

Milton Police Department

*Monthly Report
To
Mayor & Town Council*



“Pride & Integrity”

March 21 – April 20, 2009

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MILTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRIDE



INTEGRITY

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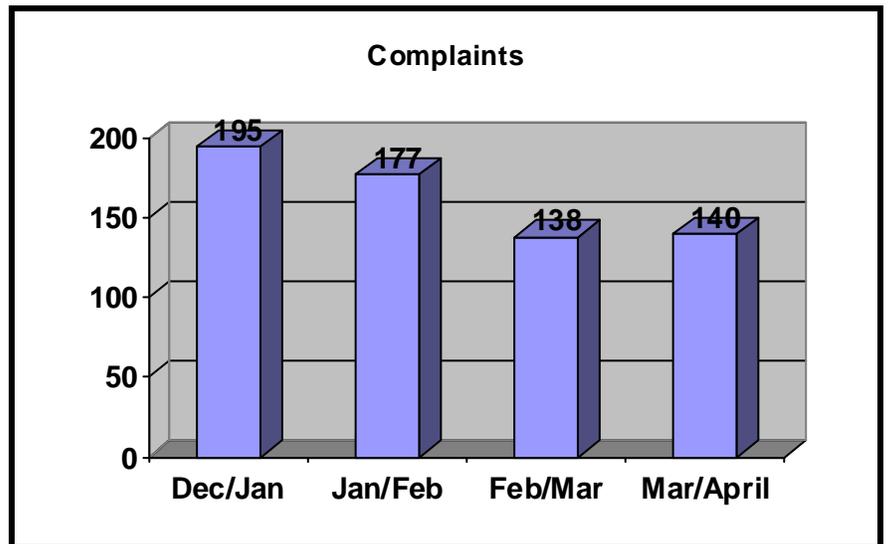
The Honorable Don Post, Mayor
Members of Milton Town Council
Town Hall
Milton, DE 19968

Mayor Post and Council Members:

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

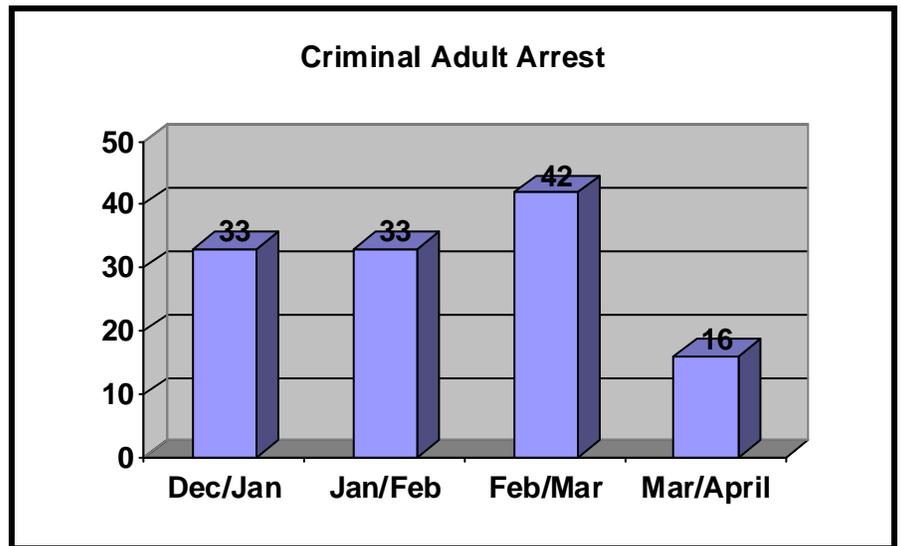
Complaints

Total complaints received
from **March 21 – April 20,**
2009 numbered 140.



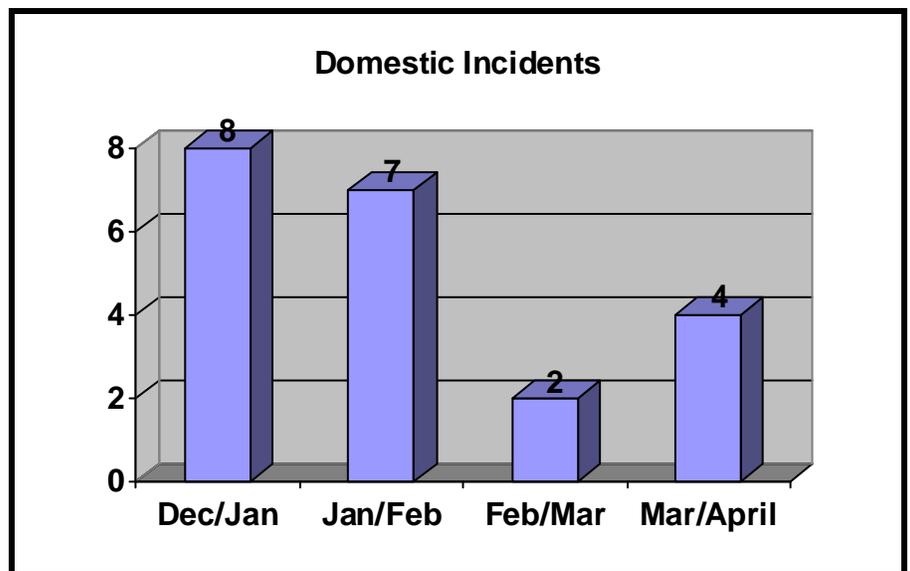
Criminal Arrests

Total criminal arrests from **March 21 – April 20, 2009** numbered 16.



