

Milton Police Department

*Monthly Report
To
Mayor & Town Council*



“Pride & Integrity”

May 21 – June 20, 2009

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MILTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRIDE



INTEGRITY

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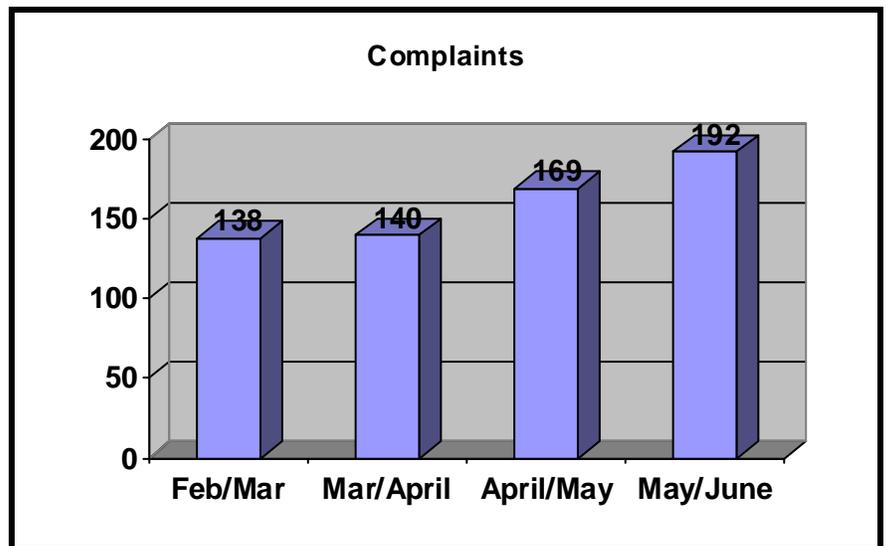
The Honorable Don Post, Mayor
Members of Milton Town Council
Town Hall
Milton, DE 19968

Mayor Post and Council Members:

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

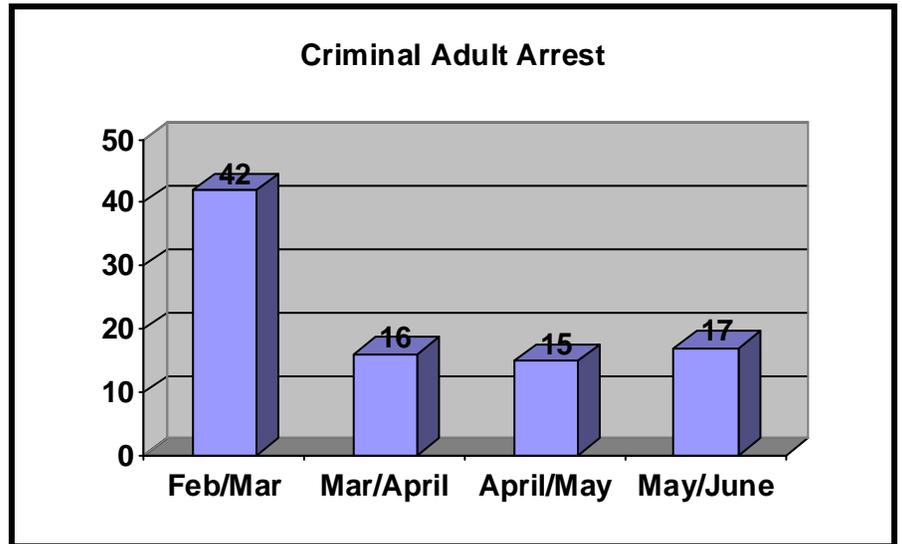
Complaints

Total complaints received
from **May 21 – June 20,**
2009 numbered 192.



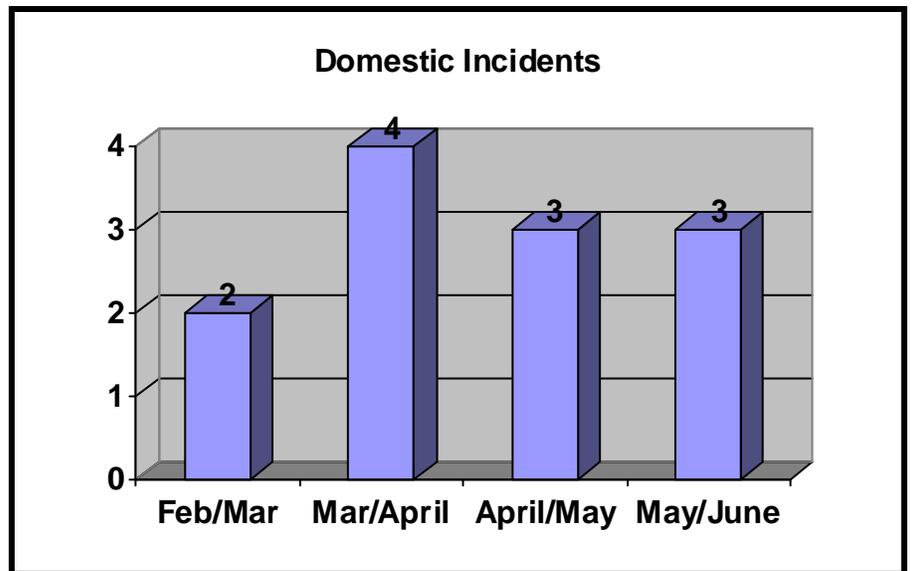
Criminal Arrests

Total criminal arrests from **May 21 – June 20, 2009** numbered 17.



