be compared.

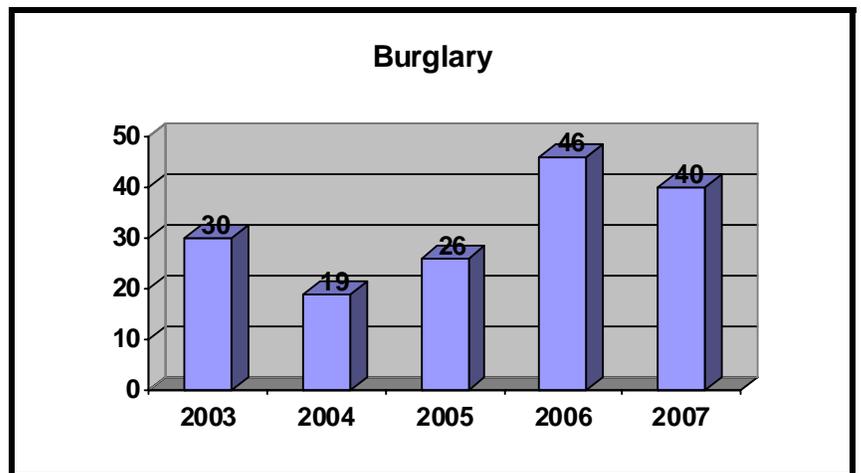
Dec. Total: 5



Burglary

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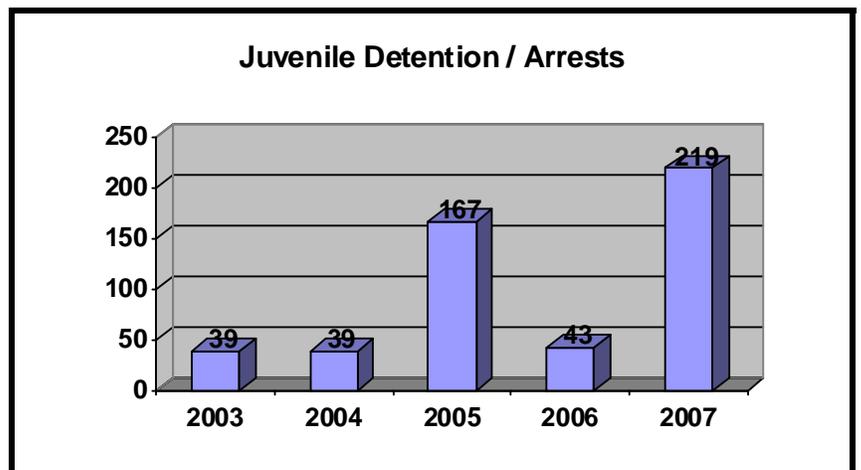
Dec. Total: 5



Juvenile Detention / Arrests

Total juvenile detention / criminal arrests through December numbered 219. This is an increase of 176 juvenile detention / criminal arrest during the same period last year.

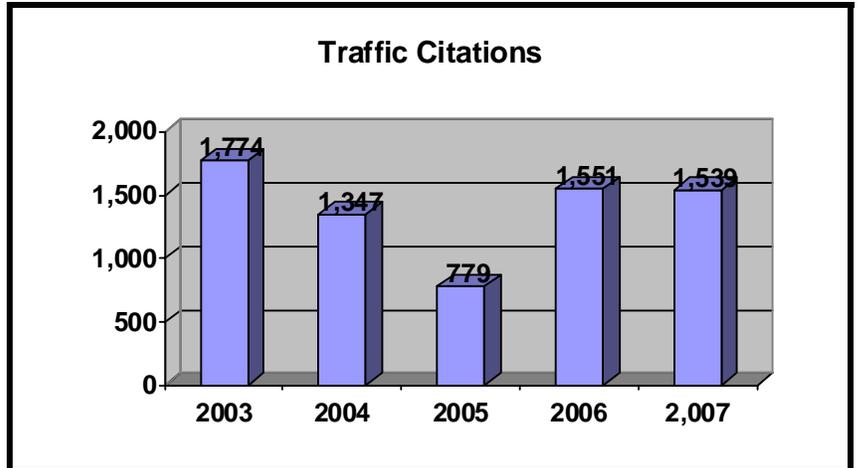
Dec. Total: 34



Traffic Citations

The department issued 1,539 traffic citations through this reporting period. This is a decrease of 12 citations over the number issued during the same period last year.

