

Milton Police Department

*Monthly Report
To
Mayor & Town Council*



“Pride & Integrity”

October 21 – November 20, 2008

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MILTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRIDE



INTEGRITY

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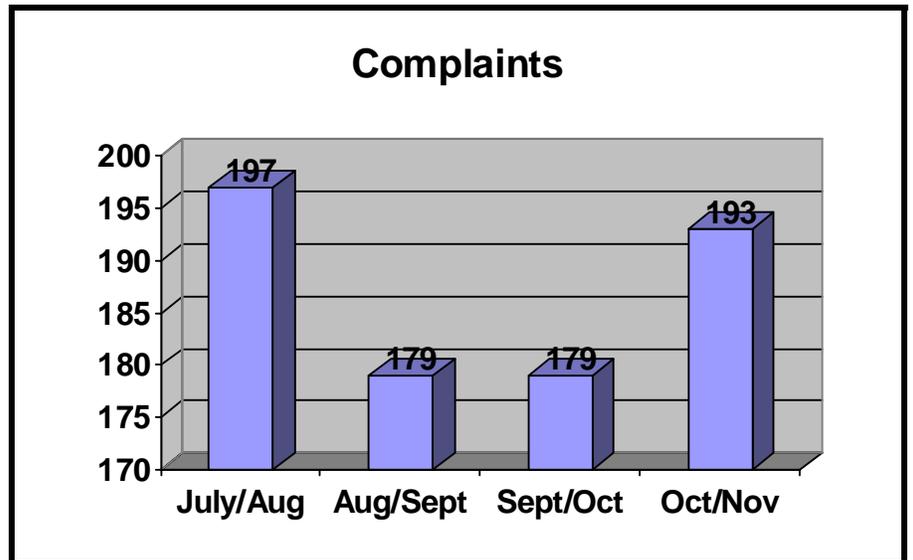
The Honorable Don Post, Mayor
Members of Milton Town Council
Town Hall
Milton, DE 19968

Mayor Post and Council Members:

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

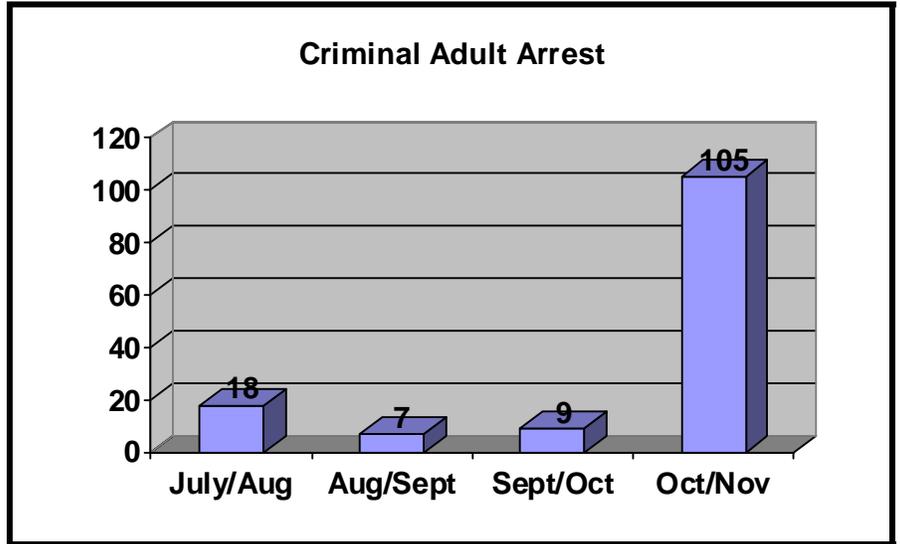
Complaints

Total complaints received
from **October 21 –
November 20, 2008**
numbered 193.



