

Milton Police Department

*Monthly Report
To
Mayor & Town Council*



“Pride & Integrity”

November 21 – December 20, 2008

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MILTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

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INTEGRITY

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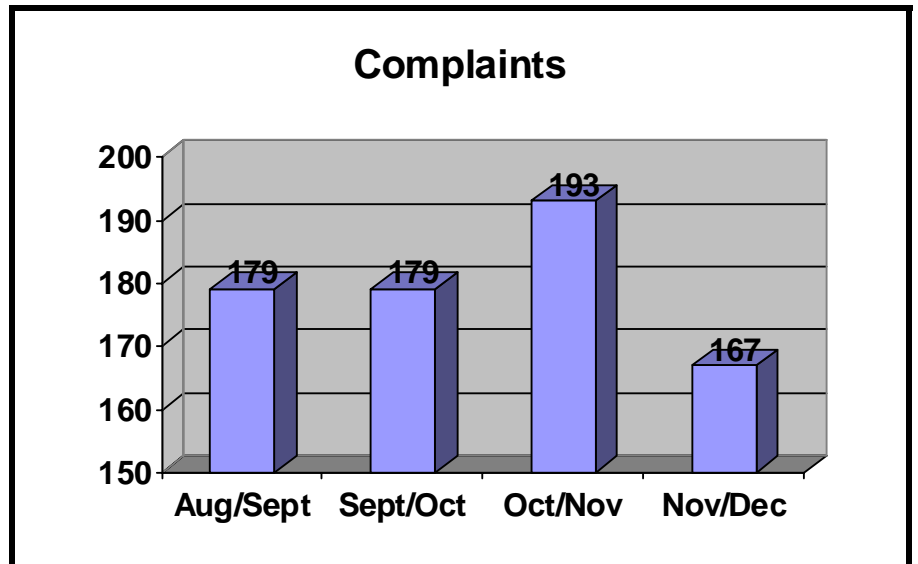
The Honorable Don Post, Mayor
Members of Milton Town Council
Town Hall
Milton, DE 19968

Mayor Post and Council Members:

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

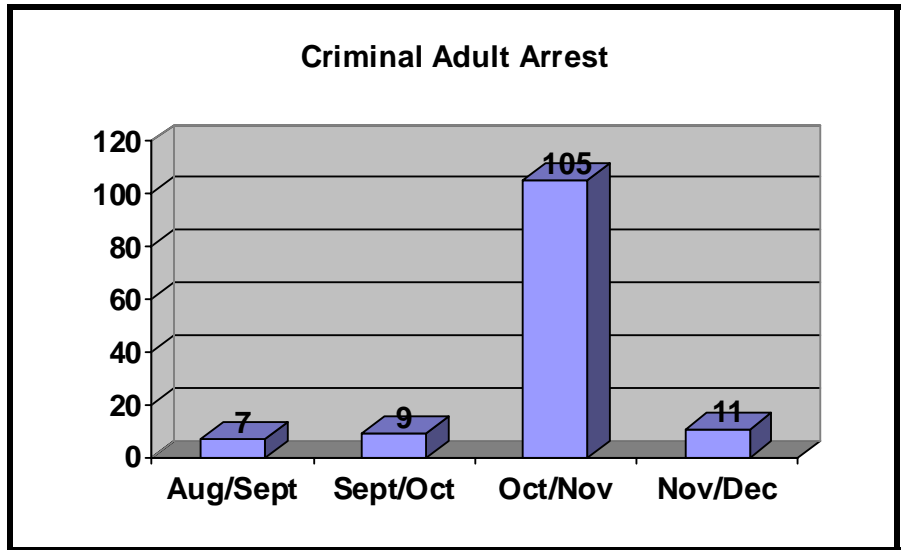
Complaints

Total complaints received
from **November 21 –
December 20, 2008**
numbered 167.