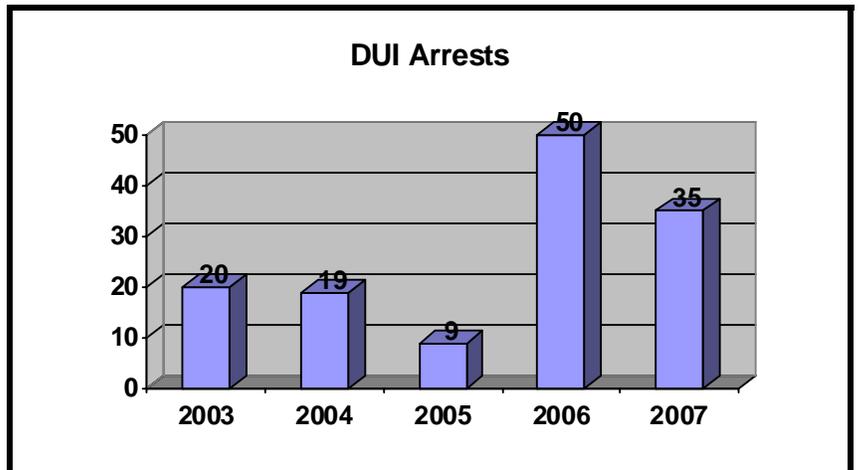
Dec. Total: 62



DUI Arrests

The department made 35 DUI arrests through this reporting period. This is a decrease of 15 during the same period last year.

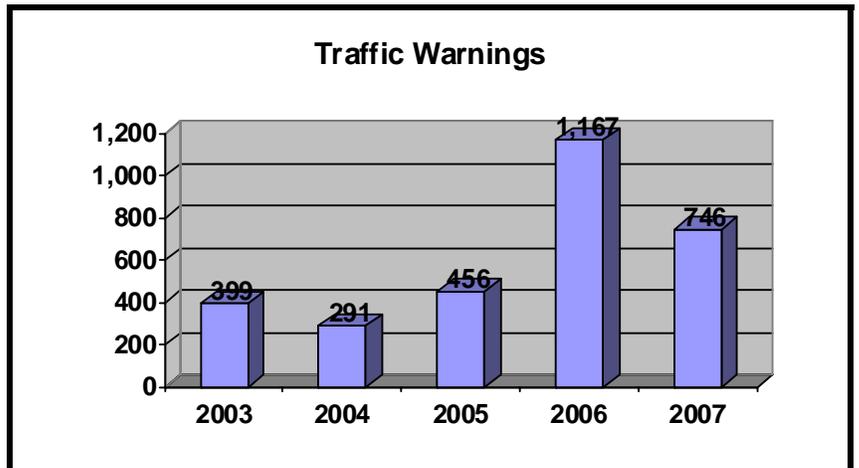
Dec. Total: 3



Traffic Warnings

The department issued 746 traffic warnings through this reporting period. This is a decrease of 421 warnings over the number issued during the same period last year.

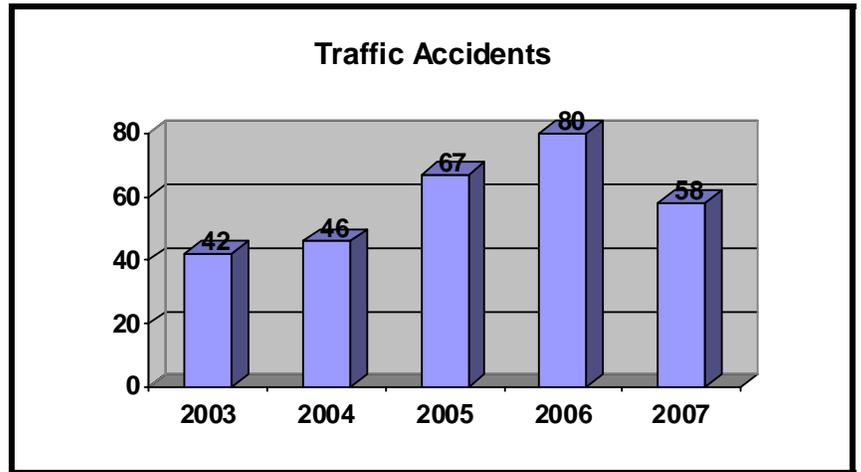
Dec. Total: 55



Traffic Accidents

Through December 31 police investigated 58 traffic accidents. This is a decrease of 22 during the same period last year.

