

Milton Police Department

*Monthly Report
To
Mayor & Town Council*



“Pride & Integrity”

February 21, – March 20, 2008

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MILTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

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INTEGRITY

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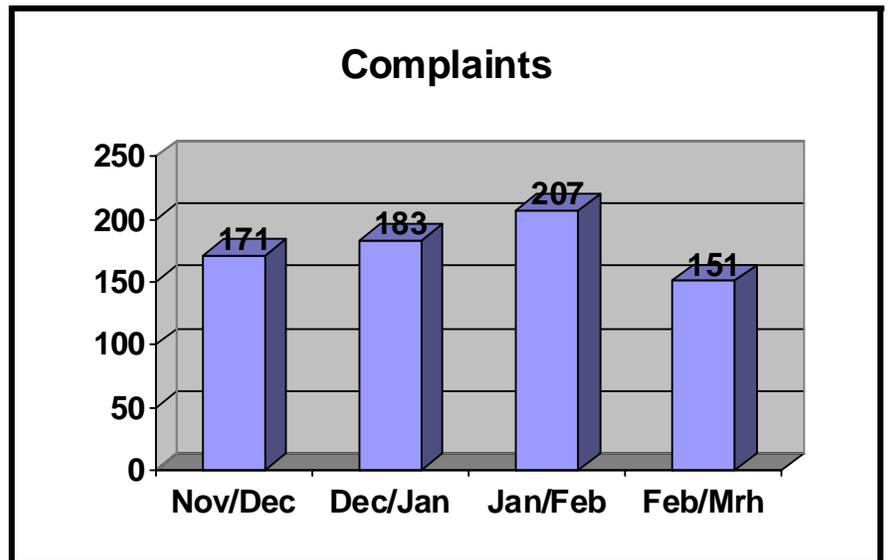
The Honorable Don Post, Mayor
Members of Milton Town Council
Town Hall
Milton, DE 19968

Mayor Post and Council Members:

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

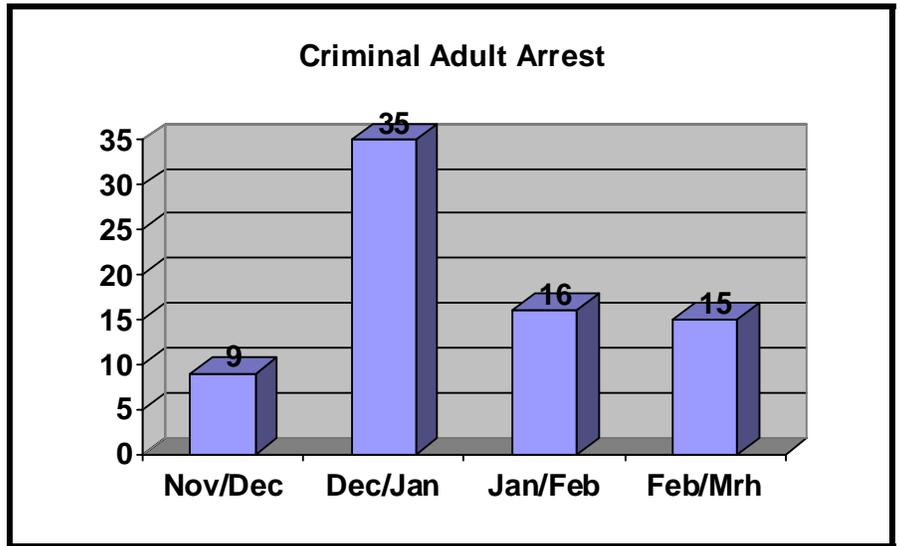
Complaints

Total complaints received
from **February 21 – March
20, 2008** numbered 151.