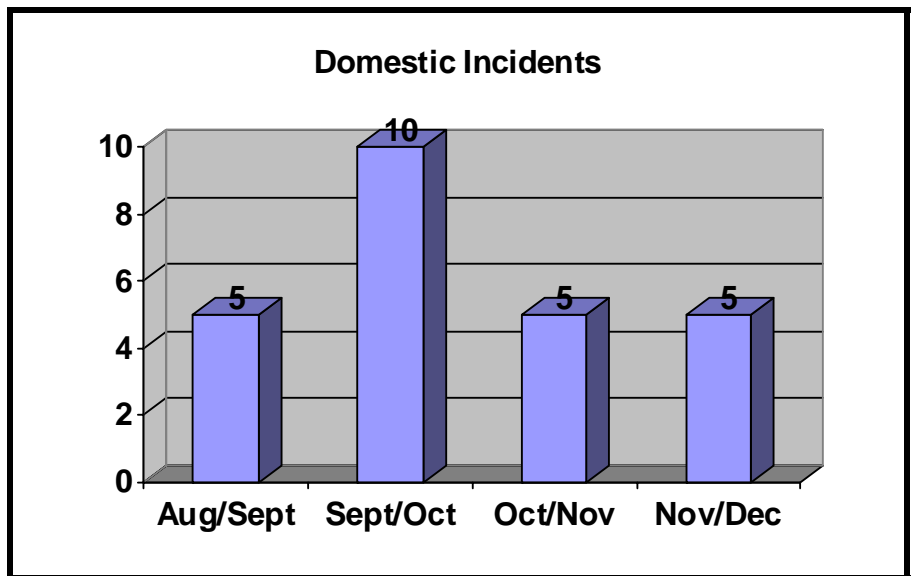
Criminal Arrests

Total criminal arrests from **November 21 – December 20, 2008** numbered 11.



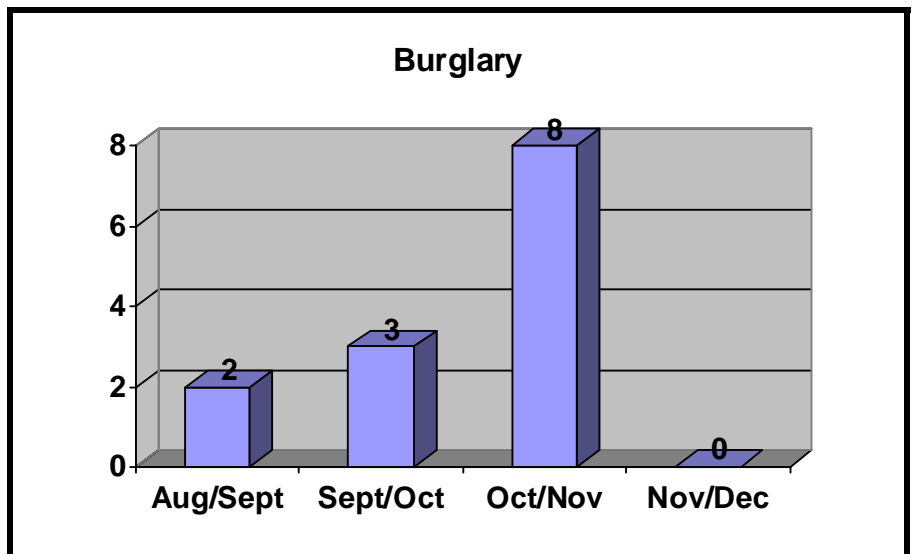
Domestic Incidents

Total domestic incidents from **November 21 – December 20, 2008** numbered 5.



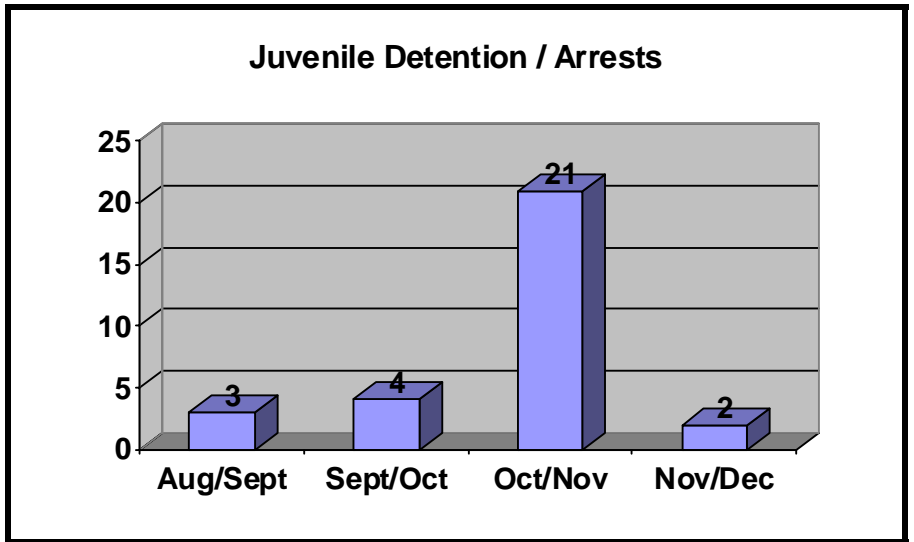
Burglary

Total Burglaries from **November 21 – December 20, 2008** numbered 0.