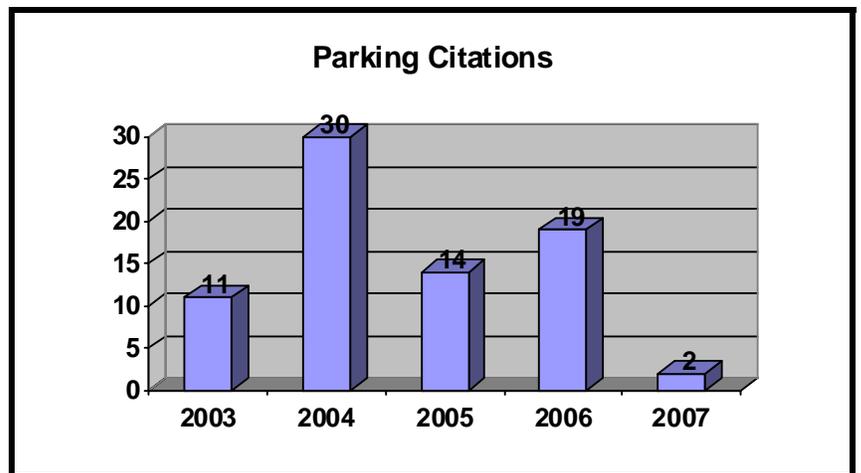
Dec. Total: 7



Parking Citations

The department issued 2 parking citations through this reporting period. This is a decrease of 17 parking citations over the number issued during the same period last year.

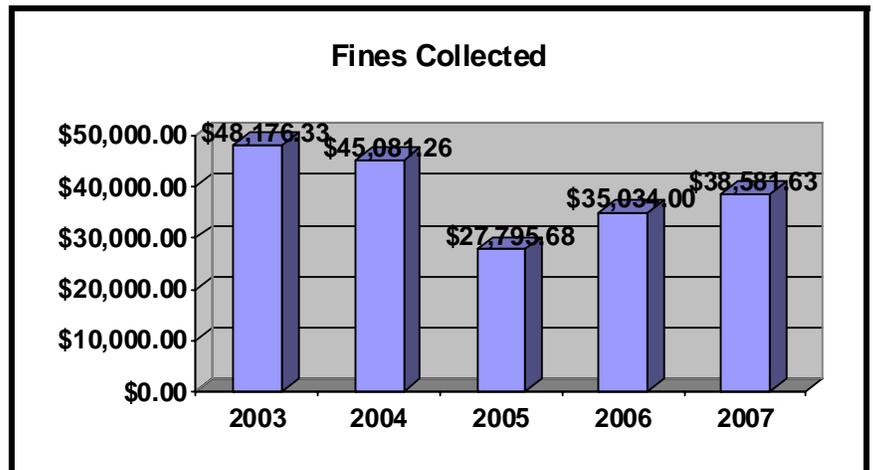
Dec. Total: 0



Fines Collected

Through December 31, police have received \$38,581.63 in fines. This is an increase of \$3,547.63 during the same period last year.