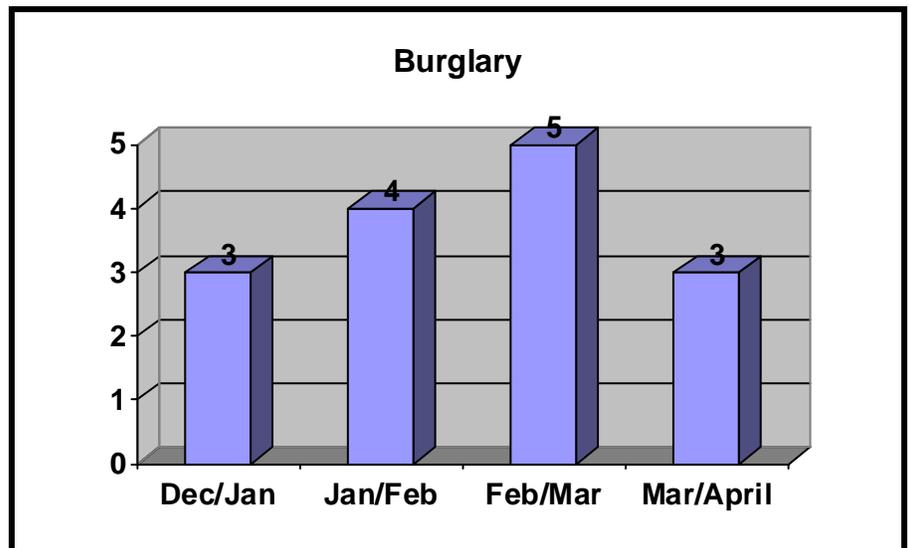
Domestic Incidents

Total domestic incidents from **March 21 – April 20, 2009** numbered 4.



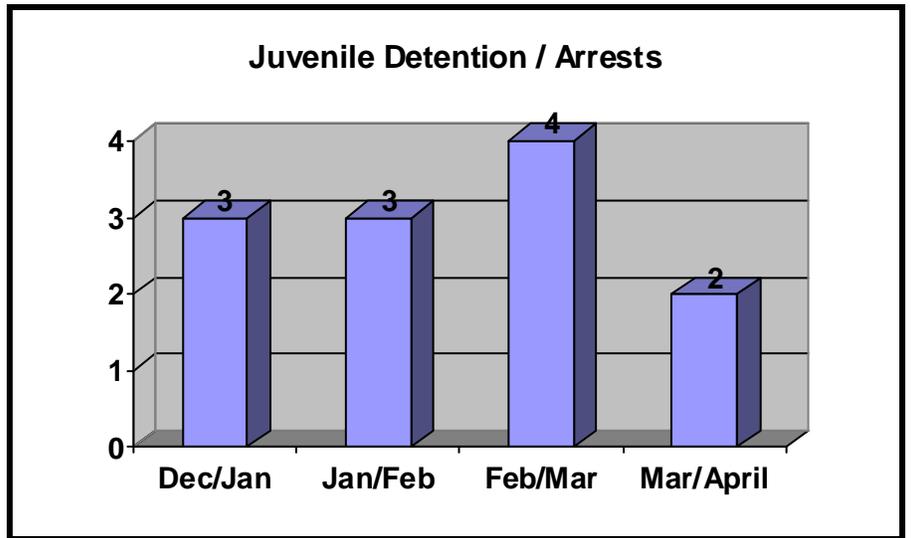
Burglary

Total Burglaries from **March 21 – April 20, 2009** numbered 3.



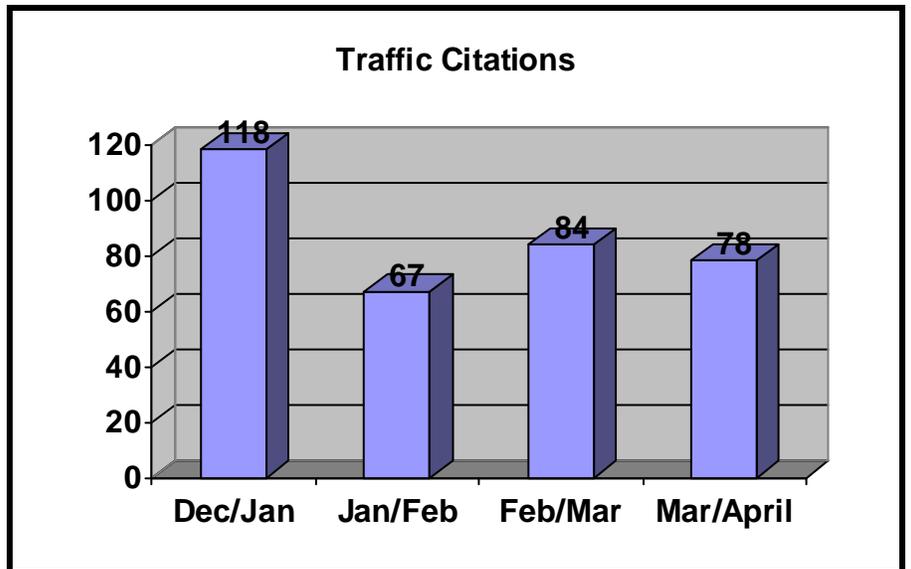
Juvenile Detention / Arrest

Total juvenile detention / criminal arrests from **March 21 – April 20, 2009** numbered 2.