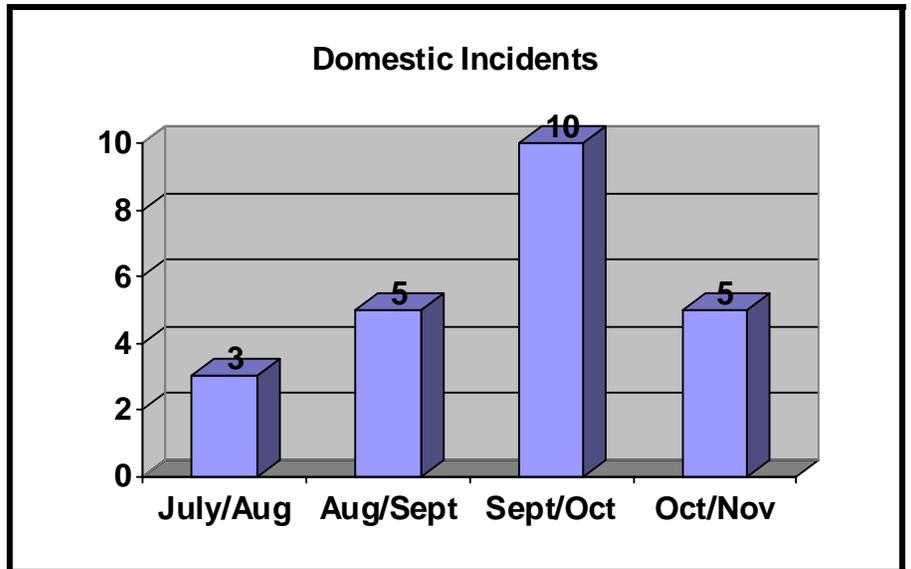
Criminal Arrests

Total criminal arrests from **October 21 – November 20, 2008** numbered 105.



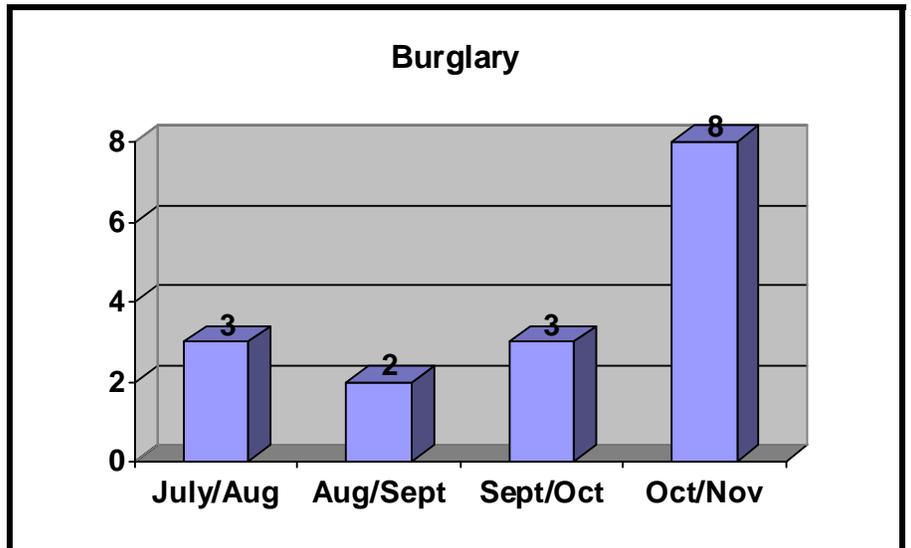
Domestic Incidents

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



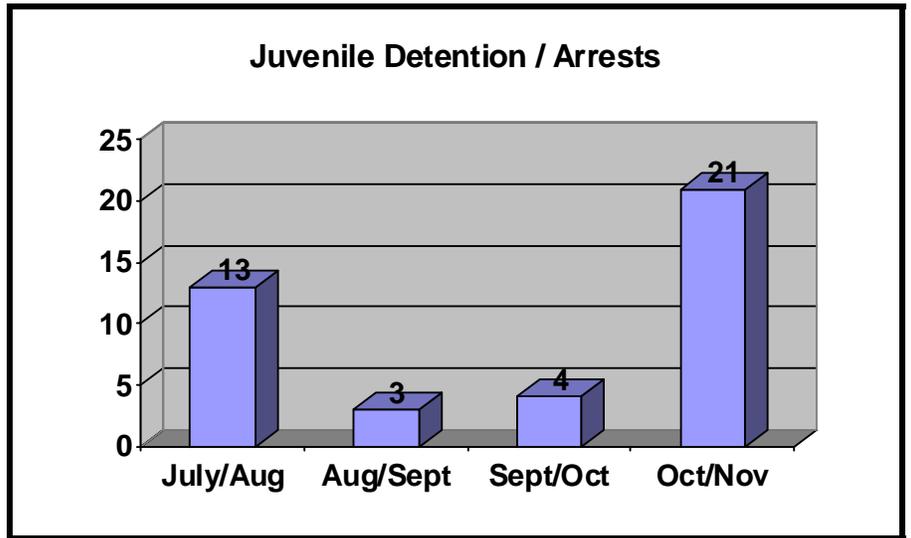
Burglary

Total Burglaries from **October 21 – November 20, 2008** numbered 8.