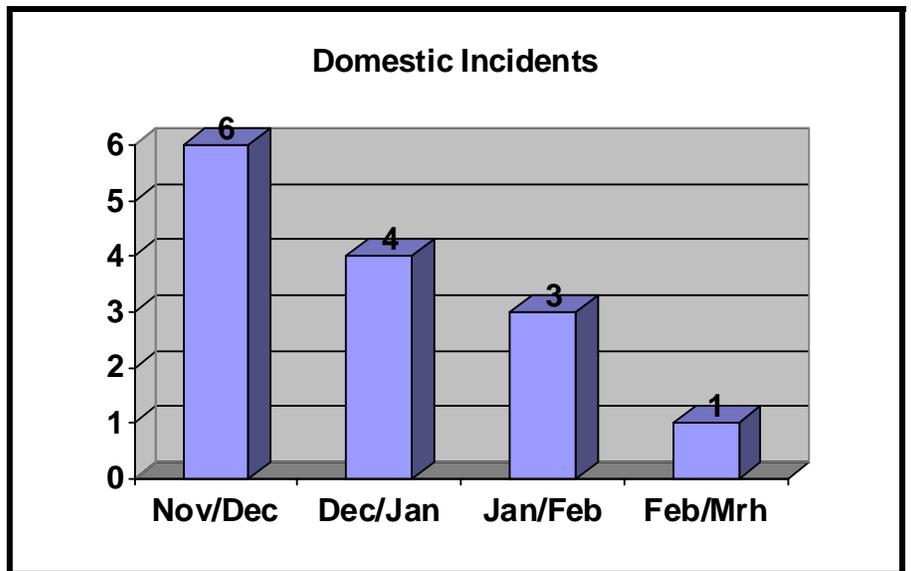
Criminal Arrests

Total criminal arrests from **February 21 – March 20, 2008** numbered 15.



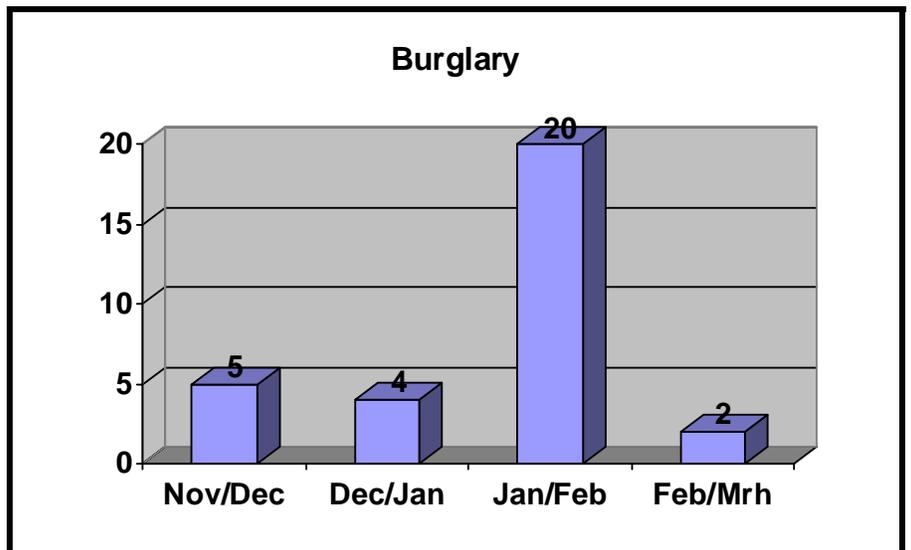
Domestic Incidents

Total domestic incidents from **February 21 – March 20, 2008** numbered 1.