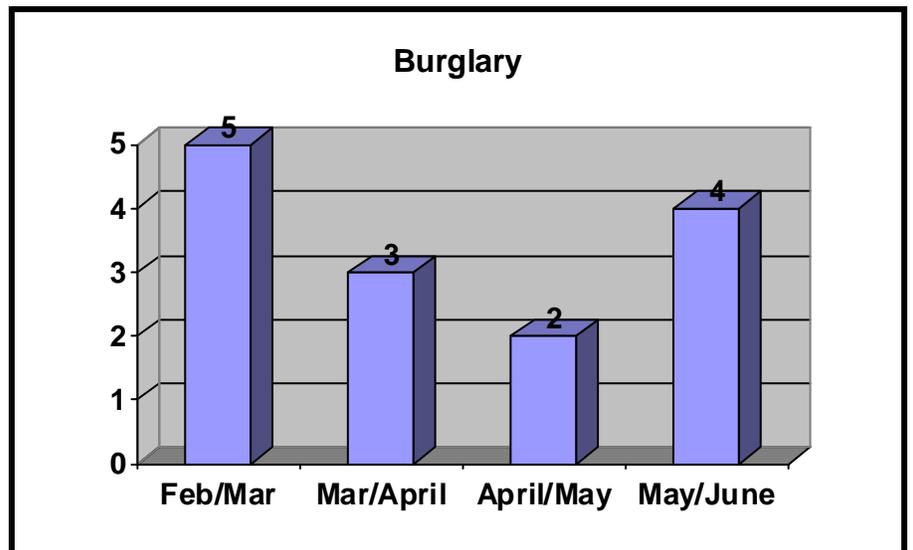
Domestic Incidents

Total domestic incidents from **May 21 – June 20, 2009** numbered 3.



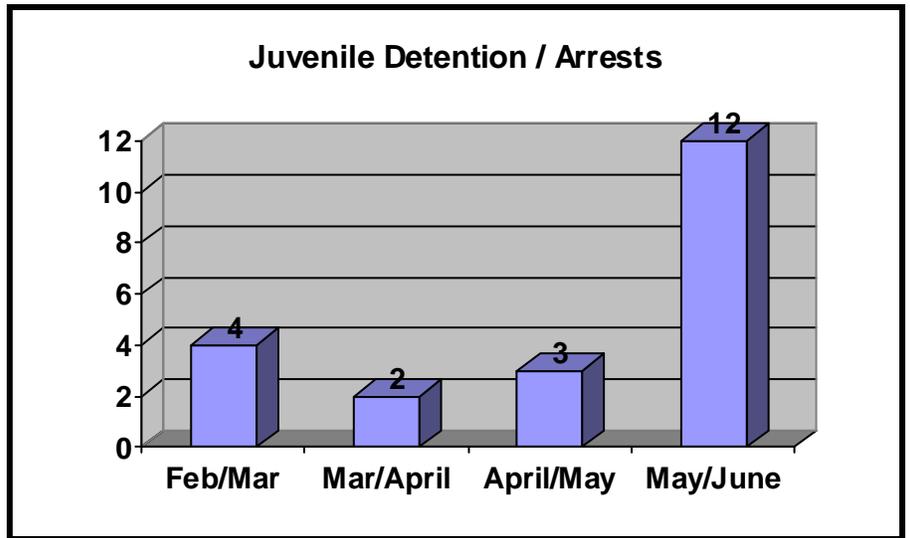
Burglary

Total Burglaries from **May 21 – June 20, 2009** numbered 4.



