

*Milton Police Department*

*Monthly Report  
To  
Mayor & Town Council*



*“Pride & Integrity”*

*July 21, – August 20, 2008*

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# MILTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

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INTEGRITY

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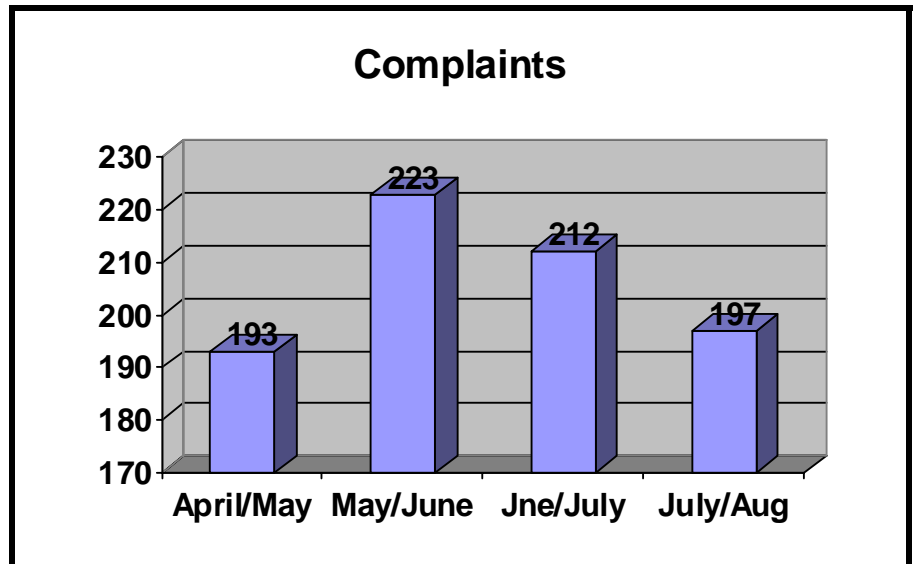
The Honorable Don Post, Mayor  
Members of Milton Town Council  
Town Hall  
Milton, DE 19968

Mayor Post and Council Members:

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

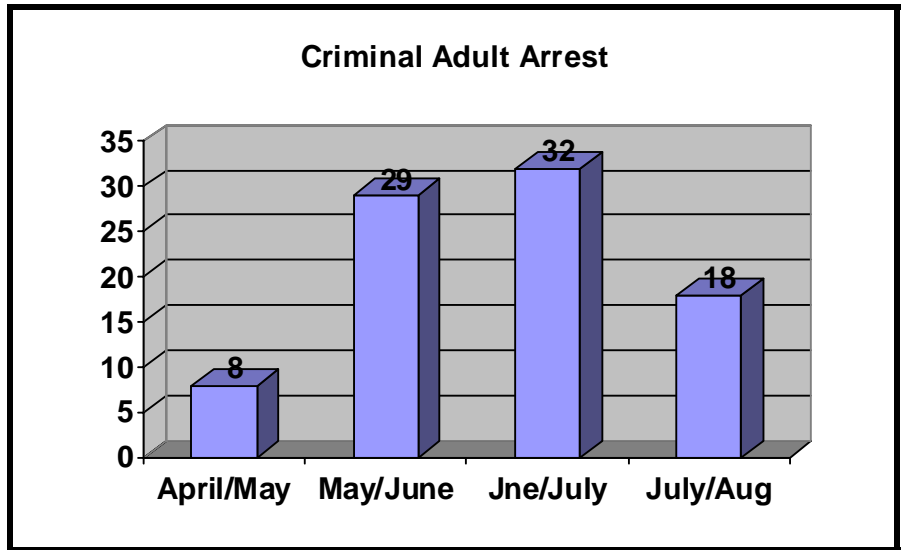
## Complaints

Total complaints received  
from **July 21 – August 20,**  
**2008** numbered 197.