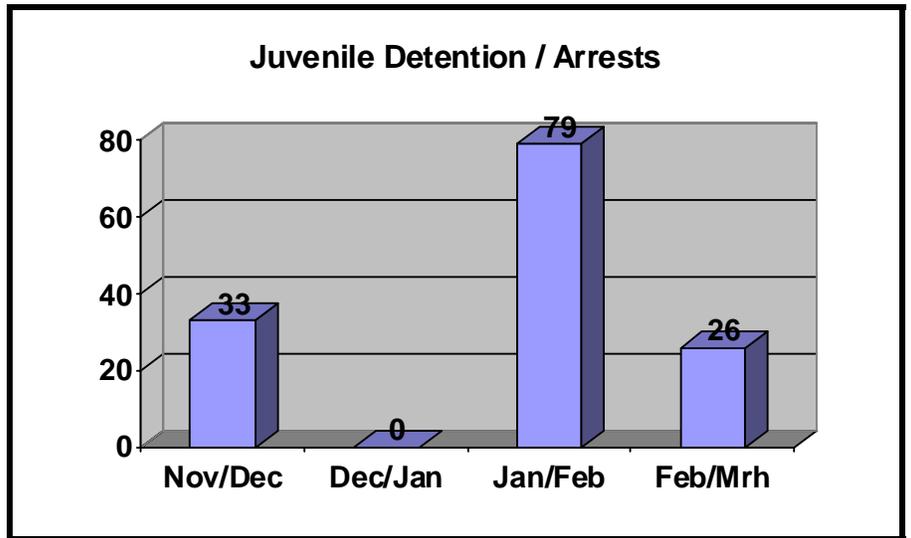


Burglary

Total Burglaries from **February 21 – March 20, 2008** numbered 2.

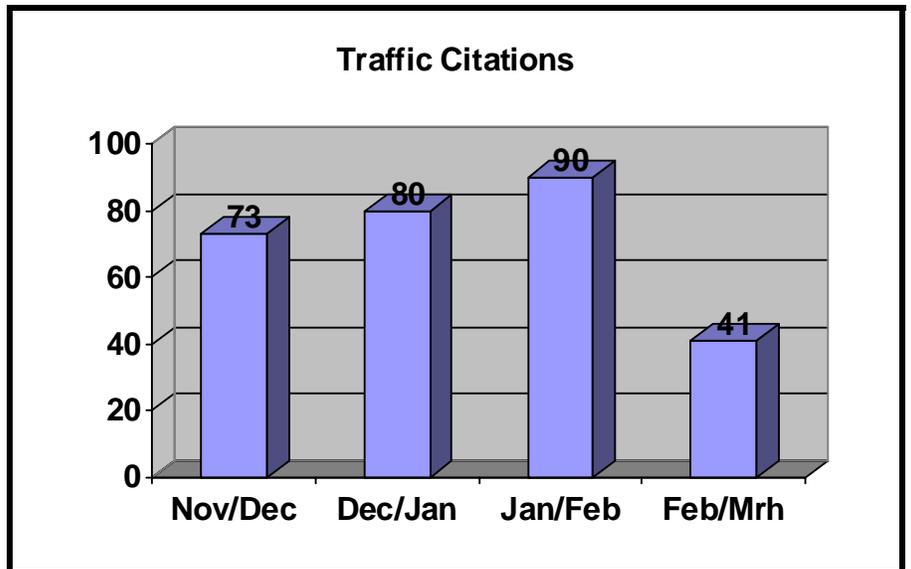


Total juvenile detention / criminal arrests from **February 21 – March 20, 2008** numbered 26.