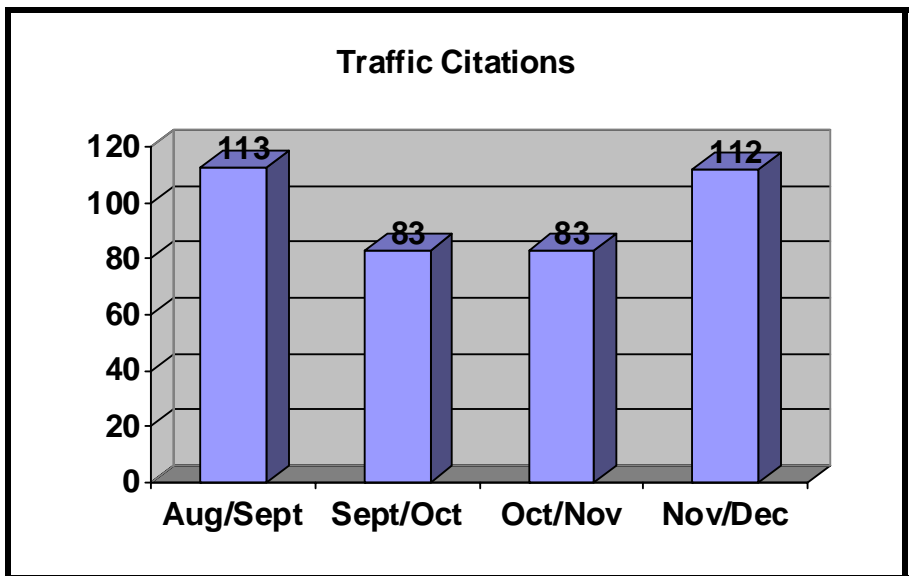
Juvenile Detention / Arrests

Total juvenile detention / criminal arrests from **November 21 – December 20, 2008** numbered 2.



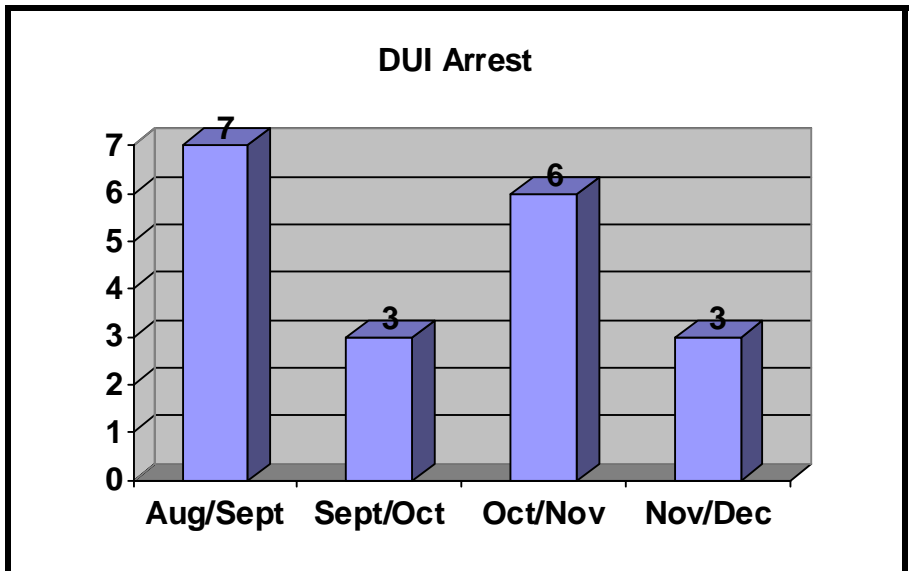
Traffic Citations

The total traffic citations issued from **November 21 – December 20, 2008** numbered 112.



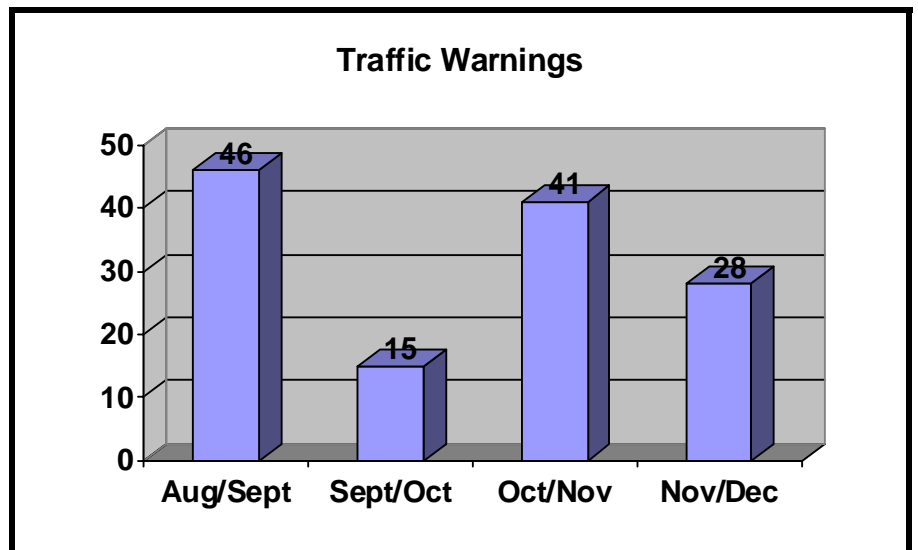
DUI Arrests

The department made 3 DUI arrests from **November 21 – December 20, 2008**.