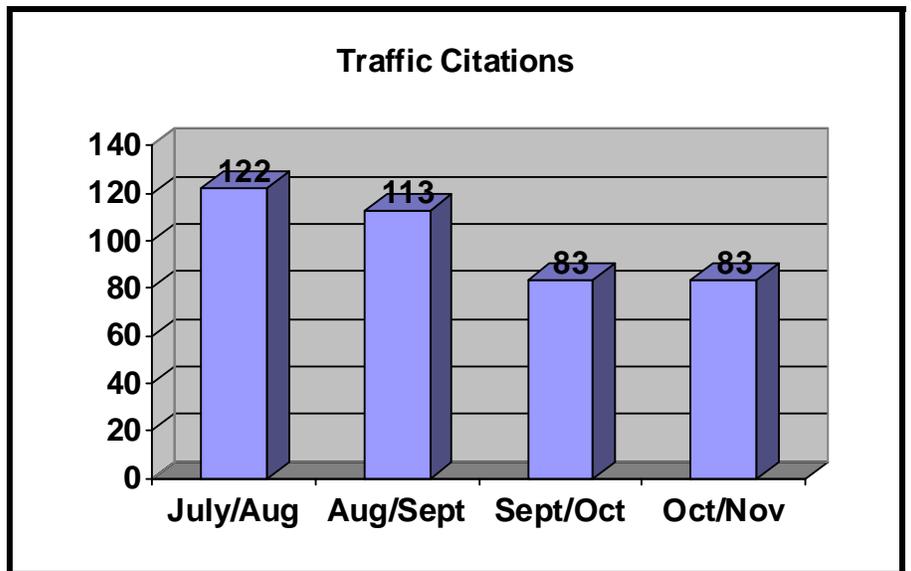
Juvenile Detention / Arrests

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



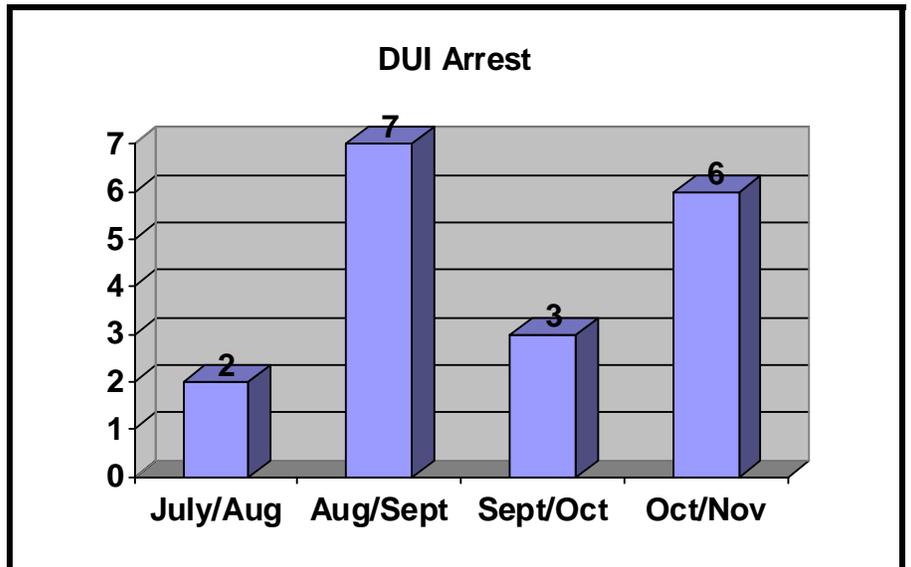
Traffic Citations

The total traffic citations issued from **October 21 – November 20, 2008** numbered 83.



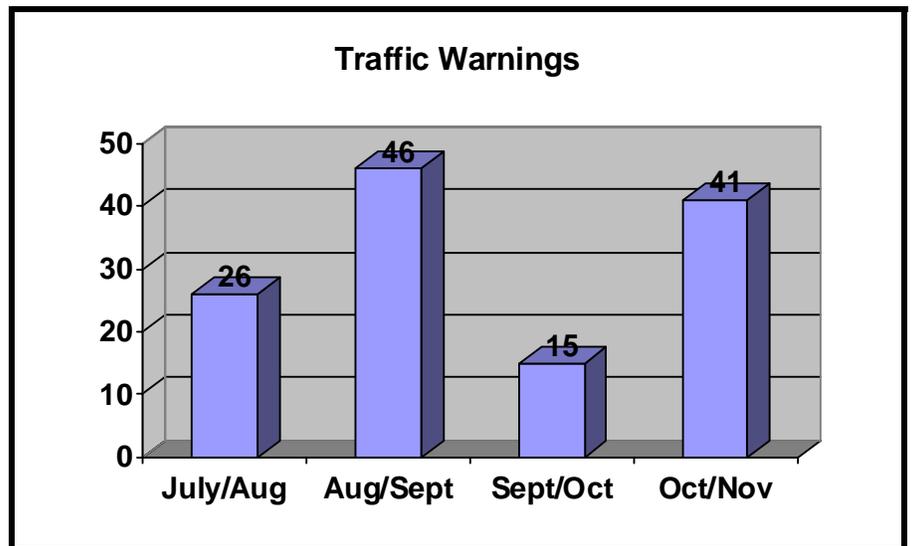
DUI Arrests

The department made 6 DUI arrests from **October 21 – November 20, 2008**.