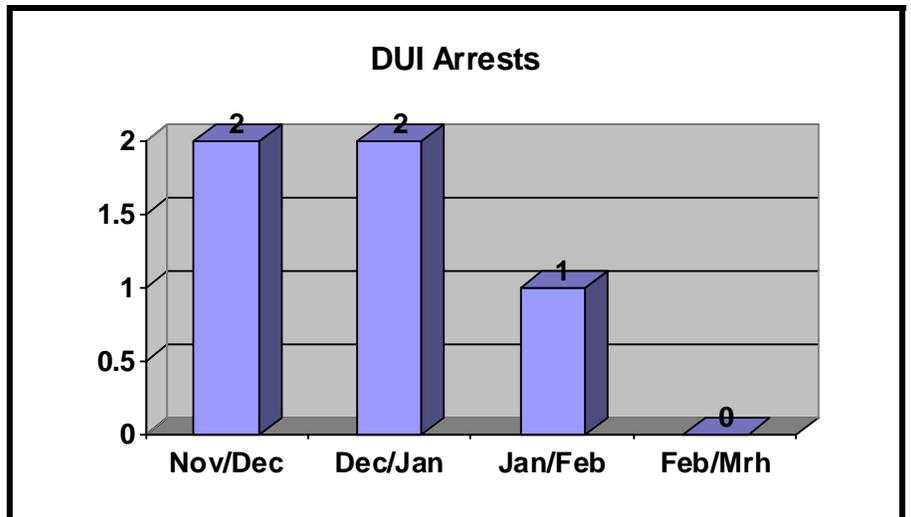
Traffic Citations

The department issued 41 traffic citations from **February 21 – March 20, 2008**



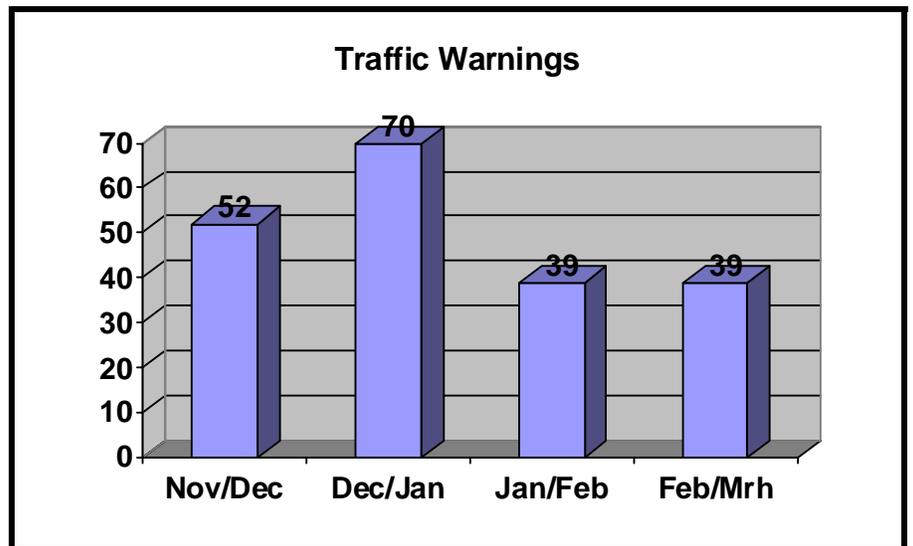
DUI Arrests

The department made 0 DUI arrests from **February 21 – March 20, 2008**.



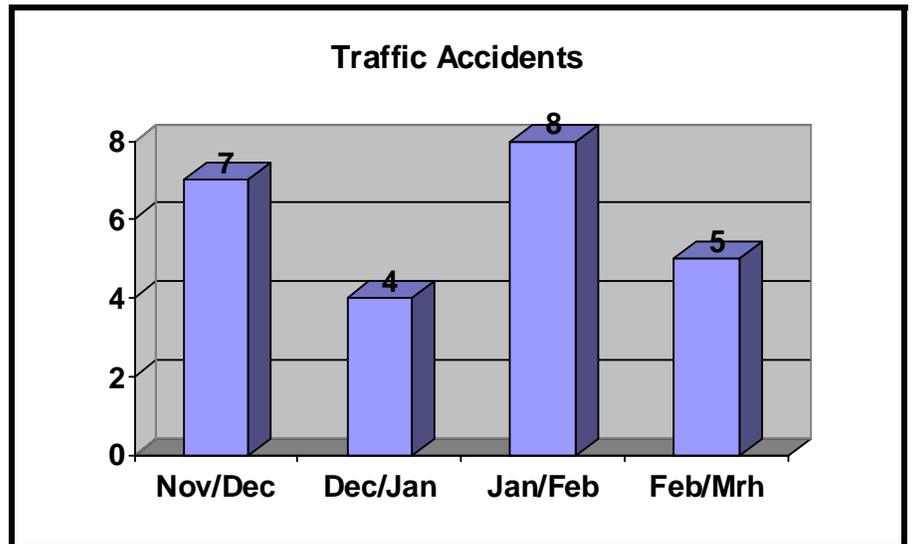
Traffic Warnings

The department issued 39 traffic warnings from **February 21 – March 20, 2008**.