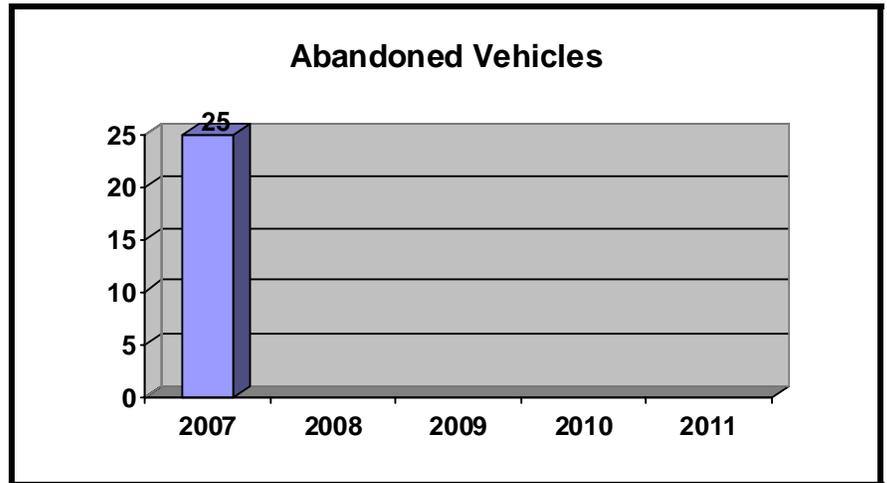
Dec. Total: \$2,783.00



Abandoned Vehicles

Through December 31, police have issued 25 abandoned vehicle notices.

Dec. Total: 5



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.

Press Release

Milton Police on December 4, 2007 arrested Johnnie W. Fennell, 50, of Milton, De. and Hosea J. Brown, 70, of Milton, De. for 2 counts of Burglary 2nd, 2 counts of Theft, and Conspiracy 2nd.

Milton Police responded to a burglary in progress at a residence located on Broadkill Road. Milton Police upon arrival located Fennell and Brown removing items from inside the residence that they were going to exchange for U.S.C.

Milton Police took both into custody without incident. Milton Police learned from the owner of the property that Fennell and Brown had no permission to be inside of the house removing property. Milton Police learned that Fennell and Brown had been in the house the day before and removed a refrigerator and riding lawn mower.

Milton Police learned that the items were taken for scrap metal to a local recycling center.

Milton Police transported Fennell and Brown to Milton Police Department and both were processed and arraigned via Justice of the Peace Court 2. Fennell and Brown were released each on \$9,000.00 unsecured bond pending Preliminary Hearing at CCP at a later date.

MILTON POLICE ARREST 5 JUVENILES FOR A HOME INVASION ASSAULT INVOLVING A KNIFE.

After being contacted by the victim and his father, the Milton Police Department learned that on Thursday, December 6th, a 14-year-old Milton boy was assaulted at knifepoint, by five juvenile boys' ages ranging from 12 to 15 years of age. After further investigation, the Milton Officers found that the Victim was assaulted, when five juvenile boys from the Milton area, forced there way in to a

Milton residence, and assaulted him numerous times. It was also learned that during the assault one of the juveniles held a knife in front of victim making threatening remarks.

All of the Suspects were charged with Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony, Aggravated Menacing, Conspiracy 2nd, Burglary 2nd, Terroristic Threatening and Assault 3rd. Four of the juveniles were released on unsecure bond into the custody of parents and one was committed to the Stevenson Home in default of Bond. The victim did receive medical attention and was released later that evening.

Milton Police on December 11, 2007 investigated Aggravated Harassment complaint involving Leonard Eley, 30, of Milton De.

Milton Police learned that Eley was coming to the Victims house for several weeks daily asking for money. Milton Police learned that the Victim told Eley to stop coming to the house and still Eley would come looking for money.

The victim's house had been burglarized just prior to time period that Eley was coming and asking for money.

Milton Police obtained a warrant for the arrest of Eley and he was apprehended without incident. Eley was processed and arraigned via video court and released on \$1,000.00 unsecured bond pending CCP preliminary hearing.

On 12-20-07, Milton Police arrested Richard A. Ashby, 46, of Milton, for two counts of Issuing a Bad Check over \$1,000.00.

Milton Police learned that Richard Ashby wrote two checks in February of 2007 that were unable to be processed due to insufficient funds.

Richard Ashby turned himself into the Milton Police Station, where he was processed and video-arraigned by the Justice of the Peace Court 2. Ashby was released on \$2,000.00 unsecured bond pending a preliminary hearing at the Court of Common Pleas.

On 12-22-07, Milton Police responded to an alarm activation at the Milton House Family Restaurant. Milton Police entered the building and found Leonard D. Eley inside the building, who attempted to flee from Police. Milton Police took Eley into custody and transported Eley to the Milton Police Department, where Eley was processed and charged with Burglary 2nd, Attempted Theft Over \$1,000.00, 2 counts of Possession of Burglar Tools, Criminal Mischief over \$1,500.00, and resisting arrest. He was committed to SCI in default of \$5,000.00 secured bond.