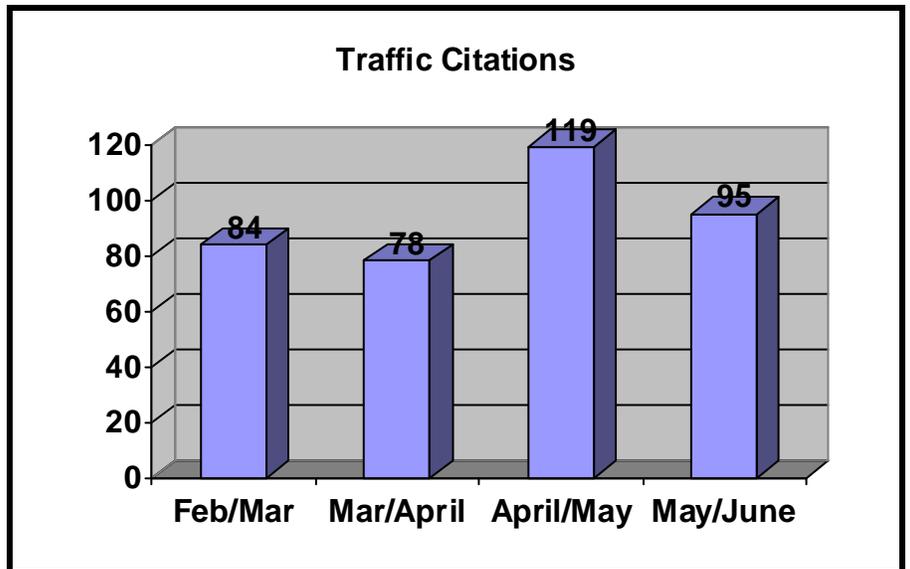
Juvenile Detention / Arrest

Total juvenile detention / criminal arrests from **May 21 – June 20, 2009** numbered 12.



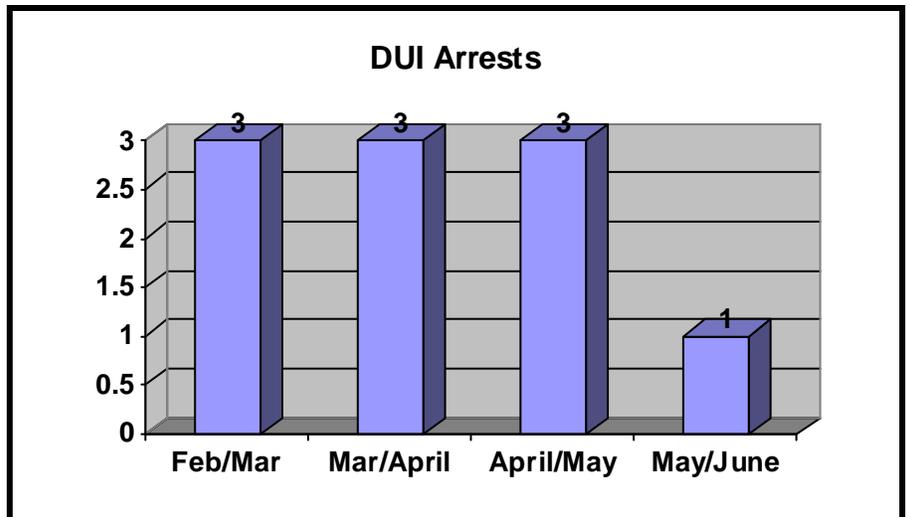
Traffic Citations

The department issued 95 traffic citations from **May 21 – June 20, 2009**.



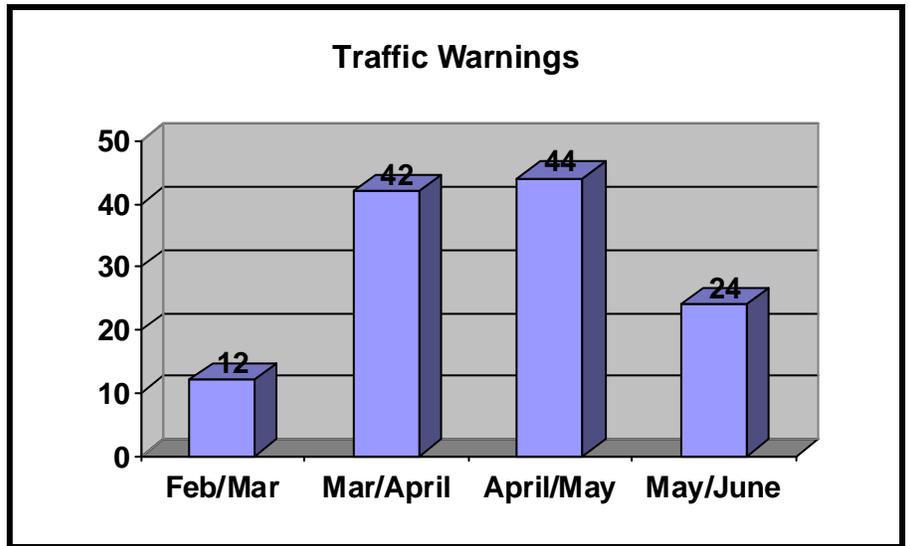
DUI Arrests

The department made 1 DUI arrest(s) from **May 21 – June 20, 2009**.