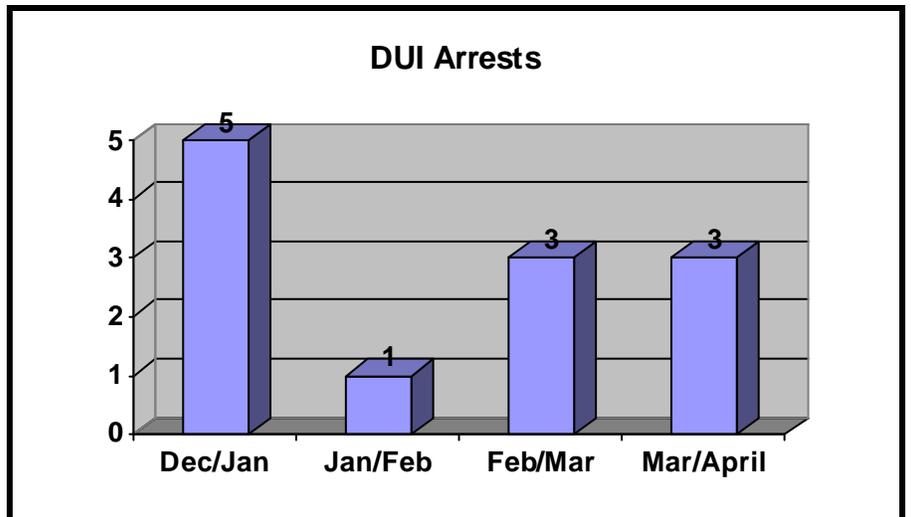
Traffic Citations

The department issued 78 traffic citations from **March 21 – April 20, 2009**



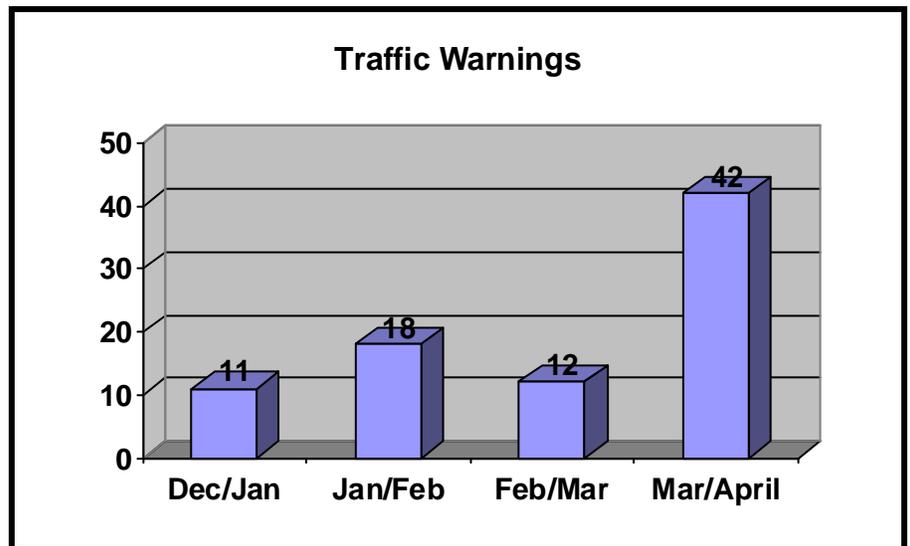
DUI Arrests

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



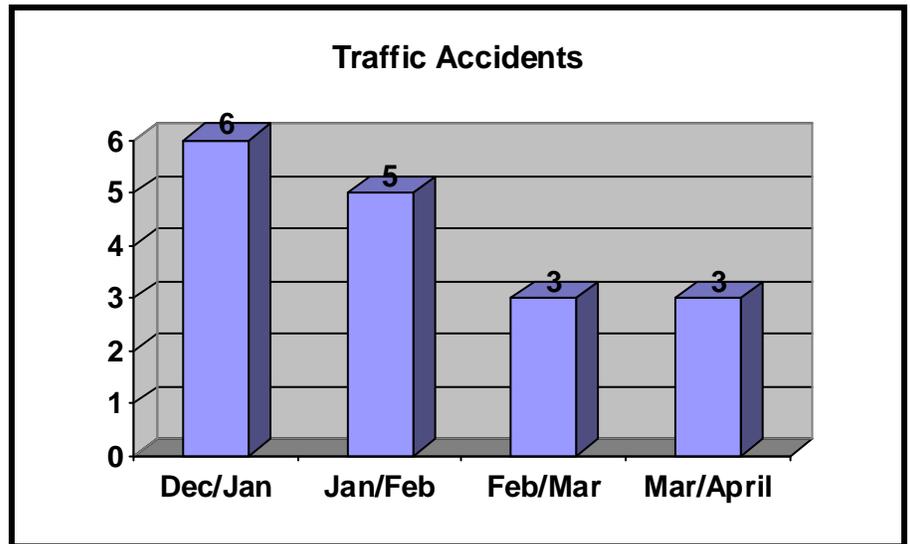
Traffic Warnings

The department issued 42 traffic warnings from **March 21 – April 20, 2009**.