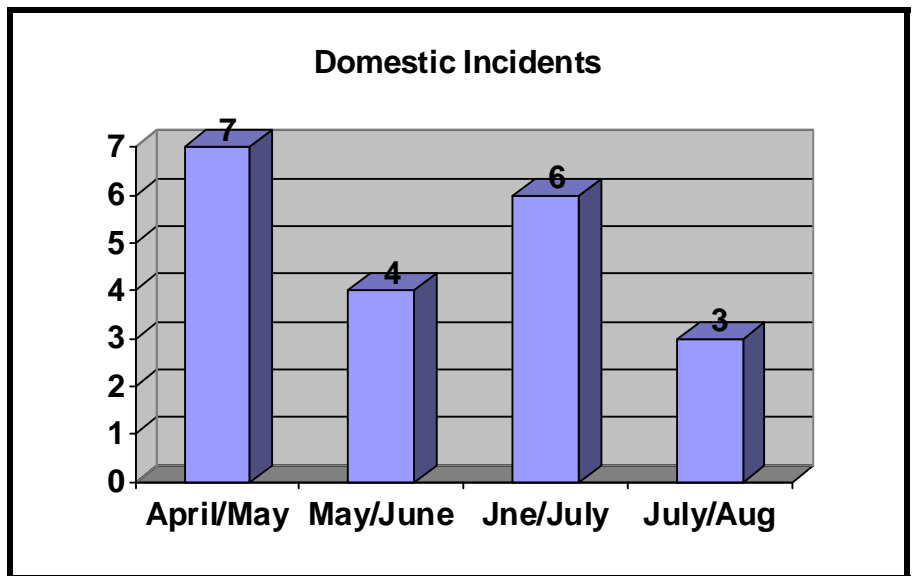
### Criminal Arrests

Total criminal arrests from **July 21 – August 20, 2008** numbered 18.



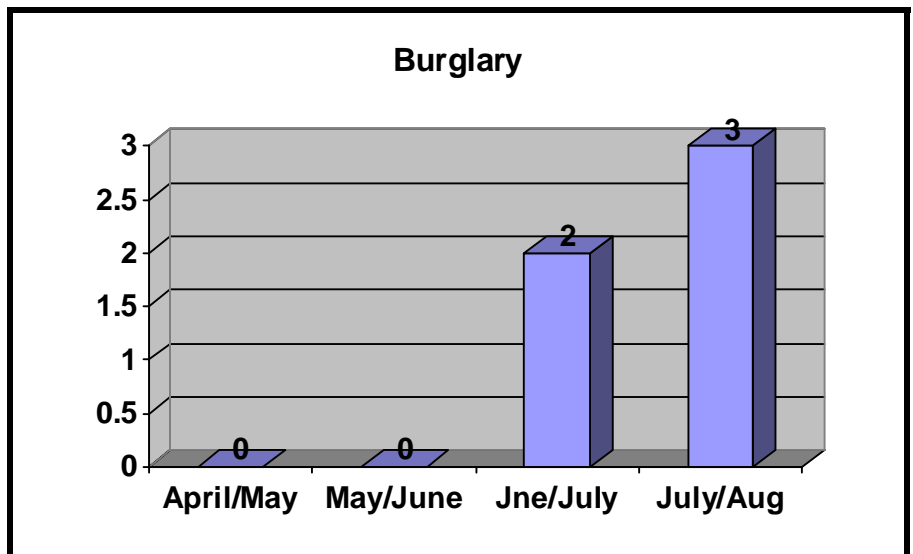
### Domestic Incidents

Total domestic incidents from **July 21 – August 20, 2008** numbered 3.



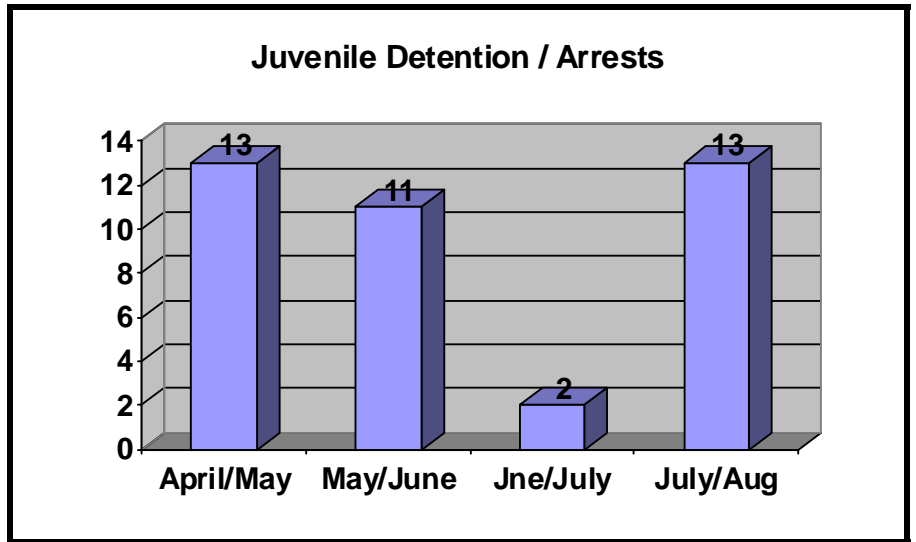
### Burglary

Total Burglaries from **July 21 – August 20, 2008** numbered 3.