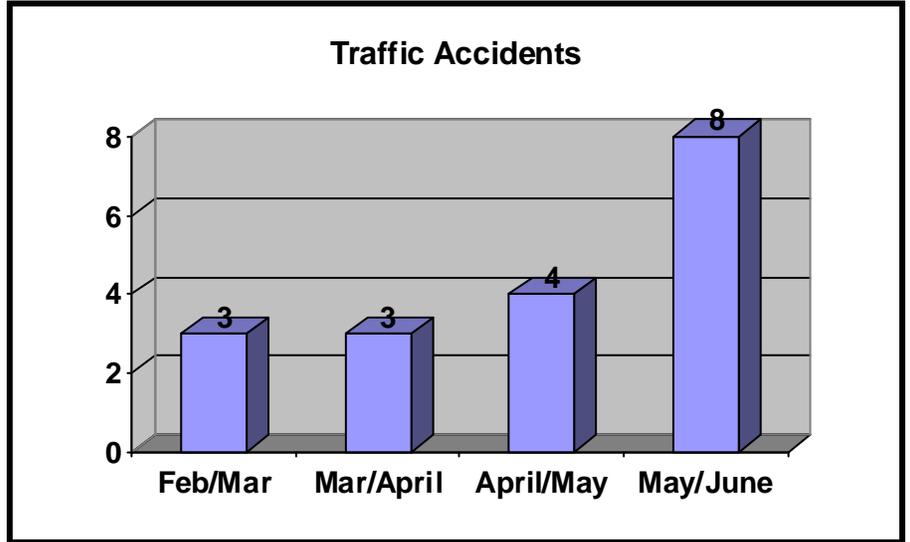
Traffic Warnings

The department issued 24 traffic warnings from **May 21 – June 20, 2009**.



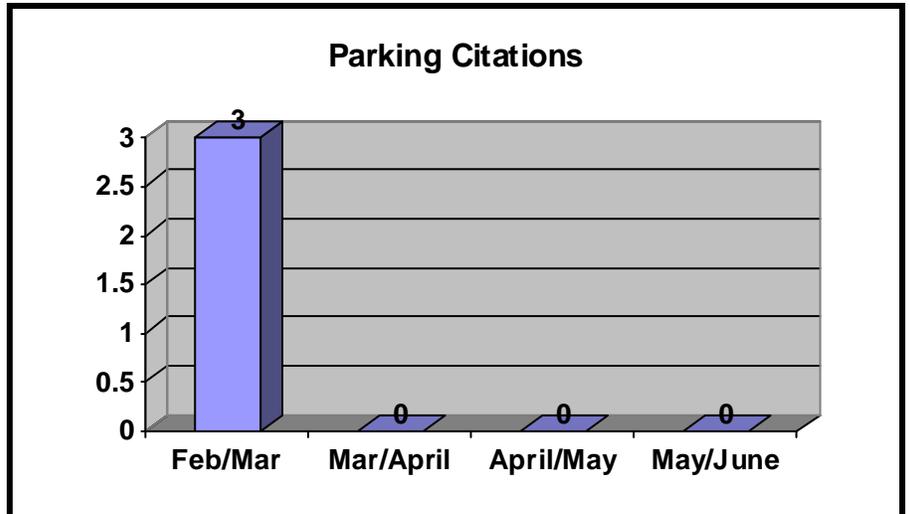
Traffic Accidents

From **May 21 – June 20, 2009** police investigated 8 traffic accidents.



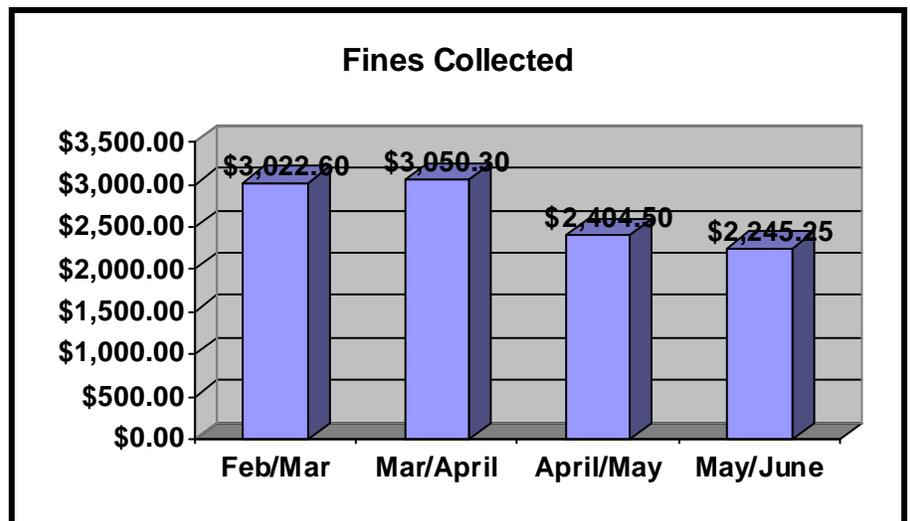
Parking Citations

The department issued 0 parking citations from **May 21 – June 20, 2009**.