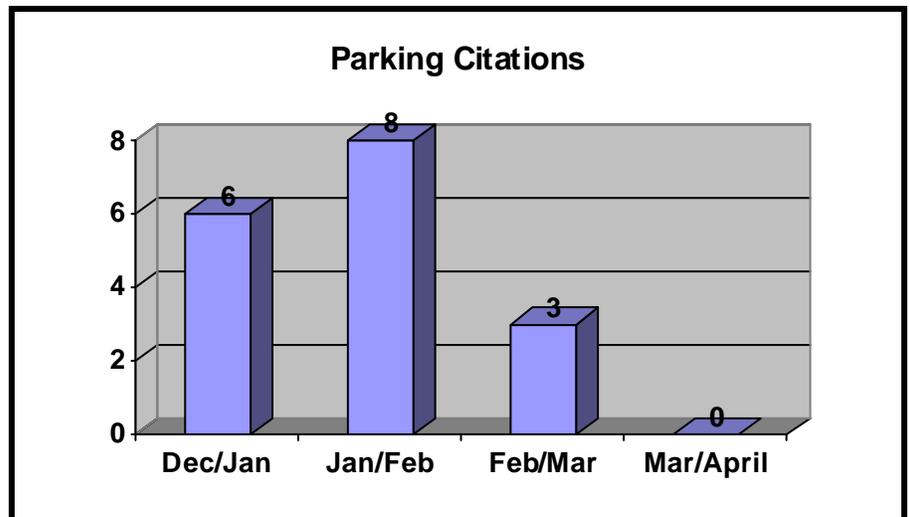
Traffic Accidents

From **March 21 – April 20, 2009** police investigated 3 traffic accidents.



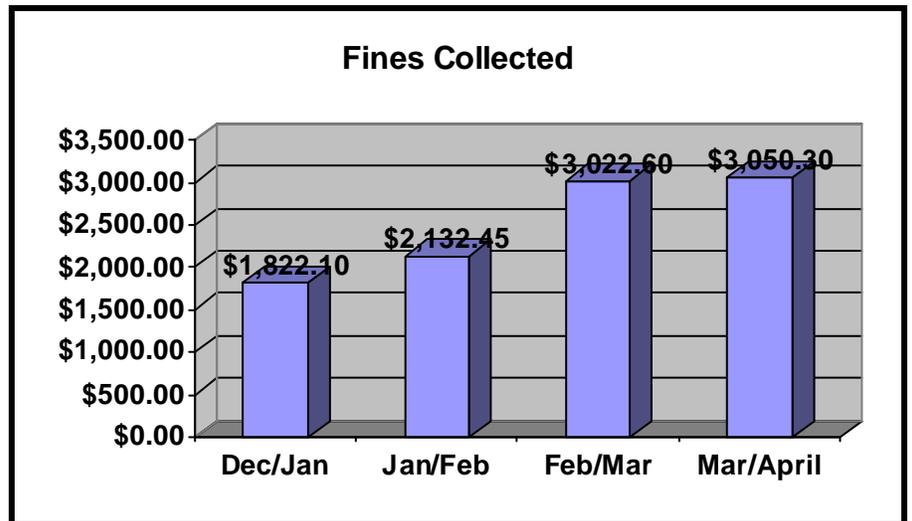
Parking Citations

The department issued 0 parking citations from **March 21 – April 20, 2009**.



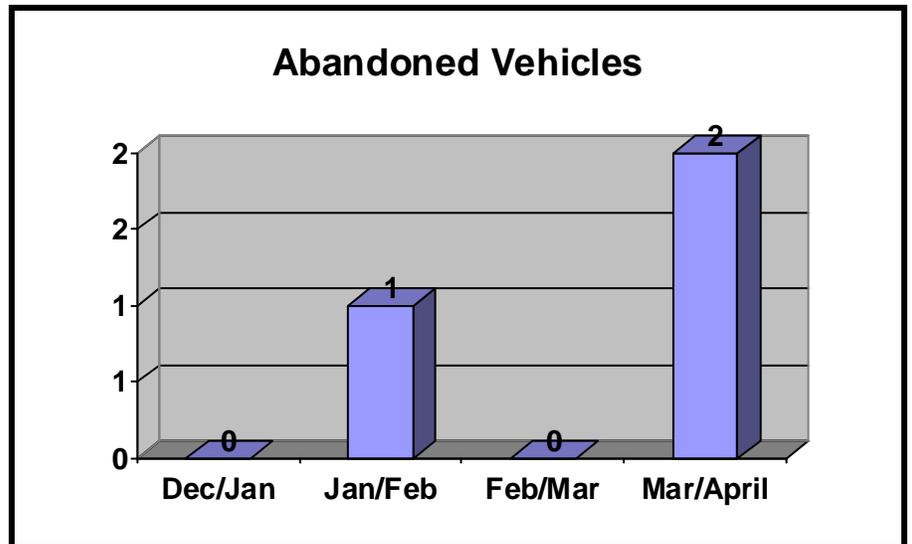
Fines Collected

From **March 21 – April 20, 2009** police have received \$3,050.30 in fines.