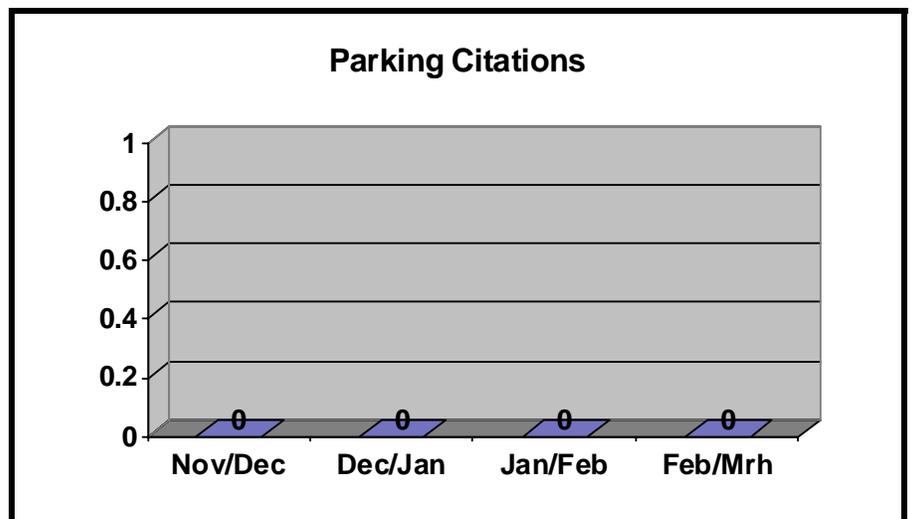
Traffic Accidents

From **February 21 – March 20, 2008** police investigated 5 traffic accidents.



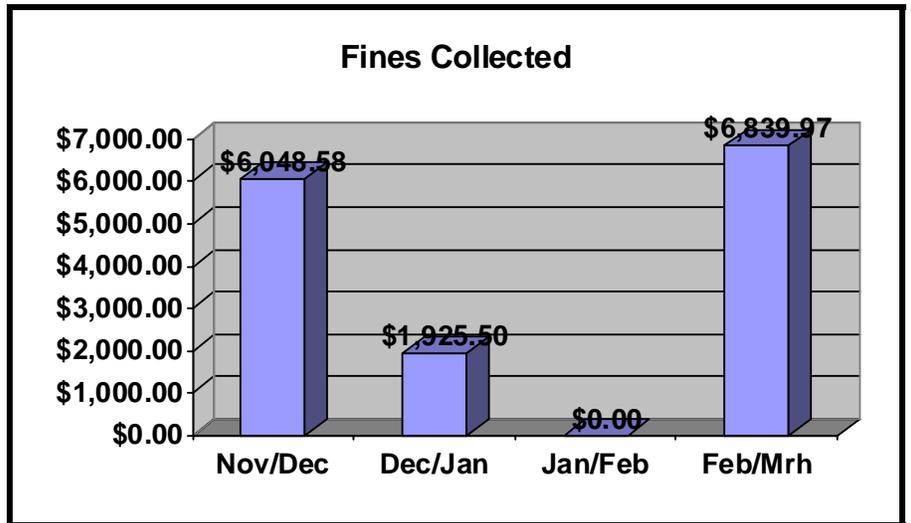
Parking Citations

The department issued 0 parking citations from **February 21 – March 20, 2008**.