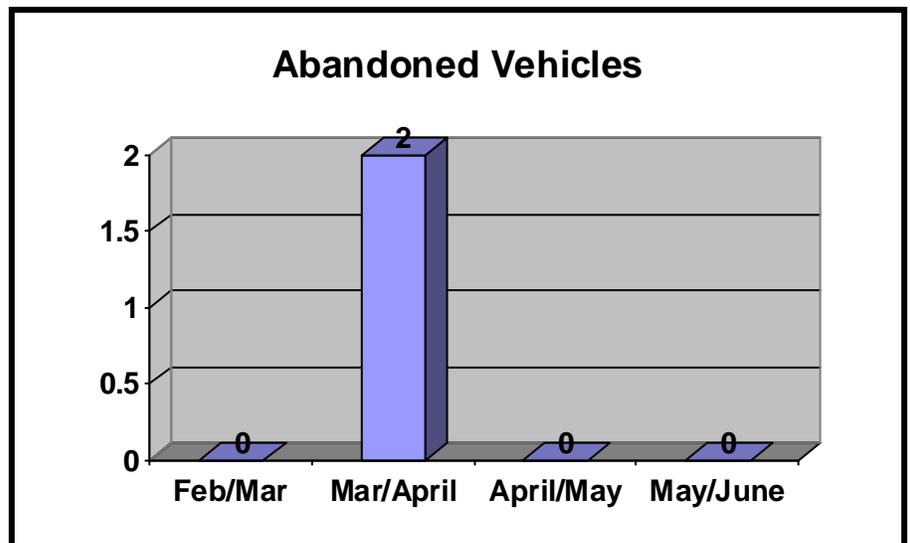
Fines Collected

From **May 21 – June 20, 2009** police have received \$2,245.25 in fines.



Abandoned Vehicles

From **May 21 – June 20, 2009** 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 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 May 23, 2009, the Milton Police Department arrested Adam L. Nobles (24) of Lewes for Criminal Impersonation, driving with a suspended license, and not wearing a seatbelt.

A Milton officer conducted a traffic stop after observing Nobles driving without his seatbelt on. Nobles gave a false name to the officer knowing his license was suspended, but through investigation the officer learned the subject driving was Adam Nobles.

Nobles was video-arraigned at the Justice of the Peace Court 3 and released on \$1,000.00 unsecured bond pending a later court date.

On May 25, 2009, the Milton Police Department arrested a 12 year old juvenile for Criminal Trespass 3rd, Theft, and learned the juvenile had an active capias.

Milton Police were contacted by a victim of a stolen lawnmower. Through investigation, Milton Police located the lawnmower at the accused juvenile's residence and learned the juvenile took the lawnmower from the victim's yard.

The juvenile was video-arraigned at the Justice of the Peace Court 3 and released to a family member on unsecured bond pending a later court date.

On June 1, 2009, the Milton Police Department arrested a 17 year old juvenile for Resisting Arrest, Disorderly Conduct, and possession of tobacco by a person under 18.

Milton Police were dispatched to a residence in Shipbuilder's Village for a domestic in progress complaint. Milton officers arrived on scene and observed a juvenile and their parent arguing in the front yard of the residence. Officers observed the juvenile smoking a cigarette and advised the juvenile to put the cigarette out. The juvenile ignored officers and began yelling foul language. The officer attempted to place the juvenile under arrest, which the juvenile resisted arrest causing the officers to have to tackle the juvenile to the ground and handcuff the juvenile.

The juvenile was arraigned at Family Court and released to a family member pending a later court date.

On June 4, 2009 the Milton Police Department arrested Nicole M. Cochran (18) of Milton after learning Cochran had an outstanding warrant out of the Broward County Sheriff's Department in Fort Lauderdale Florida for Aggravated Battery.

Cochran arrived at the Milton Police station with a friend who was turning herself in on an unrelated warrant out of the Milton Police Department. While Cochran was at the police station, police learned Cochran had an active warrant out of Florida and confirmed that the Broward County Sheriff's department was willing to extradite Cochran from Delaware to Florida.

Cochran was arraigned by Judge Sipple from the Justice of the Peace Court 2 and committed to prison without bond awaiting extradition to Florida.

On June 5, 2009, the Milton Police Department arrested a 14 and a 15 year old juvenile for under age consumption of alcohol.

Milton Police responded to a residence at Park Royal Apartments after being dispatched to a complaint of two juveniles possibly needing medical attention from excessive alcohol consumption.

A Milton officer arrived on scene and requested an ambulance, which both juveniles were assessed by medical personnel and learned they did not need further medical attention.

Milton Police released the juveniles to a parent after issuing each juvenile a criminal summons.

On June 6, 2009, the Milton Police Department arrested a 14 year old juvenile for shoplifting.

Milton Police responded to Happy Harry's for a report of a shoplifter. Milton Police learned the juvenile concealed two bottles of nail polish in a bag.

Milton Police released the juvenile to a parent after issuing the juvenile a criminal summons.

On June 7, 2009, the Milton Police Department arrested David S. Hands (34) of Milton for Terroristic Threatening and Disorderly Conduct.