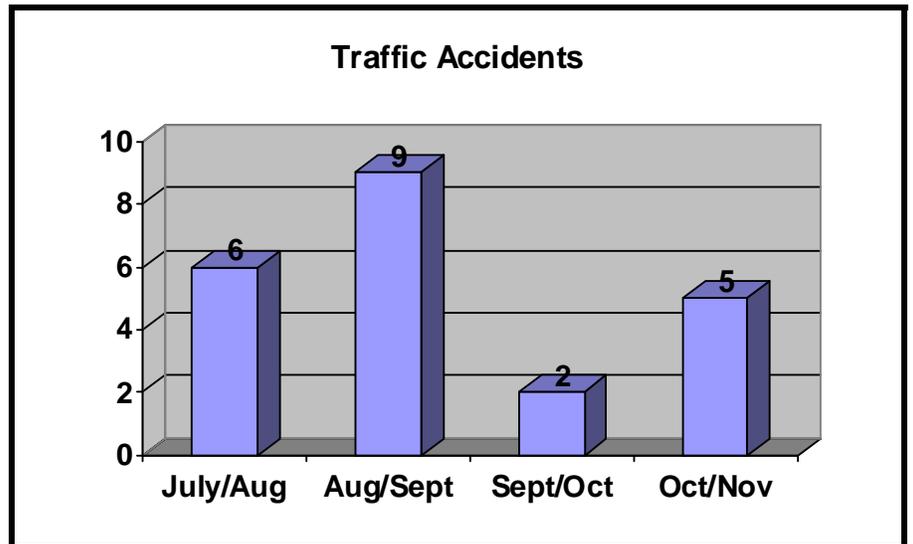
Traffic Warnings

The total traffic warnings issued from **October 21 – November 20, 2008** number 41.



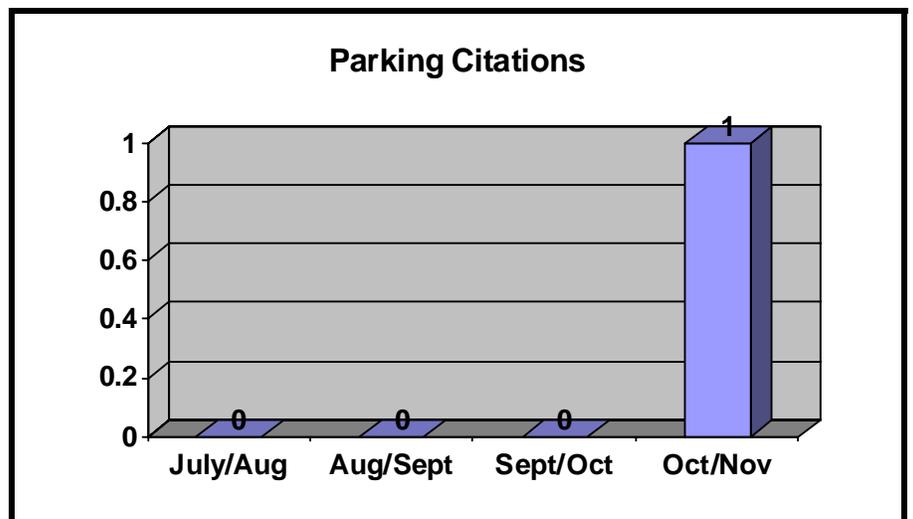
Traffic Accidents

From **October 21 – November 20, 2008** police investigated 5 traffic accidents.



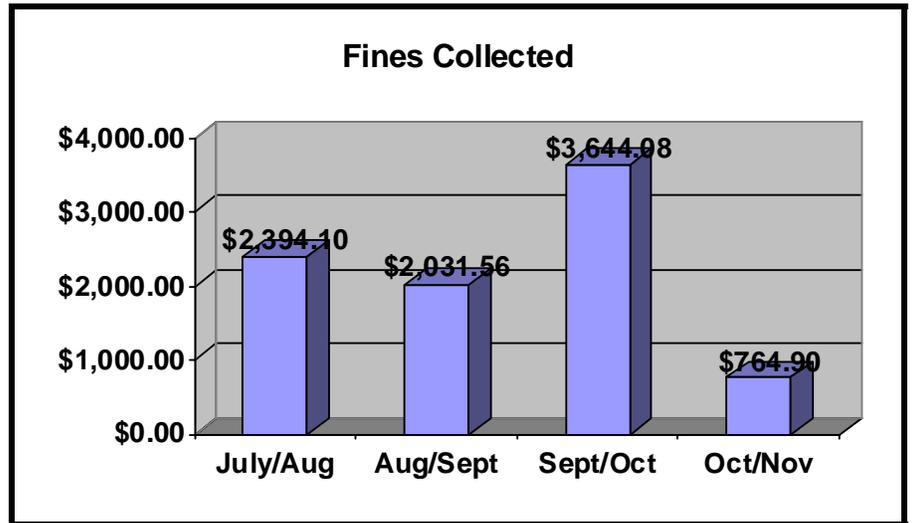
Parking Citations

The department issued 1 parking citations from **October 21 – November 20, 2008**.