Milton Police were investigating a Burglary that occurred at a Milton residence in October of 2007 and a Burglary that occurred at the Milton House Family Restaurant in November of 2007. After investigation, Milton Police arrested Leonard D. Eley on 12-24-07 in connection with both additional Burglaries. He was charged with Burglary 2nd, Burglary 3rd, Theft where the victim is at least 62 years old, 2 counts of Criminal Mischief, and 2 counts of Theft. Eley remained at SCI in default of an additional \$1,900.00 secured bond.

Milton Police investigated an internal theft at a local Restaurant on November 26, 2007. Milton Police learned that an employee had U.S. Currency removed from her purse during the day. Milton Police had a suspect who also was an employee of the Restaurant.

Milton Police attempted to interview the suspect several times and the suspect failed to show at Milton Police Department.

Milton Police on December 29, 2007 arrested Marie Simmers, 23, of Milton De. for Theft which involved the stolen U.S. Currency from the victim's purse.

Simmers was processed at Milton Police Department and arraigned via video with Justice of the Peace Court 3. Simmers was committed to SCCI in default of \$100.00 secured bond pending future court appearance.

Local Fugitive Arrest

Milton Police on December 12, 2007 arrested Jeffrey Allen, 40 of Milton, DE. for local fugitive. Allen was wanted on an outstanding Capias. Allen was committed to SCCI in default of \$2,096.00 secured bond pending later court appearance.



2 Killed and 7 Injured in DUI Crashes in Last Week *Highway Safety officials renew plea for drivers not to drink and drive*

Dover – Delaware Office of Highway Safety (OHS) officials are renewing their plea for drivers not to drive if they're under the influence of drugs or alcohol after two people were killed and another 7 injured in alcohol-related crashes that occurred over the last week. Highway Safety officials' concerns for a dangerous holiday season are growing as alcohol-related traffic deaths continue to climb. Since January 1st, 46% (or 52 of 113) of Delaware's traffic fatalities have involved alcohol.

"It's frustrating and frightening that people are willing to take that kind of gamble with their lives and the lives of innocent victims," said Andrea Summers, Community Relations Officer for the Office of Highway Safety. "These crashes are 100% preventable. Sadly there are far too many people who won't be around to enjoy the holidays with their families because of someone's irresponsible choice to drive under the influence of drugs or alcohol."

In the last week 33 people were arrested for Driving Under the Influence of alcohol and/or drugs. Thirteen of the DUI arrests came from DUI Saturation patrols while 20 resulted from statewide sobriety checkpoints. Additionally, 223 citations for aggressive driving behaviors were issued to drivers found violating the state's traffic laws.

Enhanced DUI and aggressive driving enforcement activities scheduled for the upcoming weekend of December 3rd – 9th include 40 DUI saturation patrols and three sobriety checkpoints. One of the checkpoints being held in Clayton on Saturday December 8th, will be dedicated to the memory of Lisa Pink and Keith Rogers, a mother and son who were struck and killed by an impaired driver in December of 2000.

Delaware State Police Troop 3 will also conduct a sobriety checkpoint on Saturday, December 8th in the Dover area, and the New Castle County DUI Task Force will operate a sobriety checkpoint on Friday, December 2nd in Newark.

The Office of Highway Safety has several activities occurring this week that are designed to educate people about the dangers of drinking and driving. OHS staff will deliver tree and wreath tags that have a safe and sober message on them, to Christmas tree stands statewide over the next several days. The say “Keep the holidays joyous. Please do not drink and drive.” Those who operate tree stands can place the tags on the tree for a responsible holiday safety message and put pricing on the blank back side of the tag.

OHS also has four Mocktail Parties scheduled for the week of December 3rd. Three of them, which are all in Sussex County, are open to the public. They are Tuesday December 4th from noon – 2pm at State Farm Insurance on Nassau Rd. in Lewes, Thursday, December 6th from 11am – 1pm at the Beebe Hospital cafeteria in Lewes, and Friday, December 7th at Bayhealth Milford Memorial Hospital’s cafeteria also around lunch time. The fourth Mocktail will be held on Wednesday December 5th from 11am – 1pm for the employees of Avon in Newark, and Wilmington Trust in Rodney Square, Wilmington also held one on December 3rd for their employees.