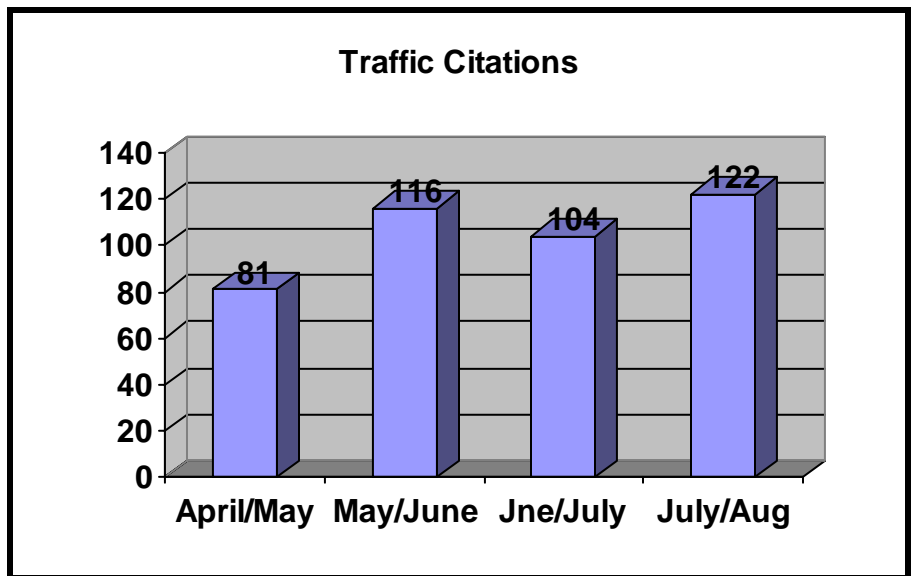
### Juvenile Detention / Arrests

Total juvenile detention / criminal arrests from **July 21 – August 20, 2008** numbered 13.



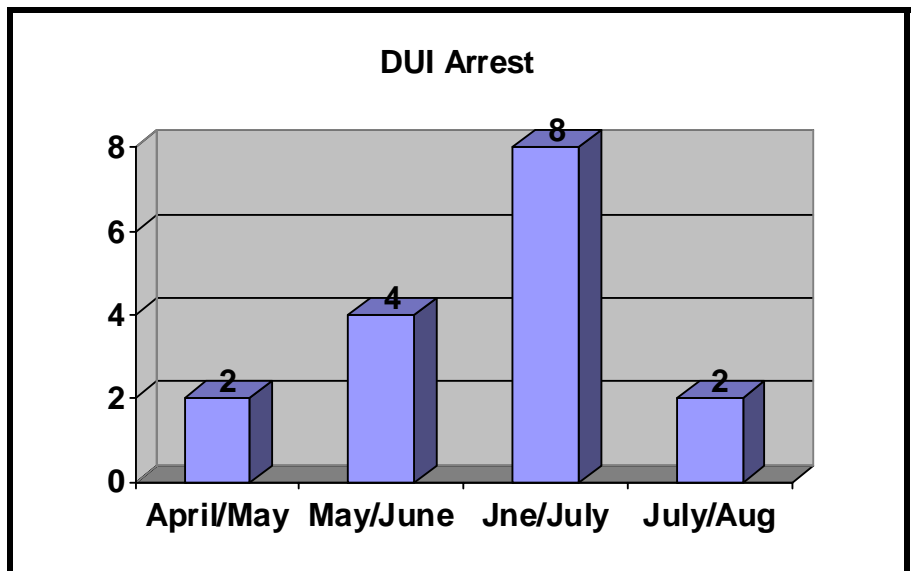
### Traffic Citations

The total traffic citations issued from **July 21 – August 20, 2008** numbered 122.