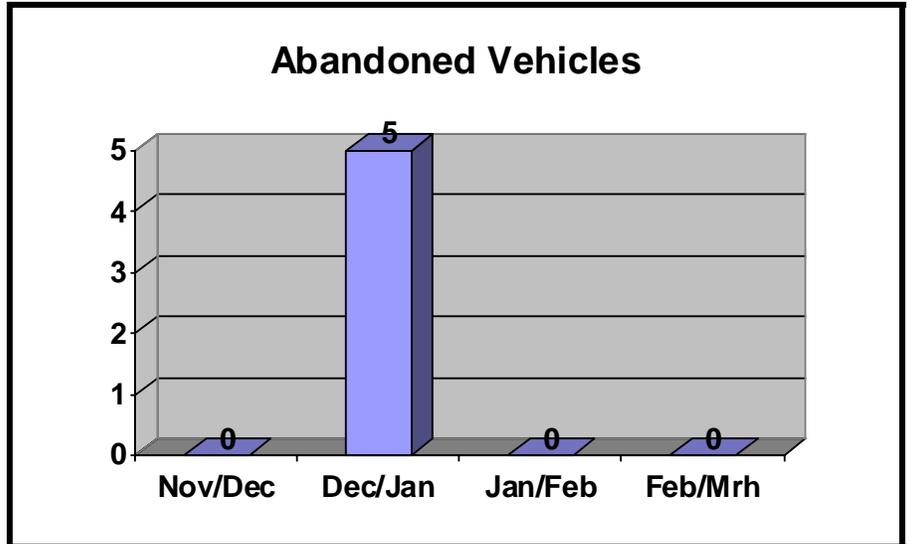
Fines Collected

From **February 21 – March 20, 2008** police have received \$6,839.97 in fines.



Abandoned Vehicles

From **February 21 – March 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.

Press Release

Milton Police on February 27, 2008 arrested Freddie Allen Jr., 39, of Rehoboth Beach, DE for Theft, Criminal Trespass and being a Local Fugitive.

Milton Police responded to a residence on Broadkill Rd where it was reported that a suspicious person was seen on the property possible removing items from the yard.

Milton Police upon arrival contacted Allen who was on the property with a truck having scrap metal in the back of the truck bed.

Milton Police after talking with Allen learned that he was collecting “scrapping” metal from the property and did not know the owner of the house.

Milton Police contacted the owner of the house and learned the Allen did not have permission to be on the property or removing any items from the property. Milton Police also learned via computer check that Allen was wanted by Justice of the Peace Court and Court of Common Pleas.

Milton Police processed Allen and video arraigned Allen and he was released on \$1,150.00 unsecured bond pending later court dates.

Milton Police on February 29, 2008 arrested Barbara S. Singh, 53, of Wilmington, DE for being a Local Fugitive.

Milton Police arrested Singh after she came to Milton Police Department for a routine check prior to taking a bed for shelter at the Casa San Francisco. Milton Police learned via a computer wanted check that Singh had a capias for failing to pay a fine from Justice of the Peace Court 15.

Milton Police video arraigned Singh with Justice of the Peace Court 2 and she was released after making payment arrangements.

Milton Police on March 2, 2008 arrested Morris L. Ryder Jr., 42, of Dover, DE and Sandra R. Bratten ,23, of Milton, DE for Assault 2nd (F) victim under 18, Endangering the Welfare of Child (F), and Conspiracy 2nd (F).

Milton Police investigated a reported child abuse case on February 29, 2008 involving a 5 year old son of Bratten being severely beaten. Milton Police learned through the investigation that Bratten’s boyfriend Ryder had used a leather belt with Bratten present to beat the 5 year old on the back, buttocks and leg leaving severe bruising and raised welts.

Milton Police with the assistance of the Child Advocacy Center interviewed the 5 year old and learned that this was not the first severe beating the child had received.

Milton Police obtained arrest warrants for Ryder and Bratten and were able to make the arrests on March 2, 2008. Bratten was processed and arraigned via video with Justice of the Peace Court and released on \$7,000.00 unsecured bond.

Ryder was processed and arraigned via video with Justice of the Peace Court and committed to SCCI in default of bond pending Preliminary Hearing in CCP.

The victim was turned over to family members by DFS.

Milton Police on March 7, 2008 arrested Robert B. Hopkins, 21, of Milton DE for Failure to Re-register as a Sex Offender.

Milton Police Department was notified on March 4, 2008 by the State Bureau Identification that Hopkins failed to re-register with his current address according to the Adam Walsh Child Safety and Protection Act.

Milton Police obtained warrants for the arrest of Hopkins. Hopkins was arrested without incident and processed at Milton Police Department. Hopkins was released on \$1,000.00 unsecured bond pending Preliminary Hearing at CCP on a later date.