Milton Police was dispatched to a residence on Boxwood Street for a disorderly person complaint. Investigation revealed Hands threatened the victim and was being disorderly with neighbors present, after an argument escalated with the victim.

Hands was video-arraigned at the Justice of the Peace Court 3 and committed to prison in default of \$2,500.00 secured bond.

On June 9, 2009, the Milton Police Department arrested David S. Hands (34) of Milton for violation of a no contact order, criminal trespass 3rd, and learned Hands had an active warrant for violation of probation.

Milton Police were dispatched to a residence on Boxwood Street for a violation of a no contact order complaint. Milton Police learned the victim observed Hands in the yard of the Boxwood Street residence where the victim was present. Milton Police arrested Hands on June 7, 2009 for Terroristic Threatening and Disorderly Conduct, which a no contact order with the same victim was issued by Judge Mollohan.

Hands was video-arraigned at the Justice of the Peace Court 2 and committed to prison in default of \$3,000.00 cash bond.

On June 11, 2009, the Milton Police Department arrested Garland Jefferson (40) of Laurel for terroristic threatening and harassment.

Milton Police were contacted by the victim and learned Jefferson sent text messages and left voice messages threatening to harm the victim.

Jefferson was video-arraigned at the Justice of the Peace Court 2 and released on \$2,000.00 unsecured bond pending a later court date.

On June 13, 2009, the Milton Police Department arrested Tracie L. Slusher (41) of Milton for Offensive Touching and Raymond D. Kelly (45) of Milton for Criminal Trespass 3rd.

Milton Police responded to a residence at Park Royal Apartments for an offensive touching complaint. Police learned Slusher pushed Kelly after an argument escalated and also learned Kelly was barred from Park Royal apartments.

Slusher and Kelly were both video-arraigned at the Justice of the Peace Court 3 and released on unsecured bond pending a later court date.

On June 14, 2009, the Milton Police Department arrested a 14 year old juvenile for shoplifting.

Milton Police were dispatched to Happy Harry's for a shoplifting complaint. Police learned the juvenile concealed two containers of lip balm.

The juvenile was released to a parent after being issued a criminal summons.

On June 15, 2009, the Milton Police Department arrested Matthew A. Fitzpatrick (27) of Millsboro for Disorderly Conduct.

Milton Police were dispatched to a fight in progress at a residence on Tobin Drive. Police learned Fitzpatrick and David Addor were involved in a fight with each other. Police arrested Fitzpatrick and later obtained arrest warrants on David Addor for disorderly conduct.

Fitzpatrick was arraigned at the Justice of the Peace Court 3 and committed to prison in default of \$500.00 secured bond.

Local Fugitive Arrests

May 2009

On May 28, 2009, Milton Police arrested Edward J. Clark (30) of Milton after learning Clark had an active warrant out of the Georgetown Police Department for failing to register his employment being a sex offender.

Clark contacted a Milton officer in the parking lot of Milton Landing apartments inquiring about an unrelated complaint and Milton Police learned Clark's warrant. Clark was taken into custody and turned over to the Georgetown Police Department.
(75-09-801)

On May 29, 2009, the Milton Police Department arrested Vickie Bullard (47) of Milton after learning Bullard had an active capias out of the Sussex County Court of Common Pleas.

Milton Police conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle driven by Bullard and learned Bullard did not have a valid driver's license and had an active capias. Bullard was video-arraigned at the Justice of

the Peace Court 2 and released on \$500.00 unsecured bond. Bullard was also issued a traffic ticket for driving without a valid license.

(75-09-808)

On May 29, 2009, the Milton Police Department arrested Tatum N. Wolford (22) of Milton after learning Wolford had an active capias out of the Sussex County Court of Common Pleas.

Milton Police conducted a traffic stop after learning Wolford had an active capias and was driving the vehicle.

Wolford was video-arraigned at the Justice of the Peace Court 3 and released on \$500.00 unsecured bond.

(75-09-811)

On May 30, 2009, the Milton Police Department arrested Alan W. Wingo (24) after learning Wingo had two active capiases out of the Sussex County Court of Common Pleas. Milton Police also issued Wingo several traffic tickets including driving while suspended.

Milton Police conducted a traffic stop after learning Wingo had two active capiases and was driving a vehicle with a suspended license.

Wingo was arraigned at the Justice of the Peace Court 3 and committed to prison in default of \$292.00 cash bond.

(75-09-814)

On May 31, 2009, the Milton Police Department arrested Melissa A. Maichle (33) of Ellendale after learning Maichle had two active capiases out of the Justice of the Peace Court 20.

Maichle was video-arraigned at the Justice of the Peace Court 3 and released on unsecured bond.

(75-09-822)

June 2009

On June 6, 2009, the Milton Police Department arrested Jermaine E. Leatherbury (38) of Millsboro after learning Leatherbury had an active capias out of the Sussex County Court of Common Pleas.

Milton Police conducted a traffic stop for speeding and learned Leatherbury, a passenger in the vehicle, had an active capias.