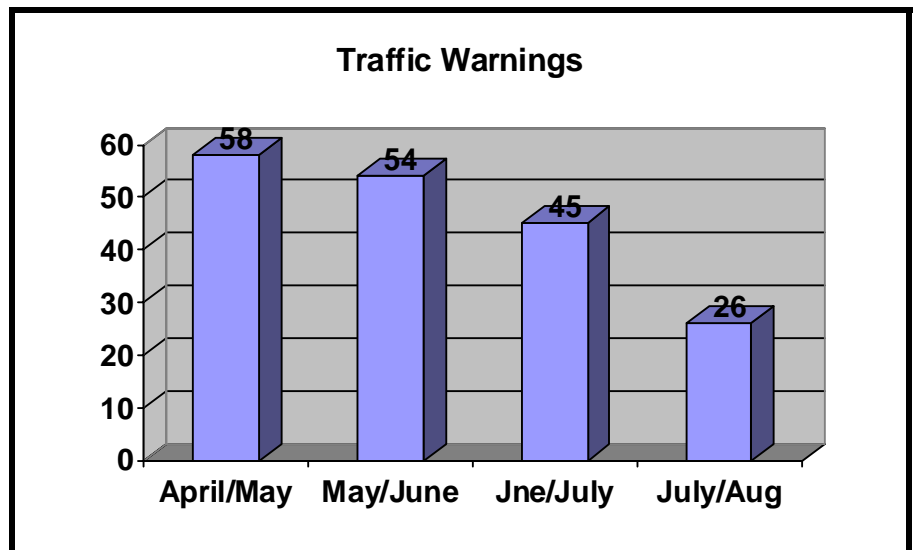
### DUI Arrests

The department made 2 DUI arrests from **July 21 – August 20, 2008**.



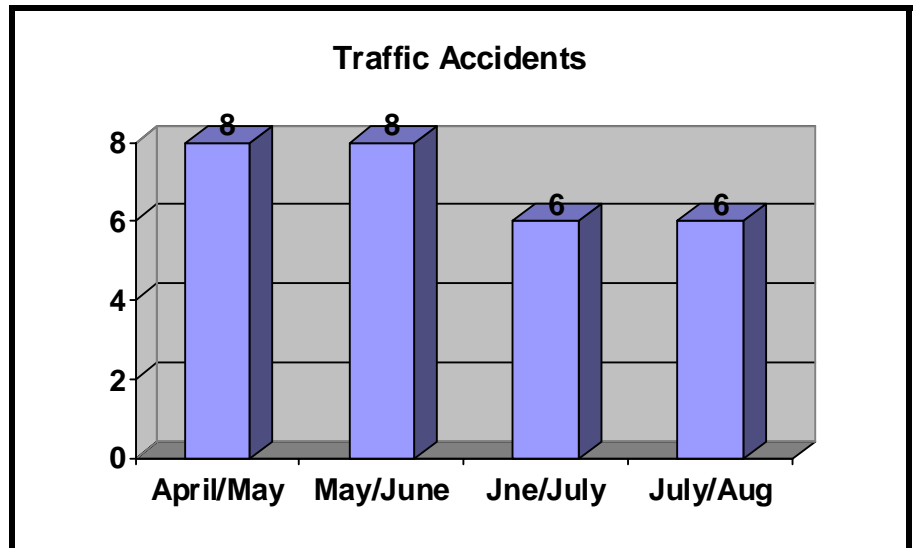
### Traffic Warnings

The total traffic warnings issued from **July 21 – August 20, 2008** number 26.



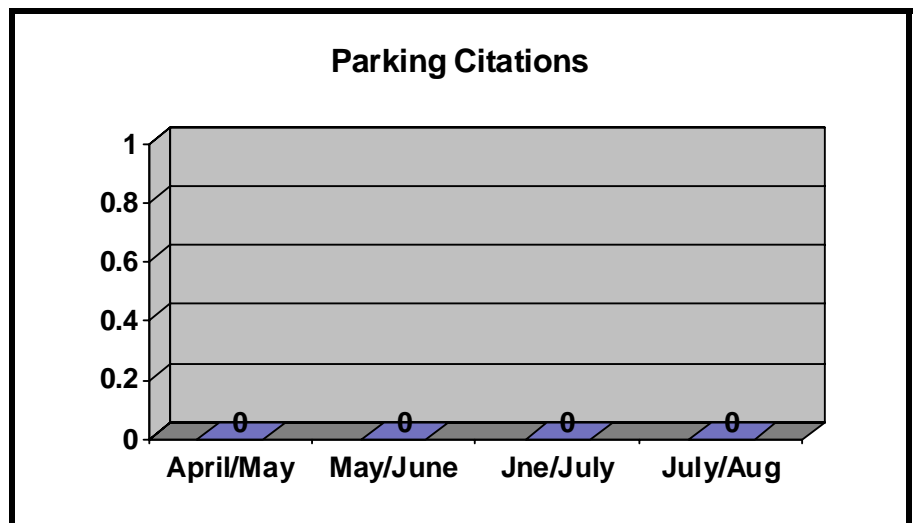
### Traffic Accidents

From **July 21 – August 20, 2008** police investigated 6 traffic accidents.