Local Fugitive Arrest

DUI Arrest



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OHS Launching First Winter Click It or Ticket Campaign *Safety officials hope to increase seat belt use at night*

Dover – By now, most people are used to seeing messages about the national seat belt campaign, *Click It or Ticket*, in May as everyone gears up for the Memorial Day holiday and the start of summer. However, Delaware Office of Highway Safety (OHS) officials don't think that promoting seat belt safety should be limited to just once a year. So today, OHS is announcing the launch of its first ever *wintertime 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. While the basic structure of the campaign will be the same, the length of the February effort will be shorter, and additional emphasis will be placed on increasing seat belt use at night.

“Our message to the public is buckle up day and night,” said Tricia Roberts, Director of the Office of Highway Safety. “Seat belt use is your best protection against being killed or seriously injured in a crash and consistent use is especially critical after dark.” National statistics show that seat belt use drops by about 10% at night, yet this is when a person’s chance of being killed in a car crash triples. In Delaware, more than half of people killed in night time crashes from 2003 – 2007 were not buckled up.

Click It or Ticket awareness efforts begin February 18th and run for two weeks straight. Activities include statewide placement of billboards, radio and television ads, and the distribution of informational posters, flyers, and table tents through schools, corporations and businesses, hospitals, the Dover Air Force Base, and the state’s multiple police agencies.

Enhanced enforcement of Delaware’s seat belt and child restraint laws will start a week later on February 24th and continue through March 1st. Twenty-six State, county and municipal police agencies will conduct both roving, as well as stationary traffic safety patrols in well lit areas, during this time looking for those who violate Delaware’s occupant protection laws. Officers will also be on the lookout for impaired and aggressive drivers, who by the very nature of their risky behavior are less likely to be wearing safety belts.

Delaware law requires drivers and all passengers, including those in the back seat, to wear a seat belt. A frequently overlooked component of the law also requires “proper” seat belt use. That means that the lap belt must be worn low on the body and the shoulder belt must be worn across the chest. Anyone who puts the shoulder belt under their arm or behind their back is in violation of state law, and puts themselves at great risk for being seriously injured in a crash.

An officer can pull over a driver if he sees any person in the vehicle not wearing a safety belt. Officers will issue 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.

Click It or Ticket has been a success in the last several years in raising seat belt use in Delaware from 67% in 2001 to an all time high of 87% in 2007. The national seat belt use rate is 82%.

For more information on the *Click It or Ticket* campaign including a campaign overview, enforcement locations, statistics, fliers, t.v., and radio spots, please visit the Office of Highway Safety’s website at www.ohs.delaware.gov and click on the *Click It or Ticket* icon.

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

§ 4203. Duty to report accidents; evidence.

(a) After complying with the requirements of §§ 4201 and 4202 of this title, the driver of any vehicle involved in the following described vehicular accidents shall immediately report such accident to the police agency which has primary jurisdictional responsibility for the location in which the accident occurred:

(1) When the accident results in injury or death to any person;

(2) When the accident occurs on a public highway and results in property damage to an apparent extent of \$500 or more; or

(3) When it appears that any accident involving a driver whose physical ability is impaired as a result of the use of alcohol or drugs or any combination thereof.

(b) When an accident is not required to be reported under subsection (a) of this section, the driver may report such accident to the appropriate police agency as described in subsection (a) of this section, after complying with § 4201(b) of this title.

(c) Police agencies may investigate any accident which occurs within that agency's jurisdiction.

(d) Police agencies shall investigate and complete the State of Delaware Uniform Traffic Collision Report supplied by the Delaware Department of Safety and Homeland Security on all reported accidents involving an impaired driver, apparent property damage to the extent of \$1,000 or more or personal injury or death to a person, when such accidents occur within that agency's jurisdiction.