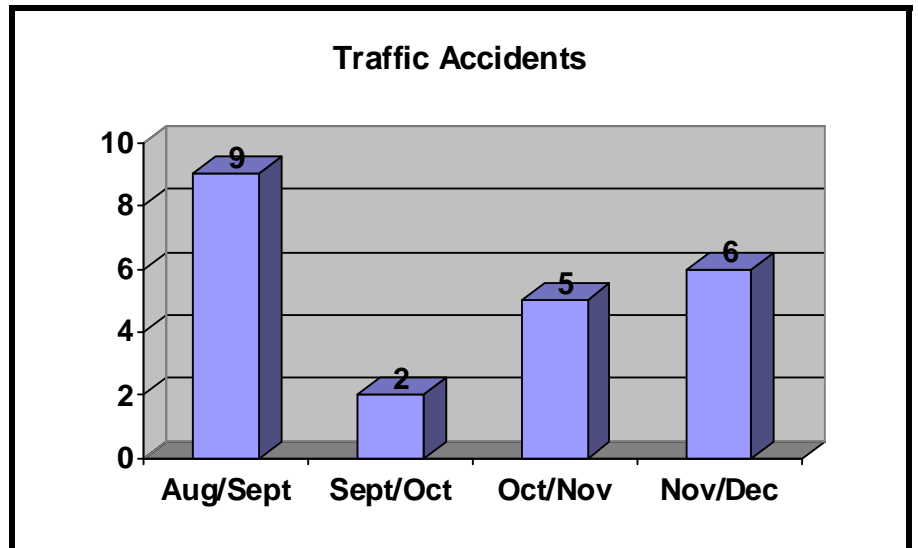
Traffic Warnings

The total traffic warnings issued from **November 21 – December 20, 2008** number 28.



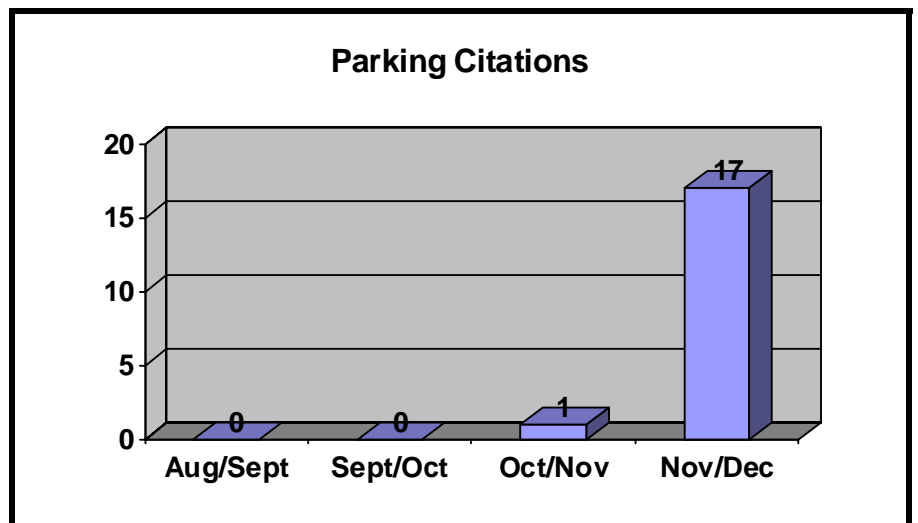
Traffic Accidents

From **November 21 – December 20, 2008** police investigated 6 traffic accidents.



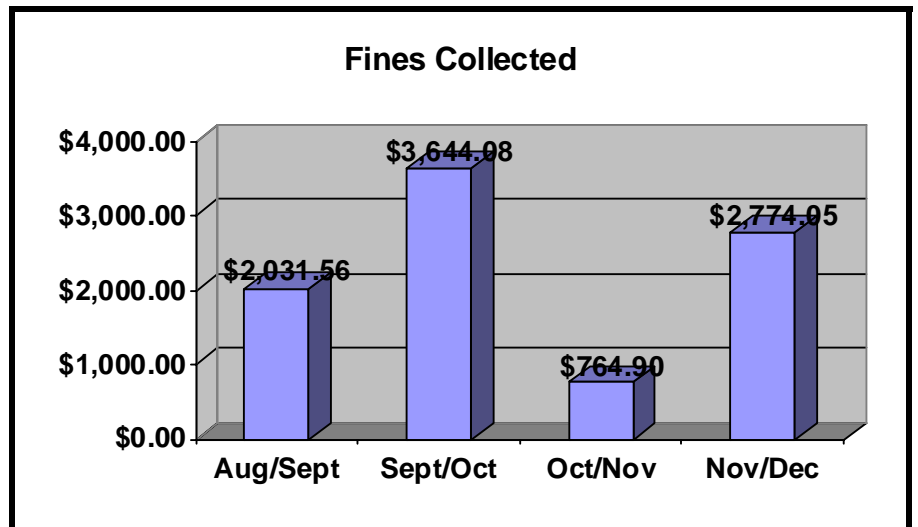
Parking Citations

The department issued 17 parking citations from **November 21 – December 20, 2008**.