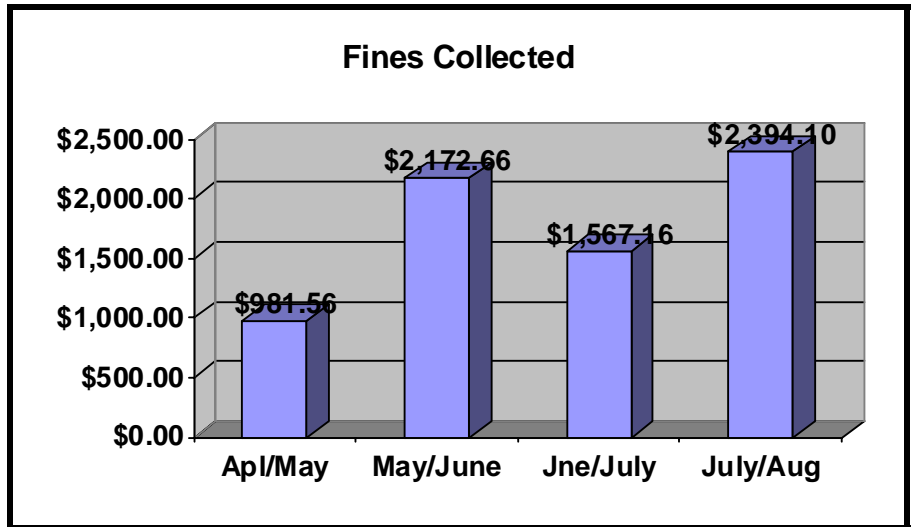
### Parking Citations

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



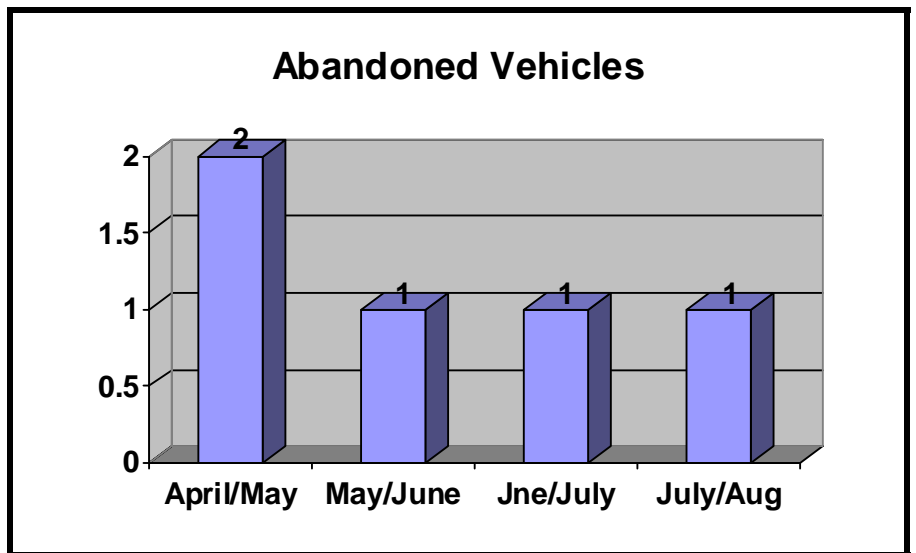
### Fines Collected

From **July 21 – August 20, 2008** police have received \$2,394.10 in fines.



### Abandoned Vehicles

From **July 21 – August 20, 2008** 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](http://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.

## Office of Highway Safety



# STOP SPEEDING BEFORE WE STOP YOU



## Stop Aggressive Driving Campaign

Office of Highway Safety launched the 2008 “Stop Aggressive Driving” Campaign in July. This year's campaign has a new focus...speed enforcement. In 2007, 62% of Delaware's fatal crashes were caused by aggressive driving behaviors, with speed being the most frequently cited violation. Nationally, nearly 13,500 people died in speed-related crashes in 2006.

With this in mind, Office of Highway Safety decided to change its strategy and focus on preventing speed related fatal crashes and injuries instead of those crashes attributed to aggressive driving in general. However, in addition to speeders, officers are still arresting other dangerous drivers such as those who run red lights, or are impaired by drugs and or alcohol.

**Our message: Stop Speeding Before it Stops You!** - OHS is putting additional officers on the road in all three counties to crack down on speeding drivers. Enforcement will be conducted statewide by the Delaware State Police, as well as Dover Police in Kent County, and Wilmington and New Castle County Police in the northern part of the state. While there will be some enforcement on I - 95 and Route 1, drivers are more likely to see officers on secondary roads, where crash data shows that most of the speed related fatal and injury crashes occur.

To complement the enforcement initiative, a multi-faceted media campaign focusing on how much speeding can cost you will be implemented. In addition to the potential for loss of life, **speeding will cost you money from citations, higher insurance costs from points on your license, and more money for gas.** According to the Department of Energy, aggressive driving ( speeding, rapid acceleration and braking) can lower gas mileage by 33 percent at highway speeds and 5 percent around town. The agency also estimates that, as a rule of thumb, drivers can assume that each 5 mph they drive above 60 mph is like paying an additional \$0.20 per gallon for gas.