Abandoned Vehicles

From **March 21 – April 20, 2009** police have issued 2 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 March 23, 2009; the Milton Police Department arrested Wayne A. Runner (19) of Milton for failing to re-register as a Sex Offender within 3 days after an address change, and terroristic threatening.

At approx. 4am Milton Officer responded to a Bennett Street residence in reference to a possible domestic situation. Milton officer learned that Runner had made a threat towards the victim's life and fled the residence. Upon further investigation it was found that runner was a registered sex

offender and had not re-registered after moving to the Bennett Street residence. Runner later turned himself in at the Milton Police Department where he was processed/finger printed, arraigned via video phone at the Justice of the Peace Court 2 and committed to SCI in default of \$750.00 secure bond.

On March 25, 2009; the Milton Police Department arrested Dwayne Richardson (43) of Milton for Unlawful Sexual Contact, and Endangering the Welfare of a Child.

Richardson was arrested after the 16 year old victim contacted officials at Cape Henlopen High School, and stated that she had been touched inappropriately. Milton Officer responded to the high school and transported the victim to the Child Advocacy Center to meet with a forensic interviewer. Following the forensic interview, Richardson turned himself in to the Milton Police Department where he was arraigned via video phone at the Justice of the Peace Court 2 and subsequently released on a \$5,000 unsecure bond pending a preliminary hearing in the Sussex County Court of Common Pleas.

On April 14, 2009 the Milton Police Department arrested Timothy Cooner (28) of Millsboro, and Matthew Dasher (24) of Milton for burglarizing the Milton Napa Auto Parts store and vandalizing a vehicle in the Clipper Square Shopping center.

On April 14, 2009 at approximately 7:15 p.m., a Napa Parts delivery driver arrived at Napa in Milton to deliver parts and found the building to be unsecure. He then went inside in an attempt to locate a store employee. After he was unable to locate an employee, he exited the business and called the store manager. A few minutes later the delivery driver observed Cooner exiting the business with a handgun in his waistband (later found to be pellet gun). The delivery driver threw Cooner to the ground, grabbed the gun, and threw the gun away from Cooner. Minutes later the manager of Napa arrived on scene followed by the Milton Police Department and the Delaware State Police. Cooner was taken into custody after a brief struggle with officers.

Dasher fled the scene when the delivery driver arrived at Napa, and was taken into custody by Milton Officers from a traffic stop prior to officers arriving at Napa. A search of the vehicle uncovered a variety of prescription drugs and drug paraphernalia.

It was found that prior to going to Napa, Cooner and Dasher attempted to obtain prescription medication at the Milton Pharmacy and was subsequently turned away. They then punctured the tires on one of the employees' vehicle.

Cooner was charged with 11 criminal charges (4 Felonies, and 7 Misdemeanors) including possession of a deadly weapon during the commission of a felony, burglary 2nd, conspiracy 2nd, possession of burglar tools, carrying a concealed dangerous instrument, 2 counts of criminal mischief, theft under \$1000, resisting arrest, possession of a hypodermic needle, and possession of drug paraphernalia. Cooner was committed to SCI prison in default of \$13,000 cash only bail.

Dasher was charged with 11 criminal and traffic charges (3 Felonies, and 7 Misdemeanors) including Burglary 3rd, possession of burglar tools, Conspiracy 2nd, Theft under \$1000, 2 counts of criminal mischief, possession of a hypodermic needle, possession of drug paraphernalia, driving while suspended/revoked, failure to have registration in possession, and failure to have insurance

identification. Dasher was committed to Sussex Correctional Institute in default of \$11,100 secure bond.

Local Fugitive Arrests

March 2009

On March 23, 2009; the Milton Police Department arrested Jeffrey L. Allen (42) of Milton for Operating a Bicycle Under the Influence of Alcohol.

At approx. 1720 hours Milton Officers were notified of a subject who was lying in the middle of Holland St. Upon arrival, officer found Allen to be under the influence of alcohol. Allen was said to have fell off of his bicycle and unable to get himself off of the ground. Allen suffered no injuries.

While in custody the department learned that Allen was wanted for a probation violation. He was transported and held in SCI on an administrative warrant.

75-09-456

April 2009

On April 10, 2009; the Milton Police Department arrested William M. Holding (46) of Milton on capias issued out of Justice of the Peace Court 3.

At approx. 0843 hours, Holding was stopped by a Milton Officer while driving on Palmer Street for traffic violations. Upon conducting the traffic stop, Holding was placed in to custody. He was then video arraigned at the Milton Police Department where he received a \$100 unsecure bond for Justice of the Peace Court 3 and was subsequently released.

75-09-529

On April 10, 2009; the Milton Police Department arrested Melvin L. Morse (54) of Georgetown on a capias out of the Dewey Beach Alderman Court 36.

Morse was stopped for speeding while traveling on Route 5. Upon conducting a traffic stop the Milton Officer learned that Morse was driving on a suspended driver's license and was wanted out of the Dewey Beach Alderman Court 36 for failing to appear. After the officer contacted the court, Morse was released and advised to turn himself in. He was as well issued a traffic summons for his traffic violations.