(e) The Department of Safety and Homeland Security may require drivers involved in accidents, or police departments, to file supplemental reports of accidents upon forms furnished by it whenever the original report is insufficient in the opinion of the Department of Safety and Homeland Security. Such reports shall be without prejudice, shall be for the information of the Department of Safety and Homeland Security and shall not be open to public inspection. The fact that such reports have been so made shall be admissible in evidence solely to prove a compliance with this section but no report or any part thereof or statement contained therein shall be admissible in evidence for any other purpose in any trial, civil or criminal, arising out of such accidents.

(f) The property damage requirement in subsection (d) of this section for investigation and completion of the Uniform Traffic Collision Report shall be adjusted beginning January 1, 1997, and annually thereafter on January 1st of each calendar year by increasing the previous base rate by an additional \$100, up to a maximum of \$1,500. (21 Del. C. 1953, § 4203; 54 Del. Laws, c. 160, § 1; 57 Del. Laws, c. 426; 57 Del. Laws, c. 670, § 14B; 59 Del. Laws, c. 391, § 2; 66 Del. Laws, c. 238, § 2; 70 Del. Laws, c. 258, §§ 1-3; 74 Del. Laws, c. 110, § 138.)

§ 4803. Child restraint in motor vehicles.

(a) Every person shall be responsible, when transporting a child through the age of 6 and weighing less than 60 lbs. in a motor vehicle operated on the roadways, streets or highways of this State, for providing protection of the child by properly securing the child in all seating positions, according to manufacturer's instruction, in a child safety seat or booster seat meeting federal motor vehicle safety standards, and that is appropriate for the child's weight and height. Every child who has either attained the age of 7 or a weight of 60 lbs. and has not yet attained the age of 16 shall, in all seating positions, wear a properly secured seatbelt while in a motor vehicle operated on the roadways, streets or highways of this State. The duty imposed by this subsection shall not apply to any operator or passenger of a motor bus, limousine or taxicab as defined in § 1801 of Title 2.

(b)(1) No child who is 65 inches or less in height and who is under 12 years of age shall occupy the front passenger seat of any vehicle equipped with a passenger-side airbag that has not been deliberately rendered inoperable in conformity with federal law. This subsection shall not apply to vehicles equipped with a passenger-side airbag specifically designed or modified by the vehicle's manufacturer for use by children and small adults.

(2) It shall not be a violation of this section for a child 65 inches or less in height and under 12 years of age to occupy the front passenger seat of a vehicle equipped with a

passenger-side airbag that has not been deliberately rendered inoperable in conformity with federal law if such vehicle does not have a rear passenger seat or if all rear passenger seats are occupied by other children 65 inches or less in height and under 12 years of age. A violation of this subsection shall be considered a secondary offense, and no motor vehicle shall be stopped by a police officer solely for failure to comply with this section.

(c) A violation of this section shall be an offense punishable by a fine of \$25 for each violation. The failure to provide a child restraint system or seat belt for more than 1 child in the same vehicle at the same time, as required by this section, shall not be treated as a separate offense.

(d) A violation of this section shall not be considered as evidence of either comparative or contributory negligence in any civil suit or of criminal negligence or recklessness in any criminal action arising out of any motor vehicle accident in which a child under 16 is injured, nor shall failure to wear a child passenger restraint system or seat belt in violation of this section be admissible as evidence in the trial of any civil action.

(e) Following May 9, 2002, and prior to January 1, 2003, the Department of Safety and Homeland Security shall implement an awareness campaign to educate motorists about the components of the law and to encourage the public to correctly and consistently use child safety seats, booster seats and seatbelts. (63 Del. Laws, c. 251, § 1; 66 Del. Laws, c. 409, §§ 1, 2; 68 Del. Laws, c. 9, § 38; 68 Del. Laws, c. 34, § 2; 69 Del. Laws, c. 418, §§ 1-8; 71 Del. Laws, c. 480, § 1; 73 Del. Laws, c. 254, §§ 1, 2, 3; 74 Del. Laws, c. 110, § 138; 74 Del. Laws, c. 129, § 1; 74 Del. Laws, c. 277, §§ 8, 9; 74 Del. Laws, c. 316, §§ 1, 2.)

**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.**