**Motorists are encouraged to report aggressive drivers:** You can make a difference. Call 911 to report aggressive drivers. Please provide as much information to dispatchers as possible, while keeping personal safety in mind. Callers should try to provide a description of the vehicle (color, SUV vs sedan, make or model if possible), the direction of travel, and if they can safely read it...the license plate. The safest thing to do is to pull over to make the call on your cell phone if possible, or have another caller do it for you. If its not possible then dial cautiously to report the aggressive driver. Dispatchers will broadcast a Be On the Lookout message to officers in that area who will attempt to make contact with the aggressive driver.

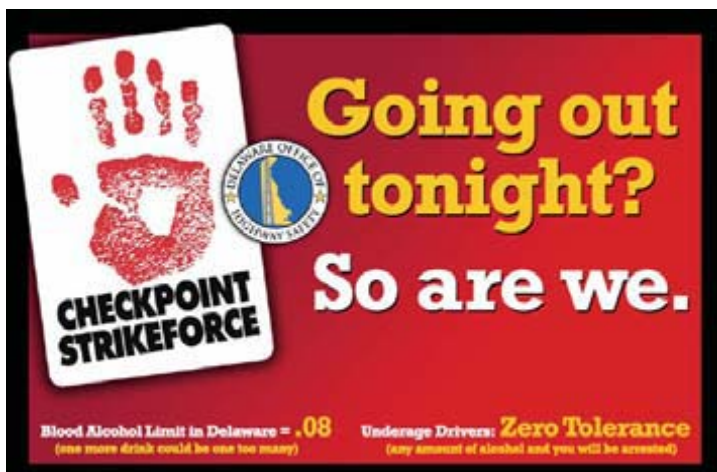
2008 Aggressive Driving Stats Weekly totals for the week of: 7/28/08

Activity	Weekly Totals	Campaign Totals
Speeding	192	840
Aggressive Driving	4	14
DUI	0	2
Other Criminal Arrests	10	16
Other Traffic Violations	161	534

## Checkpoint Strickeforce Campaign



Checkpoint Strikeforce 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



## **45 Arrested for DUI During First Weekend of National Crackdown on Impaired Driving**

**Dover** – Delaware Law enforcement officers arrested 45 individuals for Driving Under the Influence (DUI) of alcohol during the first weekend of the national impaired driving crackdown: *Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest.* Fourteen of the DUI arrests were made by officers from State and municipal police agencies who were conducting dozens of DUI saturation patrols. These officers also issued 8 citations for seat belt violations, and another 139 citations for other violations including speeding, aggressive driving, and drug possession.

The remaining 31 DUI arrests were made at sobriety checkpoints. A total of six checkpoints were conducted last weekend (August 15 & 16). Participating agencies included the New Castle County DUI Task Force, the Dover Police, Delaware State Police Troop 6, the Millsboro Police, the Rehoboth Beach Police and the Smyrna & Clayton Police Departments working a checkpoint together.

At the checkpoints, in addition to the 31 DUI arrests, officers issued 1 citation for an underage drinking violation, apprehended 9 wanted individuals, made 23 drug arrests, 13 felony arrests, and issued 13 seat belt and 7 child restraint citations as well as 106 citations for various other traffic violations.

The National Impaired Driving Crackdown began last weekend and will run through Labor Day weekend. The crackdown is coordinated locally by OHS. In all, 32 state and local police agencies will conduct stepped up DUI saturation patrols as well as checkpoints. For weekly and ongoing campaign statistical updates please visit our website at [www.ohs.delaware.gov](http://www.ohs.delaware.gov) and click on the *Checkpoint Strikeforce* icon in the center of the page. For more information about the *Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest.* Campaign, visit [www.stopimpaireddriving.org](http://www.stopimpaireddriving.org).

Weekly totals for weekend of August 15th - 16th

<b>Checkpoint Activity</b>	<b>Weekly Totals</b>	<b>Running Totals</b>	<b>2007 Totals</b>
<b># of checkpoints conducted</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>114</b>
<b>DUI Arrests</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>665</b>
<b>Child Restraint Arrests</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>131</b>
<b>Other Traffic Arrests</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>656</b>	<b>3012</b>
<b>Wanted Person Apprehensions</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>170</b>
<b>Stolen Vehicles Recovered</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Drug Arrests</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>241</b>
<b>Seat Belt Arrests</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>546</b>
<b>Underage Arrests</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>118</b>
<b>Felony Arrests</b>			

## **Press Release**

Milton Police on July 27, 2008 arrested Dennis F. Lane, 18, of Ellendale DE, a 16 year old male juvenile from Ellendale, DE and a 15 year old male juvenile from Clendenin, WV for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of Marijuana and Stop Sign Violation (Lane).