75-09-533

On April 17, 2009; the Milton Police Department arrested Freeman N. Jackson on an outstanding capias out of the Justice of the Peace Court 2.

At approx. 1445 hours the Department learned that Jackson was sitting in a vehicle in the parking lot of Casa San Francisco and was wanted for failure to appear. Upon arrival units place Jackson in to custody and transported him to the Justice of the Peace Court 3 in Georgetown where he received a \$500 unsecure bond and was released.

75-09-568

DUI Arrests

March 2009

On March 27, 2009; the Milton Police Department arrested Mark Brozey (18) of Milton for Zero Tolerance DUI.

Brozey was stopped by the Milton Police on Route 16 for an equipment violation. Upon conducting the stop, the officer smelled alcohol coming from the vehicle. After completing field test, Brozey was transported to the Milton Police Department and administer an intoxilyzer. Upon completion he was giving a traffic summons for his equipment violations and driving a motor vehicle after consumption of alcohol under the age of 21.

75-09-477

April 2009

On April 19, 2009; the Milton Police Department arrested Michael S. Dondarski (25) for operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol.

Dondarski was stopped on Cave Neck Road after a "B.O.L.O" (be on the look out) was placed on his vehicle. Reasonable suspicion was gained from the stop, and Dondarski was transported to Beebe Hospital for a legal blood draw. He was issued a summons for his moving violation and driving under the influence of alcohol.

75-09-579



Office of Highway Safety (OHS)

Stop Speeding Before It Stops You !

OHS and State Police partner on month Long speed enforcement blitz

April 1, 2009

Dover, - Speed is currently the number one contributing factor in Delaware's traffic deaths, surpassing even DUI! To date, speed is responsible for more than a quarter (39%) of the state's 23 traffic fatalities. Additionally, it's listed as a factor in 32% of the state's 18 fatal crashes, which is 10% higher than at this time last year.

In an effort to reduce these preventable tragedies, the Office of Highway Safety and the Delaware State Police are partnering in a month long statewide speed enforcement blitz. The enforcement initiative, which will be accompanied by radio ads statewide, is the first activity under the 2009 Stop Aggressive Driving Campaign, which is coordinated by OHS.

“Deaths due to speeding drivers are 100% preventable, and already this year more people have paid the ultimate price as a result of this risky behavior than any other,” said Tricia Roberts, Director of the Office of Highway Safety, “and it must stop. We cannot afford to ignore this deadly traffic safety problem and are immediately implementing a combined enforcement and awareness plan – strategies which are proven to work.”

Throughout the month of April, the Delaware State Police will conduct a total of 208 speed enforcement patrols statewide. In addition, four team speed enforcement operations, consisting of five troopers per team, will be conducted during the month. There will be at least one team enforcement operation in each county. Enforcement will occur on roadways with identified crash problems. The Delaware State Police say they stand behind the strong enforcement plan.

“We believe that it is through strict enforcement of Delaware’s traffic laws that we can make a significant impact. Speeding drivers are putting our citizens at risk for great harm and the men and women of the Delaware State Police are committed to stopping this substantial threat to public safety,” said Colonel Thomas F. MacLeish, Superintendent of the Delaware State Police. While primarily looking for speeding drivers, police will also continue to stop and arrest other dangerous drivers such as those who run red lights, or are impaired by drugs and or alcohol.

Office of Highway Safety officials say speeding can really cost you. In addition to the possibility of losing your life, speeding will cost you money from citations, higher insurance costs from points on your license, and more money for gas. The Department of Energy, 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.

Drivers ticketed for going 10 mph over the speed limit, will receive 4 points on their license and be fined \$77.40 after court costs are assessed. Fines and points increase from there putting your driving privileges at risk.

OHS will institute phase two of the Stop Aggressive Driving campaign in July and involve not only Delaware State Police but also additional law enforcement agencies. The July campaign will also involve not only radio ads, but also television, billboard and internet messaging to target the highest risk drivers. The 2008 Stop Aggressive Driving campaign resulted in 2,737 speeding citations in three months.

For more information about the Stop Aggressive Driving campaign and OHS’s other safety initiatives, please visit our website at www.ohs.delaware.gov

DELAWARE FATAL CRASH SUMMARY

TRAFFIC DEATHS			
Statistics are current from 01/01/09- 04/21/2009 (and are compared to 1/01/08 - 04/21/2008 - the same time frame)			
	2009		2008
Total	29	Total	29
Alcohol Related	4	Alcohol Related	15
Vehicle Occupants	25	Vehicle Occupants	20
Seatbelts Not Used	16	Seatbelts Not Used	7
Pedestrians	2	Pedestrians	6
Bicyclists	1	Bicyclists	1
Motorcyclists	1	Motorcyclists	2

DE bicycle helmet law - use required up to age 18. Bike Smart!

205 Arrested for Speed during First Week of enforcement Blitz

April 7, 2009

Dover - Delaware State Police have cited 205 individuals for speeding in the first five days of a month long speed enforcement blitz being conducted in partnership with the Delaware Office of Highway Safety (OHS). The enforcement activities, which are the first effort under the 2009 Stop Aggressive Driving campaign, began Wednesday April 1st and will continue to the end of the month.