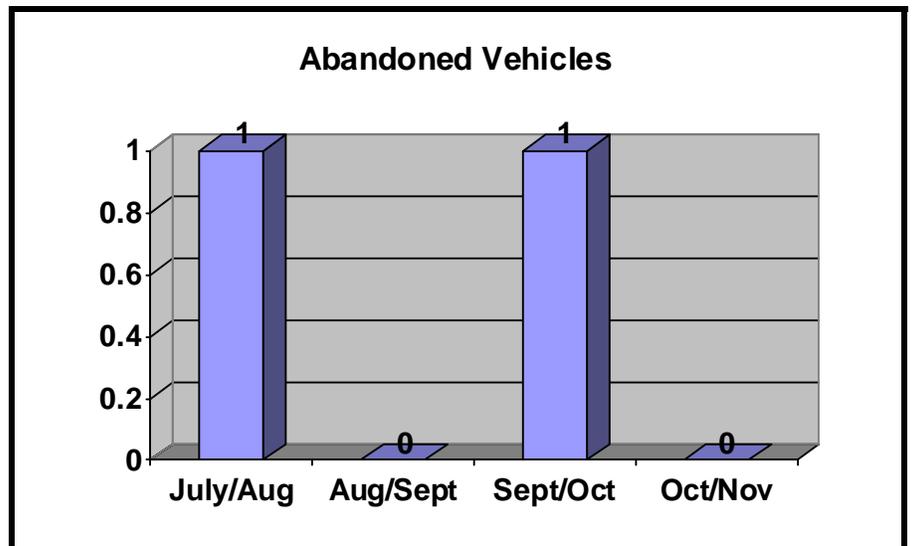
Fines Collected

From **October 21 – November 20, 2008** police have received \$764.90 in fines.



Abandoned Vehicles

From **October 21 – November 20, 2008** police have issued 0 abandoned vehicle notices.



The Milton Police Department is striving to better meet the needs of our community and would like to hear from its residents. Please take a moment and send us your questions, concerns, comments and ideas. Milton Police Department, 101 Federal Street, Milton, DE 19968 302-684-8547 or visit our new website www.ci.milton.de.us and click on the link to the police department and send an officer an email. Please check out the Town's website and click on the link to the Police Department and click on the link to view local sex offenders within the state of Delaware.



Preventing pedestrian crashes is easy if we all use common sense. The Office of Highway Safety is helping to educate the public about safe walking practices through its **Walk Smart** campaign. It involves a combination of enforcement and public awareness activities. However, OHS officials say the public awareness component is what will truly drive the success of this effort.

Billboards asking motorists to “Give Pedestrians a Brake” are being placed in New Castle and Sussex Counties along high crash corridors such as Routes 40, 13 and 113. Signage can be seen on city and county DART busses ask pedestrians to make sure they are visible to motorists. In addition, OHS will be distributing posters with safe walking tips to businesses and reflective blinking lights to those who walk and jog in low light conditions to the public.

The following police agencies who have identified high pedestrian crash areas within their jurisdiction will be conducting additional enforcement of pedestrian traffic safety laws: Delaware State Police, Dover Police, Millsboro Police, Newark Police and Seaford Police. Enforcement will continue through September and both pedestrians and motorists may be cited for violating state laws. Most violations involve a base fine of \$25.00 but additional court costs can result in a total fine of nearly \$70.00. Officers will also be provided with blinking lights and brochures to distribute to the public.



Did you know that in Delaware the average age range of pedestrians killed is between 20 and 54? Did you also know that five times as many of the state's pedestrian injuries and twice as many of the state's pedestrian fatalities occur in New Castle County as opposed to Sussex County at the beaches as many may think. There are several primary factors in our state's pedestrian deaths, including:

- pedestrian crossing outside of crosswalks
- pedestrian crossing the road at night wearing dark clothing
- pedestrian walking in the roadway
- alcohol use on the part of the pedestrian

But motorists also have a responsibility to share the road safely and be on the lookout for pedestrians.