Milton Police observed a vehicle fail to stop for a stop sign at Wharton St and Chestnut St. Milton Police stopped the vehicle operated by Lane and occupied by the two juveniles.

Milton Police observed a homemade bong in the lap of Lane and the odor of burnt marijuana. Milton Police took all three into custody and seized approx. 3 grams of marijuana along with paraphernalia.

Lane and the two juveniles were processed at Milton Police Department. Lane was released on unsecured bond pending Sussex County Court of Common Pleas. The two juveniles were released to family pending Family Court.

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Milton Police on July 29, 2008 arrested Charles M. Robinson, 27, of Dover, DE for Harassment and Local Fugitive.

Milton Police on July 13 responded to Robinson's ex-spouses in regards to harassing text messages from Robinson. Milton Police obtained a warrant for the arrest of Robinson after further investigation.

Milton Police on July 29 responded to Probation and Parole in Dover and took Robinson into custody.

Robinson was processed and then video arraigned with Justice of the Peace Court 2. Robinson was committed to SCCI in default of \$10,000.00 cash for violation of probation and \$250.00 secured bond for the Harassment.

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Milton Police on August 2, 2008 arrested a 17 year old juvenile female for Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle and Criminal Contempt of Court.

Milton Police on August 1, 2008 investigated a 17 year old juvenile female runaway. Milton Police were advised that the 17 year old juvenile did not return home with the family vehicle after work as permitted. Milton Police learned that the 17 year old female may have went to northern Delaware to be with her boyfriend.

Milton Police obtained a warrant for the 17 year old for the Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle and Criminal Contempt of Court since the juvenile was mandated by Family Court not to runaway from home from previous incident.

Milton Police were contacted by DSP Troop 2 who had the 17 year old in custody and Milton Police responded to DSP Troop 2 and transported the juvenile to Milton Police Department where she was processed and arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court 3. The juvenile was released to a parent on \$1,000.00 unsecured bond pending Family Court.

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Milton Police on August 2, 2008 arrested Chasse E. Colon, 19, of Middletown, DE for Endangering the Welfare of a Child, and Hindering Prosecution.

Milton Police on August 1, 2008 were investigating a runaway female juvenile the girlfriend of Colon. Milton Police learned that Colon and the runaway juvenile were together and refusing to return the juvenile home.

Milton Police obtained a warrant for the arrest of Colon. Milton Police were contacted by DSP Troop 2 in New Castle advising that they had Colon in custody along with the juvenile runaway.

Milton Police processed and video arraigned Colon with Justice of the Peace Court 20 where he was released on \$2,000.00 unsecured bond and No Contact Order with the juvenile pending a later court date.

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Milton Police on August 4, 2008 arrested Virgil D. Heath, 27, of Milton DE for Criminal Trespass, Unlawful Use of Credit Card, and Theft.

Milton Police had taken a complaint of Unlawful Use of Credit Card and Theft from Heath's girlfriend on July 14, 2008. Milton Police during the investigation observed video of the person using the stolen card at the ATM and discovered that it was Heath. A warrant was obtained for the arrest of Heath.

Milton Police on August 4, 2008 observed Heath and his girlfriend pull into Milton Landing Apartments and park. Heath was banned from the property due to previous incidents.

Milton Police took Heath into custody and he was processed then arraigned at Milton Police Department via video with Justice of the Peace Court 2. Heath was committed to SCCI in default of \$500.00 secured bond pending later court date.

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Milton Police on August 4, 2008 arrested Selena M. Hilliard, 27, of Milton DE for Criminal Nuisance.

Milton Police on August 4, 2008 observed Hilliard drive into Milton Landing Apartments with her boyfriend who was banned from the property.

Milton Police contacted Hilliard and her boyfriend and took both into custody. Hilliard had was arrested for criminal nuisance for knowingly maintaining a place for engaging in unlawful conduct for continually allowing her boyfriend to come to the property while being barred.

Milton Police transported Hilliard to Milton P.D. where she was processed and arraigned via video with Justice of the Peace Court 2. Hilliard was released on \$500.00 secured bond pending a later court date.

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Milton Police on August 8, 2008 arrested Jeffery D. Hood, 50, of Milton, DE for Criminal Impersonation, Local Fugitive Rule 9 warrant for DUI, and traffic offenses.