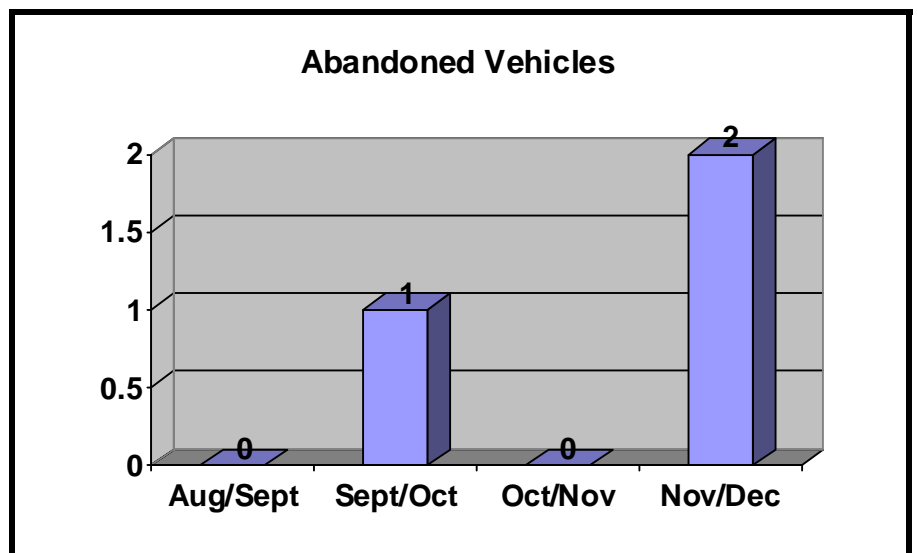
Fines Collected

From **November 21 – December 20, 2008** police have received \$2,774.05 in fines.



Abandoned Vehicles

From **November 21 – December 20, 2008** 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 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.



The Office of Highway Safety is coordinating holiday enforcement for 21 State, County, and Municipal law enforcement agencies during the holiday season. 33 Sobriety checkpoints (part of OHS's ongoing Checkpoint Strikeforce campaign) and 292 DUI Saturation Patrols are scheduled to occur between Thanksgiving and New Year's Eve to keep residents safe from impaired drivers. 21 of the checkpoints and 198 of the patrols will be conducted between Dec. 15 and the 31st, which is when Delaware will join hundreds of law enforcement agencies nationwide for a national Impaired Driving Crackdown. Additionally, on Thanksgiving weekend, Delaware State Police will be conducting 64 patrols to stop and cite aggressive, speeding and unbelted drivers. Troopers will also focus their attention unbelted motorists near major shopping areas in an effort to remind them that seat belt use is required for every occupant in a vehicle - even in the backseat - and that seat belt use is your best defense against death and injury in a car crash!

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Thanksgiving Hot Sheet

As of November 20, 2008, there have been 113 fatalities, compared to 110 at this same time last year. The good news is that alcohol-related fatalities are down significantly, by 11 percentage points; speed-related fatal crashes are down significantly, by 9 percentage points; and motorcycle fatalities are down slightly, with helmet use on the rise. And the especially good news is that Delaware's seat belt use rate is at an all-time high of 91%! Unfortunately, there is some bad news too. In these severe economic times, more people have been walking and bicycling. With this increased exposure, sadly, we have experienced an increase in both pedestrian and bicycle fatalities. To date, there have been 19 pedestrians killed, compared to 15 at this same time last year, and five bicyclists killed compared to zero.

Thanksgiving is traditionally a very heavily traveled holiday period. Nationally, traffic crashes in November average about 3,700 fatalities. The 5-day Thanksgiving travel period accounts for 15% of those fatalities.* A review of Delaware's data reveals the same information. The six year average for November is 13 fatalities, with 15% of those occurring during the Thanksgiving travel period.

As members of law enforcement, you have the ability to make a significant difference! Be vigilant when enforcing Delaware's speed limits and other aggressive driving laws, sign up to work overtime DUI patrols or sobriety checkpoints, actively enforce the seat belt law and the pedestrian safety laws. The time you take to write a ticket could slow someone down and save a life! And remember, you're a role model in your community. The public is always watching, so be sure to obey the same laws you enforce. Others will follow your example.

Remember to be safe, both while working and while enjoying time with your family this year during the Thanksgiving holiday.