Know the following pedestrian laws and tips:

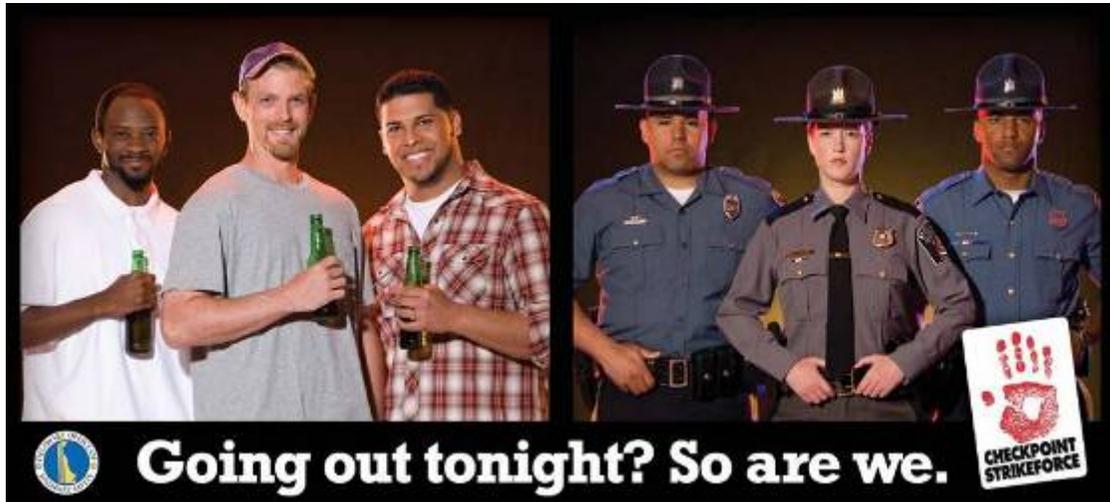
- It's illegal to walk under the influence of alcohol and or drugs
- It's also illegal to hitchhike
- Motorists must yield the right of way to pedestrians in crosswalks
- Motorists should actively look for pedestrians in neighborhoods, intense urban areas and the beach towns

- Pedestrians must cross at intersections when possible – and if they're crossing outside of an intersection, they must yield the right-of-way to motorists
- If you can't walk on a sidewalk, you must walk facing traffic...and walk as far off the edge as possible
- When walking at night you must carry a flashlight or other reflective item

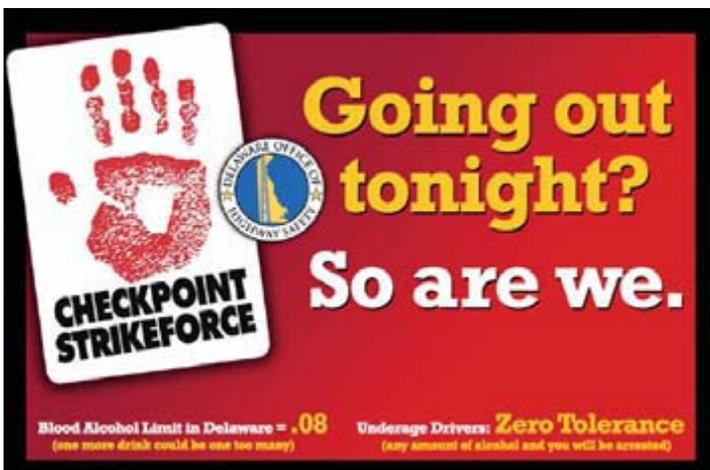
Pedestrian *injuries* tend to occur to younger children ages 5 – 19. Motorists in neighborhoods should be on the lookout for kids who might dart out mid block or dart out to get balls or other items without paying attention. Parents should not allow children to cross the street on their own until they've practiced the basics with them

hundreds of times Kids should stop at the edge of the curb or any object in the roadway (like a car) and look left, right, and left again before crossing Once you start crossing the street, keep looking from side to side until you've made it across safely Never blindly run out into the road

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

NcCo DUI Task Force Arrests 13 for DUI Over Weekend

Dover – Officers with the New Castle County DUI Task Force arrested 13 individuals for Driving Under the Influence (DUI) of alcohol last weekend (Nov. 14 & 15). This brings the total number of people arrested for DUI during the 2008 “Checkpoint Strikeforce” campaign to 413.

In addition to the weekend's 13 DUI arrests, officers issued 5 citations for underage drinking violations, apprehended 4 wanted individuals, made 2 drug arrests, 2 felony arrests, issued 4 seat belt citations, 3 child restraint citation, and 47 citations for various other traffic violations. Officers from the Laurel Police Department also conducted DUI saturation patrols over the weekend and arrested an additional 6 wanted individuals, made 2 drug arrests and issued 6 citations for other traffic violations.