In addition to the 205 speed arrests, Troopers from State Police Troops 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, and 9 issued 13 citations for seat belt violations, 1 for a child restraint violation and 46 for other traffic violations.

Throughout the month of April, the Delaware State Police will conduct a total of 208 speed enforcement patrols statewide, and four team speed enforcement operations, consisting of five troopers per team. The first of these team enforcement efforts will occur on Friday, April 10, when Easter weekend holiday travel will be heavy.

Speed currently the number one contributing factor in Delaware's traffic deaths, responsible for 32% of the state's 19 fatal traffic crashes, and more than a quarter of our fatalities.

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Follow the Office of Highway Safety on Twitter!

April 8, 2009

Dover – The Delaware Office of Highway Safety (OHS) is now on the social networking site Twitter! You can follow OHS at www.twitter.com/DEHighwaysafe. OHS's community Relations Officer will be posting "tweets" about traffic safety issues such as seat belts, impaired driving, aggressive driving and speeding, bicycle, pedestrian, motorcycle and car seat safety.

"We are continually looking for new ways to reach out to and engage Delaware residents on the issue of traffic safety and improving behind the wheel behaviors," said Andrea Summers, Community Relations Officer for the Office of Highway Safety. "Twitter, as one of the fastest growing social media tools, is a great way to do that. It's appealing to teens who are a generation of born computer users, as well as to young and middle aged adults who favor this unique and user friendly format."

Summers says the OHS Twitter page is useful for mainstream media as well. She adds that she is able to post quick bits of information such as a "did you know that 2009 marks the 50th anniversary of the seat belt" "tweet" that may not warrant a full blown press release, but which may still generate interest in developing a story.

Summers is currently "twitter-ing" about OHS's month long speed enforcement blitz with Delaware State Police, but in a few days will start posting tweets about the issue of underage drinking. "I've been testing this forum out for about six months trying to determine the best way to use it. Now we'd like to invite everyone in the public to following along." Delawareans can also learn more about OHS initiatives by visiting the agency's website at www.ohs.delaware.gov.

In Wake of Fatal Crash: OHS Shares Bicycle Safety Tips for All

Bicyclists encouraged to Bike Smart and motorists must share the road

April 13, 2009

Dover – Sadly, Delaware has just experienced its first fatal crash of 2009 involving a bicyclist. With the weather warming up, many more people who use bikes either for recreation or a primary method of transportation will be on the roads. The Office of Highway Safety is providing the following tips so that riders can Bike Smart and motorists can be sure to Share the Road with their two wheeled counterparts.

Motorists have a responsibility to share the road with bicyclists. Bicycles are considered a human-powered vehicle, but a vehicle nonetheless. So cyclists must ride in the same direction as traffic.

Both warm weather and higher gas prices often result in an increase in bicycle traffic and drivers can expect to see more bikes out from now through October. Bikes are permitted to operated on certain roadways but because they are often slower than other vehicles, cyclists are encouraged to use sidewalks when they're available. If not, bicycle operators should ride as close to the right edge of the roadway as possible. Drivers can help minimize the risk of a crash by actively scanning the shoulders for bicyclists.

While bicyclists killed in traffic crashes are more often in their late 40's or older, the age group that is most often injured in bicycle crashes are the 10-14 years olds. Neighborhoods can be

danger spots for bicycle crashes involving young children who are more vulnerable to injuries and may not be paying as much attention as they should. So drivers are asked to slow down and be more vigilant in neighborhoods and residential areas where shoulders and sidewalks may either be limited or not available at all.

Bicyclists can help minimize the risk to their own safety by following all State laws and wearing the appropriate safety gear. Delaware's bicycle helmet law was upgraded in 2008. Now helmets must be worn by anyone operating or riding as a passenger on a bike up to age 18. Previously, helmet use was mandatory for anyone up to age 16. Failure to wear a helmet will result in a \$25.00 fines to the minor's parent. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, bicycle helmets are 85 – 88% effective in mitigating brain injuries though only about 20 – 25% of all cyclists were them. Although Delaware law only covers helmet use up to age 18, bicyclists of all ages are encouraged to wear them.

In 2008, 6 bicyclists were killed in Delaware traffic crashes. The most common factors contributing to fatal crashes involving bicyclists are cyclists who are not visible when riding at night, who are riding under the influence of alcohol, and who turn into the path of a vehicle. State Police crash reports indicate that the bicyclist killed in the April 3rd crash did have functioning front and rear lights.

Below are additional safety tips and information on bicycle laws for cyclists of all ages:

- It is illegal to have more than one passenger on a single seat bicycle unless it is a young child in a second seat or attached by a sling or backpack device to the parent.
- Bicyclists must signal their intention to turn, slow or stop.
- All bicycles must have lamps on the front and red reflective lights in the back for riding at night.
- It is illegal to ride under the influence of alcohol.
- Bicyclist may not wear earplugs or headsets covering both ears.

Delawareans interested in cycling can register for the 2009 Delaware Bicycle Summit, which will be on April 24, 2009 at Del Tech Terry Campus in Dover. The Summit will bring together bicycle advocates, advocates for healthy communities, and others to network and to plan a healthier, bikeable future for Delaware. For more information or to register for the Summit, visit www.bike.deldot.gov. Registration is free.