Milton Police observed Hood driving a vehicle while suspended. Milton Police were also aware that Hood was wanted on a Rule 9 warrant for DUI and other traffic charges.

Milton Police stopped Hood and he gave a false name and date of birth. Milton Police took Hood into custody.

Milton Police processed and arraigned Hood at Milton Police Department. Hood was arraigned via video with Justice of the Peace Court 3 and released on a cash bond pending a later court date.

## **Local Fugitive Arrest**

Milton Police on July 21, 2008 arrested Michelle R. Gutierrez, 24, of Lewes, DE for Local Fugitive.

Milton Police stopped Gutierrez after a registration and license check revealed that she was wanted by Sussex County Court of Common Pleas.

Gutierrez was taken forth with to the Court of Common Pleas and released by the Court.

75-08-1298

Milton Police on July 21, 2008 arrested, Stephanie Ann McAvaney, 27, of Millsboro DE for being a Local Fugitive.

Milton Police stopped McAvaney for speeding and discovered that she was wanted out of Justice of the Peace Court 20 in New Castle County and was suspended.

Milton Police issued summons to McAvaney and she was video arraigned with Justice of the Peace Court 2 and released on \$500.00 unsecured bond pending later court date.

75-08-1304

Milton Police on July 24, 2008 arrested Robert L. Carr, 39, of Milton DE for Local Fugitive.

Milton Police had responded to a loud music complaint and discovered that Carr was wanted by New Castle County Court of Common Pleas. Carr was committed to SCCI in default of \$452 cash bond pending a later court date.

75-08-1325

Milton Police on July 25, 2008 arrested George J. Williams, 54, of Dover, De for Local Fugitive.

Milton Police were conducting a wanted check in regards to a homeless shelter and discovered that Williams was wanted by Justice of the Peace Court 7 in Dover on a capias.

Williams was presented via video phone to Justice of the Peace Court 7 and released with a new payment schedule.

75-08-1330

## **DUI Arrest**

Milton Police on August 9, 2008 arrested James E. Holding, 41, of Georgetown, DE for DUI, Reckless Driving, Expired Tags, Unreasonable Speed, and No valid insurance in possession.

Milton Police stopped Holding after he recklessly took a high speed turn and then travelled at an unreasonable speed along with expired tags on the vehicle.

Milton Police conducted field performance tests and took Holding into custody for further testing. Holding was released at his residence after processing for the listed charges.

75-08-1415

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

**§ 4175A. Aggressive driving.**

(a) No person shall drive any vehicle in an aggressive manner, as defined by this section, and such offense shall be known as aggressive driving.

(b) For purposes of this section, "aggressive manner" shall mean that an individual engages in continuous conduct which violates 3 or more of the following sections:

- (1) Section 4107 of this title, relating to obedience to traffic-control devices;
- (2) Section 4108 of this title, relating to traffic control signals;
- (3) Section 4117 of this title, relating to overtaking on the right;
- (4) Section 4122 of this title, relating to driving within a traffic lane;
- (5) Section 4123 of this title, relating to following too closely;
- (6) Section 4132 of this title, relating to yielding to the right-of-way;
- (7) Section 4133 of this title, relating to vehicles entering the roadway;
- (8) Section 4155 of this title, relating to use of turn signals;
- (9) Section 4164 of this title, relating to stop signs and yield signs;
- (10) Section 4166(d) of this title, relating to overtaking and passing school buses;
- (11) Section 4168 of this title, relating to speed restrictions; and
- (12) Section 4169, relating to specific speed limits.

(c) Whoever violates this section shall for the first offense be fined not less than \$100 nor more than \$300 or be imprisoned not less than 10 nor more than 30 days, or both. For each subsequent like offense occurring within 3 years of a former offense, the person shall be fined not less than \$300 nor more than \$1,000 or be imprisoned not less than 30 nor more than 60 days, or both, and the person shall have their driving privileges suspended for a period of 30 days.

(d) In addition to the penalties imposed pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, whoever violates this section shall be ordered to complete a course of instruction established by the Secretary to address behavior modification or attitudinal driving. The Secretary shall administer such courses and programs and adopt rules and regulations therefor, and shall establish a schedule of fees for enrollment in such courses and programs that shall not exceed the maximum fine imposed pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.

(e) Nothing in this section shall be construed to preclude or otherwise limit a prosecution of or conviction for a violation of this chapter or any other provision of law. A person may be prosecuted and convicted of both the offense of aggressive driving and 1 or more underlying offenses as defined elsewhere by the laws of the State. (72 Del. Laws, c. 216, § 1; 73 Del. Laws, c. 113, § 1; 74 Del. Laws, c. 285, § 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.**