Because two people were killed and 7 injured in alcohol-related crashes since Thanksgiving, the first two red light bulbs and seven more green bulbs will be added to each of the DUI Victim’s Trees located in the lobbies of the state’s DMV’s. This brings the total of those injured in DUI crashes since Thanksgiving Day in Delaware to 12. During the 2006 Safe Family Holiday campaign, 6 people were killed and 75 injured in alcohol-related crashes.

OHS is reminding you that you can make a difference and reduce traffic crashes. Always obey posted speed limits, come to complete stops at stop signs, slow down and prepare to stop when you see a yellow light and be a HERO – Be a Designated Driver, or make sure you appoint one before you go out for the evening if you plan to drink alcohol.

Checkpoint Activity	Weekly Totals	Running Totals	Jan-Jun Totals	2007 Totals
# of checkpoints conducted	2	103	11	114
DUI Arrests	11	607	58	665
Child Restraint Arrests	2	123	8	131
Other Traffic Arrests	103	2751	261	3012
Wanted Person Apprehensions	2	160	10	170
Stolen Vehicles Recovered	1	10	0	10
Drug Arrests	8	227	14	241
Seat Belt Arrests	4	521	25	546
Underage Arrests	10	112	6	118
Felony Arrests	6	149	8	157

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

§ 2701. Driving without a license; penalties.

(a) No person shall drive a motor vehicle on a public street or highway of this State without first having been licensed under this chapter, unless expressly exempt from the licensing requirements.

(1) Those students enrolled in an approved Delaware Department of Education driver education course can drive without a learner's permit when under the supervision of a certified driver education teacher.

(2) Failure to adhere to the Level 1 Learner's Permit restrictions under § 2710(c) of this title or temporary instruction permit restrictions under § 2712(a) of this title constitutes a violation of this section. Those motor vehicle operators holding a Level 1 Learner's Permit or temporary instruction permit who violate this section will be suspended for 2 months for the first offense and 4 months for any subsequent offenses.

(b) No person shall drive a motor vehicle on a public street or highway of this State after serving a period of suspension, revocation or license denial, without first having obtained a valid license through proper reinstatement procedures as prescribed by this title.

(c) No person shall drive on a public street or highway of this State a motor vehicle of a class or type for which the person has not been duly licensed.

(d) No person whose license has expired shall drive a motor vehicle on a public street or highway of this State.

(e) Whoever violates subsection (a) or (b) of this section shall for the first offense be fined not less than \$50 nor more than \$200. For each subsequent like offense, the person shall be fined not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 or imprisoned for a term not to exceed 6 months, or both.

(f) Whoever violates subsection (c) or (d) of this section shall for the first offense be fined not less than \$25 nor more than \$100. For each subsequent like offense, the person shall be fined not less than \$50 nor more than \$100. (36 Del. Laws, c. 10, § 51; Code 1935, § 5589; 21 Del. C. 1953, § 2701; 55 Del. Laws, c. 313, § 1; 58 Del. Laws, c. 239, § 51; 61 Del. Laws, c. 343, § 1; 65 Del. Laws, c. 503, § 11; 70 Del. Laws, c. 186, § 1; 71 Del. Laws, c. 282, § 7.)

§ 2721. Duty to sign and carry license.

(a) Every person licensed as an operator shall write the person's usual signature with pen and ink in the spaces provided for that purpose on the license certificate and such license shall not be valid until the certificate is so signed.

(b) The licensee shall have such license in the licensee's immediate possession at all times when driving a motor vehicle and shall display the same upon demand of a uniformed

police officer, justice of the peace, peace officer or motor vehicle inspector. It shall be a defense to any charge under this subsection if the person so charged produces in court an operator's license theretofore issued to such person and valid at the time of the arrest. (36 Del. Laws, c. 10, § 64; Code 1935, § 5602; 46 Del. Laws, c. 64; 21 Del. C. 1953, § 2719; 62 Del. Laws, c. 237, § 25; 70 Del. Laws, c. 186, § 1.)

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