Leatherbury was video-arraigned at the Justice of the Peace Court 3 and released on \$100.00 unsecured bond.

(75-09-856)

DUI Arrests

May 2009

N/A

June 2009

On June 6, 2009, the Milton Police Department arrested David A. Domanski Sr. (53) of Wilmington for DUI, failure to stay in lane, and failure to have proof of insurance.

A Milton officer was contacted by a concerned citizen who reported a vehicle swerving all over the roadway on Union Street. A Milton officer observed the vehicle in the area of Broadkill Road and Union Street, and stopped the vehicle after observing the vehicle swerve into the shoulder.

The officer performed field sobriety tests on the driver (Domanski), who failed the tests and was arrested. Domanski was issued traffic tickets and released to a co-signer.

(75-09-854)



Office of Highway Safety (OHS)

Governor Asks Drivers to Make Traffic Safety A Statewide Priority for Memorial Day Weekend

It's Delaware's deadliest holidayweekend – enforcement scheduled statewide

Dover – The Memorial Day weekend is consistently the most deadly of any holiday weekend during the year in Delaware. Over the last five years, 13 people have been killed and another 407 injured in motor vehicle crashes during Memorial Day weekend. In an effort to prevent additional loss of life, Governor Jack Markell is asking motorists to make safe driving a priority.

“Memorial Day Weekend should be about honoring the service of our men and women protecting our country in the military and spending time with friends and family,” Gov. Markell said. “It is also a time when a lot of people are traveling on our roads. I am encouraging all drivers to be safe and alert at all times when behind the wheel so that Delawareans and the many visitors to our state remain safe and enjoy the traditional kick off of summer.”

Law enforcement agencies statewide will be out in force throughout the holiday weekend to make sure drivers are obeying the law. Delaware State Police Colonel Thomas F. MacLeish says, “With Memorial Day coming up, Troopers will be out in force, doing their best to keep our highways safe. Officers from various units within DSP will be reassigned this holiday weekend to increase visibility on our roadways. Those who are observed driving recklessly, speeding and creating hazardous conditions for others should expect to be ticketed.” Speed is listed as a factor in 41% of fatal crashes which have occurred so far this year.

Throughout the weekend, officers from 30 State, County and Municipal police agencies will also be focusing on stopping unbelted individuals as the 2009 Click It or Ticket campaign continues. Four checkpoints and well over 100 patrols are scheduled to occur both day and night through Memorial Day.

“Sadly, crashes will occur this weekend, but you can improve your chance of surviving one by up to 50% simply by buckling up.” Said Tracia Roberts, Director of the Office of Highway Safety. Officers conducting overtime seat belt enforcement activities will also be on the lookout for impaired and aggressive drivers. During the first week of Click It or Ticket enforcement activities, while officers issued 905 citations for seat belt violations, they also arrested 7 individuals for DUI, and issued 204 citations to speeding drivers. Three of the citations were for speeds in excess of 80 mph.

Since January 1st of this year, 35 people have been killed in Delaware Traffic crashes . . . a 17% decrease from this time last year in 2008. Currently 21% of fatal traffic crashes this year have been alcohol-related, while 72% are attributed to acts of aggressive driving with speed being the leading aggressive driving behavior. Of the drivers and passengers killed this year in fatal crashes, 69% of them have not been wearing seat belts, and more than a quarter of those individuals were ejected from the vehicle where a person’s chances of being killed are four times higher.

Are More People Buckling Up? Fewer Tickets Issued for Seat Belt Violations During 2009 Click It or Ticket Campaign *Statewide seat belt surveys to begin Sunday May 31st*

Dover – Over the past two weeks, nearly 2,000 drivers received traffic citations when police discovered that either they or their passengers were not buckled up. Officers from approximately 30 State, County and Municipal law enforcement agencies issued a total of 1,973 citations to unbuckled motorists during the 2009 Click It or Ticket campaign. The enforcement portion of the campaign ran from May 10th through Memorial Day and involved traffic safety checkpoints and saturation patrols both day and night.

For the second year in a row officers participating in Click It or Ticket issued fewer seat belt citations than the year before. In 2008, officers issued 2,347 citations – 374 more than they issued this year. Office of Highway Safety (OHS) officials are hoping that once again this means good news.

“Seat belts save lives and we hope this means that more people are actively taking part in this life saving behavior,” said Tricia Roberts, Director of the Office of Highway Safety. “Wearing a seat belt is the simplest thing you can do to improve your chances of surviving a crash by as much as 50%.

Delaware’s current statewide seat belt usage rate is 91%. OHS officials will begin determining if there has been any increase in the state’s belt usage rate by conducting a series of observation seat belt surveys at locations throughout Delaware. Office of Highway Safety staff will survey motorists on roads at 82 sites throughout the state and record whether drivers and passengers are wearing seat belts. Motorists on all types of roadways from interstates to two-lane roads will be observed. Survey results should be available by early July.