***Average of last six years (2002-2007) as reported by the National Safety Council**

HOT SHEET – DECEMBER 1, 2008

Great news, there were no traffic fatalities during the Thanksgiving travel period this year! As of December 1, 2008, there have been 114 fatalities, compared to 113 at this same time last year. More good news is that alcohol-related fatalities remain down significantly, by 11 percentage points, and speed-related fatal crashes remain down significantly, by 9 percentage points. We all have to remain focused and stay vigilant to continue this downward trend.

Thanks to our law enforcement partners for their hard work over the Thanksgiving travel period. Overtime enforcement included six sobriety checkpoints and 46 roving DUI patrols; 44 speed enforcement patrols; and 17 seat belt enforcement patrols. The results of these efforts included 60 DUI arrests, 120 seat belt citations, 160 speed citations, and nearly 450 other arrests, including underage drinking violations, drug arrests, and apprehended fugitives.*

As members of law enforcement, you have the ability to make a significant difference! Be vigilant when enforcing Delaware's speed limits and other aggressive driving laws, and sign up to work overtime DUI patrols or sobriety checkpoints. The time you take to write a ticket could slow someone down or get them off the road when they are the most dangerous, and could ultimately save a life! Never forget, you're a role model in your community. The public is always watching, so be sure to obey the same laws you enforce. Others will follow your example.

***data is preliminary**

HOT SHEET – DECEMBER 8, 2008

Great news, there were no traffic fatalities between December 1st and today! The number of traffic crash fatalities remains at 114, compared to 115 at this same time last year. More good news is that alcohol-related fatalities remain down significantly, by 11 percentage points, and speed-related fatal crashes remain down significantly, by 8 percentage points. We all have to remain focused and stay vigilant to continue this downward trend.

Thanks to our law enforcement partners for their hard work over the past week. Overtime enforcement included two sobriety checkpoints and 31 roving DUI patrols. Efforts this week bring the Safe Family Holiday enforcement result totals to 90 DUI arrests, 129 seat belt citations, 160 speed citations, and more than 650 other arrests, including underage drinking violations, drug arrests, and apprehended fugitives. Further, on Friday night officers apprehended an impaired driver with underage children in the vehicle; they were holding a case of beer with an open container! In addition to the DUI charge, the driver was charged with two counts of endangering the welfare of a child.

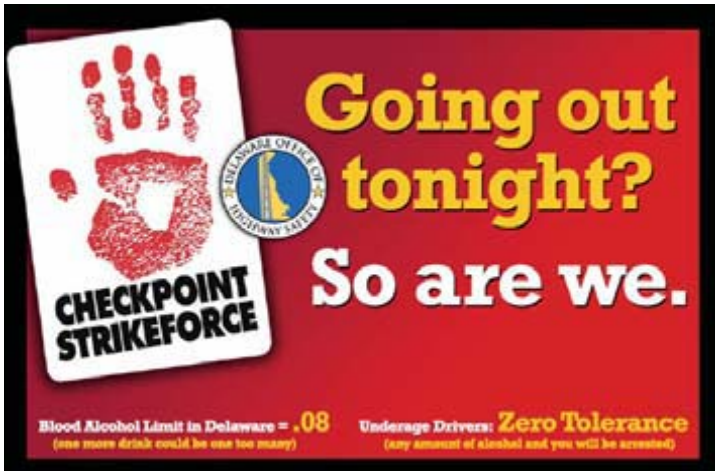
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Checkpoint Strickeforce Campaign



Checkpoint Strickeforce 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

37 Arrested for DUI During First Weekend of National Impaired Driving Crackdown

8 more checkpoints and 50 patrols scheduled for coming weekend

Dover – Delaware law enforcement officers arrested 37 people for Driving Under the Influence (DUI) of alcohol and/or drugs during the first weekend of the National Impaired Driving Crackdown: *Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest.* The arrests were the result of 6 six sobriety checkpoints and approximately 50 DUI Saturation Patrols. The stepped up enforcement activities are coordinated locally by the Office of Highway Safety, and are part of its Safe Family Holiday (SFH) Campaign. The SFH Campaign and the National Crackdown will continue through New Year's Eve.

In addition to the DUI arrests, officers also cited 4 for underage drinking violations, apprehended 6 wanted individuals, recovered one stolen vehicle, made 13 drug arrests, 9 felony arrests, and issued 16 citations for seat belt violations, four for child restraint violations and another 266 for additional traffic violations.