Seven sobriety checkpoints are scheduled for the coming weekend (November 21 & 22). The following are the scheduled checkpoints:

Friday, November 21st

Newark – NcCo DUI Task Force
Newport – DSP Troop 6
Clayton – joint Smyrna / Clayton PD checkpoint
Dover – Dover PD
Rehoboth Beach – Rehoboth Beach PD

Saturday, November 22

Millsboro – Millsboro PD
Milford – Milford PD

The checkpoints are part of Office of Highway Safety's ongoing *Checkpoint Strickeforce* campaign. Now in its seventh year, "Checkpoint Strikeforce" is a multi-state crackdown on impaired drivers coordinated locally by the Delaware Office of Highway Safety. Participating law enforcement checkpoints in the spring, all with the goal of at deterring impaired drivers and arresting DUI offenders.

For weekly and ongoing campaign statistical updates please visit our website at www.ohs.delaware.gov and click on the *Checkpoint Strickeforce* icon in the center of the page.

Press Release

Milton Police on October 23, 2008 arrested a 17 year old female for Criminal Contempt of a Court Order and Colon E. Chasse, 19, of Newark, DE for Endangering the Welfare of a Child and Hindering Prosecution.

Milton Police investigated a runaway involving the 17 year old female when she ran away from home. Milton Police during the investigation learned that the 17 year old female may be with Chasse.

The 17 year old female had in place a Court Order forbidding her to contact or be with Chasse. Milton Police while searching for the 17 year old female learned that she was with Chasse and warrants were obtained for both the 17 year old and Chasse.

Milton Police arrested both the 17 year old and Chasse and they were processed at Milton Police Department. Chasse was video arraigned and committed to SCCI in default of \$5,000.00 secured bond and the 17 year old was committed in default of \$1,000.00 secured bond both pending later court dates.

Milton Police on October 24, 2008 arrested Susan M. Carr, 28, of Milton, DE for Harassment and Criminal Contempt of Court.

Milton Police on October 17, 2008 investigated a phone harassment where Carr called the victim five times three times while Police were present. Carr is also barred from calling the victim with an active no contact order from Superior Court which Carr violated.

Milton Police obtained a warrant for the arrest of Carr and she was taken into custody on October 24, 2008. Carr was processed and video arraigned and then committed to SCI in default of \$1,500.00 secured bond and \$9,000.00 cash bond for violation of probation.

Milton Police on October 25, 2008 arrested Damian K. Cannon, 28, of Millsboro, DE for Falsely Reporting an Incident.

Milton Police on September 25, 2008 responded to a 911 call in the early morning hours advising of a Domestic. Milton Police arrived on scene and woke up the occupant of the apartment and learned that there was no domestic and that it was possibly the ex-boyfriend calling.

Milton Police investigated further and confirmed the phone number called as that of the ex-boyfriend. Milton Police also learned that this was the second time Cannon the ex-boyfriend had called in this type of complaint.

Milton Police obtained a warrant for the arrest of Cannon.

Milton Police took Cannon into custody on October 25 and he was processed, arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court 3 and released on \$500.00 unsecured bond with a co-signer.

Milton Police on October 26, 2008 arrested a 14 year old male for Skateboarding on Public Property a Town of Milton Ordinance.

Milton Police observed the 14 year old male skateboarding along Broadkill Rd on the sidewalk with two other juveniles. Milton Police contacted the juveniles and advised of them of the Town Ordinance.

Milton Police had contacted the two juveniles for the 1st time and the 14 year old had been contacted prior to this incident by other officers and the arresting officer about the ordinance.

Milton Police issued warnings to the two juveniles and the 14 year old was released on a Criminal Summons pending a future court date.

Milton Police on October 26, 2008 arrested a 15 year old male juvenile from Milton, DE for skateboarding, resisting arrest and local fugitive.

Milton Police observed the 15 year old juvenile skateboarding and went to stop him when he fled on foot running from the Police. Milton Police were familiar with the juvenile having warned him in the past about skateboarding on public property.

Milton Police were able to take the 15 year old into custody later without incident. The 15 year old was processed on the skateboarding and resisting arrest charge along with being wanted by Family Court.

The 15 year old was committed to Stevenson Center in default of bond pending a later court date.

Milton Police on November 10, 2008 arrested Edward J. Clark, 30, of Ellendale, DE for Tampering with a Witness (F), and 3 counts of Noncompliance with Conditions of Recognizance Bond or Conditions Felony.

Milton Police investigated an incident that occurred on October 31, 2008 where Clark contacted the victim of a rape which he has trial pending. Clark attempted to have the victim change her testimony for the upcoming trial. Clark was ordered by Superior Court not to have any contact with the victim and anyone under the age of 18 years. Clark was with two unrelated children at the time of the incident.

Milton Police obtained warrants for the arrest of Clark and attempted to locate him at his residence. Milton Police checked several other locations. Milton Police were able to take Clark into custody at his residence without incident.