Even if seat belt use does increase, OHS officials remained concerned about the lack of seat belt use in fatal crashes. Since January 1st, 70% of all drivers and passengers killed in vehicle crashes in the First State were not wearing seat belts. Many of them died in crashes that were the result of speeding or impaired driving.

That’s why during the Click It or Ticket enforcement period, officers statewide were also on the lookout for aggressive and impaired drivers, who by the very nature of their risky behavior are

less likely to wear seat belts. Between May 10th and May 25th, officers arrested 15 people for DUI, issued 5 citations for underage drinking violations, and cited another 466 drivers for speeding.

Additionally, officers issued 82 citations to drivers for child restraint violations, apprehended 44 wanted individuals, made 27 drug arrests, 3 felony arrests, seized 2 weapons, and issued 880 citations for a variety of other traffic violations.

Seat belt use has increased grammatically sine Delaware began conducting the Click It or Ticket campaign in 2002. At that time the statewide seat belt use rate was at just 68% but has risen by an amazing 23% percentage points in just seven years. Click It or Ticket is a nationwide seat belt enforcement and awareness campaign aimed at saving lives by increasing the number of people who consistently buckle up.

Delaware's campaign began on May 4 with awareness messages airing statewide on T.V., radio, the internet, in print and on billboards. Additionally, educational materials were distributed to businesses, schools, and trauma centers statewide.

Click It or Ticket is the first of three traffic safety campaigns under the state's summertime safety enforcement and awareness initiative, "120 Days of Summer HEAT" (Highway Enforcement of Aggressive Traffic) The Summer Heat campaign is four month long crackdown on traffic violators in Delaware coordinated by the state Office of Highway Safety.

For more information on the "Click It or Ticket" campaign or any of the Office of Highway Safety's traffic safety initiatives, visit our website at www.ohs.delaware.gov.



Underage drinking and driving is dangerous. In Delaware in 2008, there were 2 minors under age 21 killed in DUI crashes (one was a 19 year old drinking driver!) and another 129 injured. Not only is drinking and driving underage physically harmful, it is also against the law. The Zero Tolerance Law states that anyone under the age of 21 who operates any vehicle while consuming or having consumed any amount of alcohol will be arrested. Delaware takes underage drinking violations very seriously and so should you – the penalties for violating will cost you.

In April of 2009 Governor Jack Markell helped OHS launch its 2009 Underage Drinking campaign. The campaign involves three phases: 1) a week of enforcement in April, 2) Education in May which included mailing materials such as posters, brochures and incentive items to high schools and placing billboards with underage drinking prevention messages placed near high schools around prom time and 3) Enforcement of underage drinking laws in June along with the airing of a Public Service Announcement on the dangers of underage drinking recorded by Governor Markell.



Click It or Ticket is a nationwide high visibility enforcement and public awareness campaign aimed at increasing seat belt use both nationally and locally. In Delaware the Office of Highway Safety Coordinates the program which is scheduled to run from May 4 – May 30th this year. The only goal of this important highway safety initiative is to save lives by increasing the number of people who wear their seatbelts in accordance with Delaware law.

Public awareness efforts in the form of billboards, TV, radio, print and internet advertising will begin May 4th. Then, starting May 10th, 30 State, County and Municipal law enforcement agencies will conduct daily traffic safety checkpoints and patrols both day *and* night. Seat Belt use is 10% lower at night that it is during the daytime, even though your risk of being killed in a crash triples at night!

Daily enforcement of our state's traffic safety laws will continue through Memorial Day. Officers are primarily looking for seat belt law violators, but they will also be on the lookout for impaired, aggressive and speeding drivers who by the very nature of their risk taking behavior are less likely to wear seat belts.

During the campaign we'll be sharing information through many of our corporate and safety partners by providing them with posters, brochures, and table tents to distribute to their employees. Click It or Ticket rounds out in June with OHS staff conducting two weeks of observational seat belt surveys to determine any increases in seat belt use.

Why should you care about wearing your seat belt? Well, sure, because it's the law . . . but also because buckling up improves your risk of surviving a crash and/or avoiding serious injury by approximately 50%! Those are really good odds. By not buckling up, not only are you breaking the law but you're also putting you and your families emotional and financial health at risk should you be killed or injured in a crash.

So think about the ones who love you and want you to stay around. Buckle up every trip and remember . . . Click It or Ticket!

Overall Enforcement Period = 05/10/09 - 05/25/09

Checkpoint Activity	Week 1	Week 2	Campaign Totals
Number of checkpoints conducted	3	0	
Number of Saturation Patrols	185	0	
Seat Belt Arrests	905	0	
Child Restraint Arrests	48	0	
Stolen Vehicles Recovered	0	0	
Drug Arrests	14	0	
DUI Arrests	7	0	
Wanted Person Apprehensions	24	0	
Other Traffic Arrests	405	0	
Speed Arrests	0	0	
Weapons Recovered	0	0	
Felony Arrests	0	0	

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.