Eight more sobriety checkpoints and 50 DUI Saturation Patrols are scheduled for the coming weekend as the Crackdown continues. The following checkpoints are scheduled for the weekend of Dec. 19th and 20th:

Friday Dec. 19th

Wilmington – NcCo DUI Task Force
 Seaford – DSP Troop 5
 Milford – Milford PD
 Elsmere – DSP Troop 6
 Millsboro – Millsboro PD

Saturday, Dec. 20th

Rehoboth Beach – Rehoboth Beach PD
 Newark – DSP Troop 2
 Clayton – Smyrna / Clayton PDs joint checkpoint

The 10th annual safe Family Holiday campaign runs from Thanksgiving through New Year’s Eve and involves a combination of high visibility enforcement efforts and public awareness activities. For campaign updates please visit our website at www.ohs.delaware.gov and click on the Safe Family Holiday campaign icon in the center of the page.

Running Totals for June 27th through Weekend of 12/31/2008.

* weekly totals for weekend of **Dec. 12th & 13th**

Checkpoint Activity	Weekly Totals	Running Totals	2007 Totals
# of checkpoints conducted	6	94	114
DUI Arrests	37	515	665
Child Restraint Arrests	4	61	131
Other Traffic Arrests	113	1,830	3012
Wanted Person Apprehensions	6	158	170
Stolen Vehicles Recovered	1	7	10
Drug Arrests	13	208	241
Seat Belt Arrests	11	228	546
Underage Arrests	4	79	118
Felony Arrests	9	156	157

Press Release

Milton Police on November 21, 2008 arrested a 17 year old female for Breech of Release and Chasse E. Colon, 19, of Newark, DE for Breech of Release.

Milton Police learned on November 10, 2008 that the 17 year old female and Chasse were together violating No Contact Orders from previous charges. Milton Police obtained warrants for the arrest of both the 17 year old female and Chasse.

The 17 year old female and Chasse were located in northern Delaware and transported to Milton Police Department where they were processed. Chasse was video arraigned and committed to SCCI in default of \$25,000.00 secured bond and the 17 year old female was taken to Justice of the Peace Court and released to a parent on \$2,500.00 unsecured bond.

Milton Police on November 28, 2008 arrested Rhymeane Floyd, 28, of Ellendale, DE for Criminal Trespass Third.

Milton Police on September 10, 2008 responded to Park Royal Apartments for a trespass in progress. Floyd was observed in the north parking lot standing next to a car at Park Royal Apartments. Floyd had been barred from the property in 2007 by Park Royal Apartments.

Floyd left the area in a vehicle and a search was conducted with negative results. Milton Police obtained a warrant for the arrest of Floyd.

Milton Police was contacted by Milford Police who had Floyd in custody on November 28, 2008. Milton Police transported Floyd to Milton Police Department and he was processed then video arraigned with Justice of the Peace Court 3 and released on \$25.00 unsecured bond and a no contact order pending a later court date.

Milton Police on December 03, 2008 arrested Jeremy P. Hughes, 31, of Milton, DE and Nathan R. Houck, 21, of Milford, DE for Disorderly Conduct.

Milton Police responded to Park Royal Apartments for a fight in progress and contacted Hughes and Houck who had a verbal domestic then began to fight each other in the parking lot.

Milton Police took both into custody and transported to Milton Police Department where Hughes and Houck were issued criminal summons for Disorderly Conduct pending later court dates.

Local Fugitive Arrest

November 2008

Milton Police on November 22, 2008 arrested Quincy S. Miller, 34, of Milton, DE for being a Local Fugitive.

Milton Police responded to a verbal domestic and Miller was wanted by Sussex CCP on a capias. Miller was released after bond was paid.

75-08-2055

December 2008

N/A

DUI Arrest

November 2008

Milton Police on November 26, 2008 arrested Tyler S. Berl, 19, of Lewes, DE for DUI, No Registration Light, and No Valid Insurance in Possession.

Milton Police while working Safe Holiday Enforcement from the Office of Highway Safety stopped Berl for the equipment violation. Milton Police smelled an odor of alcoholic beverage coming from Berl and conducted performance tests.

Milton Police took Berl into custody and transported Berl to Milton Police Department for further testing. Berl was released after being issued traffic summons for the listed charges pending court at a later date.

75-08-2073

Milton Police on November 30, 2008 arrested Erin M. Nutter, 23, of Milton, DE for DUI, and Unreasonable Speed.

Milton Police observed a vehicle at a high rate of speed north bound on Union St. Milton Police stopped the vehicle and contacted Nutter who had an odor of alcoholic beverage on her breath. Nutter was taken into custody and then transported to Beebe Medical Center where blood was taken.

Milton Police issued summons for the listed charges and she was released to a friend pending a later court date.

75-08-2085

December 2008

Milton Police on December 06, 2008 arrested Nathan C. Simpson, 18, of Milford, DE for DUI Zero Tolerance, Headlight violation, No insurance in possession, No Registration in possession and Local Fugitive.

Milton Police also arrested Marcus E. Katsetos, 18, of Millsboro, DE and a 17 year old female juvenile from Hartly, DE for Underage Consumption of Alcoholic Beverage.