367 cited for Speed during Week 2 of Enforcement Blitz *Three cited for speeding 100 mph or more*

April 14, 2009

Dover – Delaware State Police have cited 367 individuals for speeding during week two of a month long speed enforcement blitz being conducted in partnership with the Delaware Office of Highway Safety (OHS). Three of the citations were for drivers going 100 mph or more! The enforcement activities, which are the first under the 2009 Stop Aggressive Driving campaign, began Wednesday, April 1 and will continue to the end of the month.

Eight-five (85) of the speed citations resulted from the first of four Team Speed Enforcement operations. Team Enforcement was conducted in two locations in New Castle County (Route 141 then later on I-495) and the operation utilized a team of five Troopers from Troops 1 and 6. In

addition to the speed citations, the Team Enforcement also resulted in the apprehension of three wanted individuals. Team Enforcement activities will occur this week in Kent County.

In addition to the 367 speed arrests, Troopers statewide arrested two drivers for DUI, apprehended an additional two wanted individuals, and cited 11 drivers for seat belt violations, 1 for a child restraint violation and 94 others for additional traffic offenses.

This brings the total of people cited for speeding in Delaware during the first two weeks of the campaign to 526. Throughout the month of April, the Delaware State Police will conduct a total of 208 speed enforcement patrols statewide, and four team speed enforcement operations.

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335 More Cited for Speed in Third Week of Campaign

Kent County Team Enforcement Nets 97 Speed Citations!

April 20, 2009

Dover – Delaware State Police have cited 335 more individuals for speeding as part of a month long speed enforcement blitz being conducted in partnership with the Delaware Office of Highway Safety (OHS). Troopers from State Police Troop 3 issued 97 of those citations while conducting eight hours worth of Team Speed Enforcement activities on Friday, April 17 on Rt. 1 near the area of Rt. 42 access gate. Last week's enforcement activities bring the total number of speed arrests for the first three weeks of the 2009 Stop Aggressive Driving campaign to 992.

In addition to the 335 speed arrests, Troopers statewide also cited 10 drivers for seat belt violations, 3 for child restraint violations and 128 others for additional traffic offenses.

Troops 2 and 9 will conduct Team Speed Enforcement activities this coming week, and Team Enforcement will take place in Sussex County the week of April 27th. Throughout the month of April, the Delaware State Police will conduct a total of 208 speed enforcement patrols statewide, and four team speed enforcement operations.

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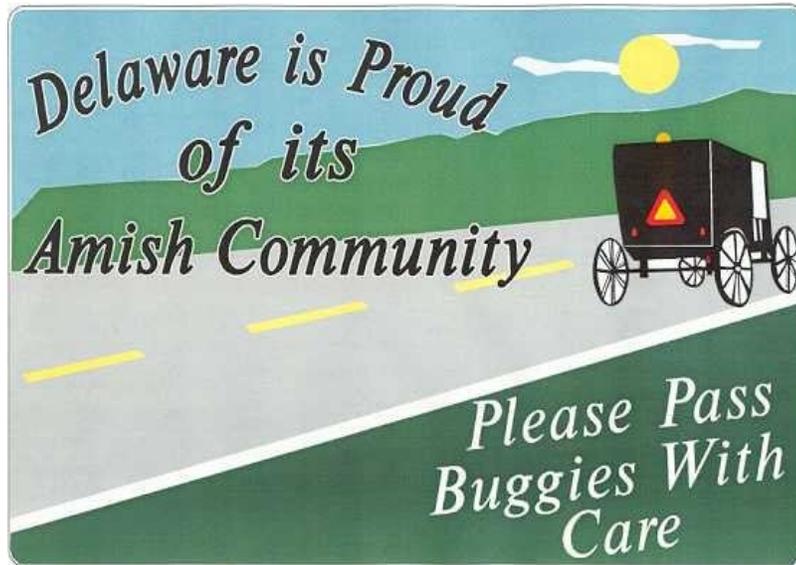
Upcoming Highway Safety Events

April 21 - May 2nd

National Motorcycle Awareness Week

May 11 - June 7

Click It or Ticket (local and national) Enforcement Mobilization



In Kent County the Amish community creates unique situations for the motoring public. Amish buggies are horse-drawn vehicles that travel at less than 10 mph. It is very easy to come upon one quickly, with little time to react.

The Kent County Traffic Safety Committee has addressed this issue in a variety of ways. The committee has provided amber flashing lights to the Amish community, as well as reflective leg bands for the horses to wear. These efforts will increase buggy visibility at night and in low-light situations. In addition, a brochure detailing safety concerns for the motoring public has been developed and will be available in the Division of Motor Vehicle lanes, as well as in Delaware's tourism and travel offices. Finally, new signage has been created. These signs will be placed on roadways where the Amish frequently travel, in an effort to alert motorists to use caution where there is a greater likelihood of sharing the road with a horse-drawn vehicle.

The Kent County Traffic Safety Committee is comprised of members of the Delaware State Police, the Delaware Office of Highway Safety, the Delaware Division of Public Health, and the Delaware Department of Transportation.

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.