Milton Police stopped the vehicle for a headlight out and observed that Simpson who was the operator had an odor of alcoholic beverage coming from his breath. Milton Police also observed that Katsetos and the 17 year old juvenile from Hartly also had an odor of alcoholic beverage on their breath.

Milton Police arrested all three and they was taken to Milton Police Department. Milton Police learned that Simpson was wanted by Justice of the Peace Court on a capias for traffic charges.

Milton Police Department processed Simpson, Katsetos and the juvenile female and they were arraigned and turned over to family/friends pending later court dates.

75-08-2119

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

§ 4178. Violations of offenses prohibiting stopping, standing or parking.

Any violation of this subchapter or any municipal or county ordinance, code or regulation prohibiting stopping, standing or parking shall be subject to a civil penalty only. Such violation shall not be classified as a criminal offense and shall not qualify as a prior conviction for purposes of § 4218(c)(1)f. of Title 11, whether or not such violation occurred prior to July 10, 2006. (21 Del. C. 1953, § 4177; 54 Del. Laws, c. 160, § 1; 56 Del. Laws, c. 314; 60 Del. Laws, c. 701, § 50; 70 Del. Laws, c. 186, § 1; 75 Del. Laws, c. 405, § 7.)

§ 4179. Stopping, standing or parking.

(a) Upon any highway outside of a business or residential district, no person shall stop, park or leave standing any vehicle, whether attended or unattended, upon the roadway, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or where it is necessary for public utility vehicles to temporarily stop along the highway to make alterations in or repairs to utility facilities, so long as proper traffic-control devices are posted or where it is in compliance with the directions of a police officer or traffic-control device.

(b) Whenever any person authorized to issue a summons under this title finds a vehicle standing upon the highway in violation of subsection (a), (e) or (f) of this section, the authorized person may move such vehicle or require the driver or other person in charge of the vehicle to move same to a position off the highway.

(c) Any person authorized to issue a summons under this title is hereby authorized to remove or cause to be removed any unattended vehicle illegally left standing upon any highway, bridge, causeway, or in any tunnel in such a position or under such circumstances as to obstruct the normal movement of traffic.

(d) Subsections (a) and (b) of this section shall not apply to the driver of any vehicle which is disabled while on the roadway in such a manner and to such an extent that it is impossible to avoid stopping and temporarily leaving such vehicle in such position.

(e) No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a police officer or traffic-control device, including all state-owned and/or state leased property; in any of the following places:

- (1) On a sidewalk;
- (2) In front of a public or private driveway;
- (3) Within an intersection;
- (4) Within 15 feet of a fire hydrant;

(5) On a crosswalk;

(6) Within 20 feet of a crosswalk;

(7) Within 30 feet upon the approach to any flashing beacon, stop sign or traffic-control signal;

(8) Between a safety zone or island and the adjacent curb or within 30 feet of points on the curb immediately opposite the ends of a safety zone or island, unless a different length is indicated by traffic-control devices;

(9) Within 50 feet of the nearest rail or railroad crossing, unless a different length is indicated by traffic-control devices;

(10) Within 20 feet of the driveway entrance to any fire station and on the side of a street opposite the entrance to any fire station within 75 feet of the entrance when properly designated by traffic-control devices;

(11) Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when such stopping, standing or parking would obstruct traffic;

(12) Upon the roadway of any highway when it is practical to stop, stand or park off the roadway;

(13) On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked on the shoulder or at the edge or curb of a highway;

(14) Upon any bridge or other elevated structure upon a highway or within a highway tunnel;

(15) At any place where official traffic-control devices prohibit stopping, standing or parking;

(16) At any place where such parking, standing or stopping obstructs the free passage of other traffic;

(17) Wherever a curb is marked yellow or a yellow line is placed at the edge of a roadway or shoulder;

(18) In the area between roadways of a divided highway, including crossovers;

(19) In any area owned by, leased by or under the control of the State, when such area has been designated by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget as a reserved parking space for members of the General Assembly, their staff, state-owned vehicles, specific state offices or state employees. Such parking spaces will be conspicuously marked as such;

(20) In any areas which in any manner restricts access to or ingress or egress from the areas defined in paragraph (19) of this subsection.

(f) No person shall move a vehicle not lawfully under the person's control into such prohibited area or away from a curb such distance as is unlawful. (21 Del. C. 1953, § 4178; 54 Del. Laws, c. 160, § 1; 56 Del. Laws, c. 74; 57 Del. Laws, c. 541; 57 Del. Laws, c. 670, § 13A; 58 Del. Laws, c. 462; 60 Del. Laws, c. 701, § 51; 66 Del. Laws, c. 384, § 1; 70 Del. Laws, c. 186, § 1; 75 Del. Laws, c. 88, § 16(4); 75 Del. Laws, c. 405, §§ 8-10.)

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