Milton Police processed and video arraigned Clark at Milton Police Department where he was committed to SCCI in default of \$6,000.00 cash bond for the listed charges and \$9,000.00 cash bond for violation of probation.

Milton Police on November 11, 2008 arrested Lainya F. Noel, 37, of Dover, DE for Criminal Impersonation, Driving while Suspended, Failure to Remain Stopped at Stop Sign, Failure to Obey Traffic Device.

Milton Police stopped Noel for a traffic violation and Noel gave her daughter's information instead of her own. Milton Police learned that Noel had given false information. Noel was taken into custody without incident and taken to Milton Police Department.

Milton Police processed and arraigned Noel via video and she was released on \$2,000.00 unsecured bond pending a later court date.

The Milton Police Department investigated three burglaries of residences from the beginning of September of 2008 until the beginning of October of 2008.

During the burglaries, the suspects stole flat screen televisions, jewelry, and other items. The Milton Police Department developed two suspects through the investigation, Thomas A. Mills Jr. and John J. Simone Jr.

On October 27, 2008, the Milton Police Department arrested John J. Simone Jr. (27) of Milton, DE for (3) counts of Burglary Second Degree, (7) counts of Theft, (3) counts of Conspiracy Second Degree, and (3) counts of Criminal Mischief. The Delaware State Police also had active warrants on file for Simone. Simone was arraigned by the Justice of the Peace Court 2 for the Milton Police Department's charges and the Delaware State Police charges and was committed to SCI prison in default of \$72,000.00 secured bond.

On October 28, 2008, the Milton Police Department arrested Thomas A. Mills Jr. (22) of Lewes, DE for (3) counts of Burglary Second Degree, (7) counts of Theft, (3) counts of Conspiracy Second Degree, and (3) counts of Criminal Mischief. Mills was arraigned by the Justice of the Peace Court 2 and was committed to SCI prison in default of \$16,000.00 secured bond.

Through the investigation, the Milton Police Department learned that John J. Simone Jr. sold stolen televisions to Stephen B. White.

On November 12, 2008, the Milton Police Department with the assistance of the Georgetown Police Department's K-9 unit, executed a search warrant at 506 South Spinnaker Lane in Milton, DE. During the search warrant, the Milton Police Department located a Glock 9mm handgun, marijuana, and drug paraphernalia. The Milton Police Department learned that Stephen B. White is a person prohibited from owning or possessing a firearm and is a registered sex offender. The Milton Police Department learned that Stephen B. White lives at 506 South Spinnaker Lane and failed to register his address with the State Bureau of Identification.

The Milton Police Department arrested Stephen B. White (26) of Milton, DE for Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony, Possession, Purchase Own, or Control a Firearm by a Person Prohibited, Maintaining a Dwelling for Keeping Controlled Substances, Failure to Re-register new address as a Sex Offender, Sexual Offender who lives within 500ft. of a School, Conspiracy Second Degree, Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and two counts of Endangering the Welfare of a Child.

Ms. Blare M. Steigelman (26) of Milton, DE was also arrested on November 12, 2008 for Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony, Maintaining a Dwelling for Keeping Controlled Substances, Conspiracy Second Degree, Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and two counts of Endangering the Welfare of a Child.

Stephen B. White was arraigned by the Justice of the Peace Court 2 and was committed to SCI prison in default of \$22,500.00 secured bond. Blare M. Steigelman was arraigned by the Justice of the Peace Court 2 and released on \$16,000.00 unsecured bond.

Milton Police on November 11, 2008 arrested Curtis G. Elliott, 41, of Greenwood, DE for Theft (F) and Criminal Trespass.

Milton Police had investigated a theft of a Case skid steer loader at a construction site on Harbeson Road. Milton Police were contacted by Delaware State Police Troop 4 that they had recovered the Case and that Elliott admitted to the theft.

Milton Police obtained a warrant for the arrest of Elliott and he was taken into custody by Capitol Police at the Court of Common Pleas. Milton Police processed and arraigned Elliott and he was released on \$2,250.00 unsecured bond pending a later court date.

Milton Police on November 17, 2008 arrested Brittany Murray, 19, of Bridgeville, DE for 2 counts of Burglary 3rd, 5 counts of Forgery 1st, 10 counts of Theft.

Milton Police investigated a burglary and theft of checks from a residence in Milton Landing Apartments. Milton Police learned through the investigation that checks were stolen and that Murray had forged and cashed the checks.

Milton Police obtained a warrant for the arrest of Murray and she was located and taken into custody without incident.

Milton Police processed and arraigned Murray and she was committed to SCCI in default of \$3,250.00 secured bond pending a later court date.

***** UPDATE *****
TWO SUBJECTS ARRESTED BY MILTON POLICE

On November 17, 2008 Milton Police Department was following up on this case and learned from investigation that two juveniles were involved.

Milton Police arrested two juveniles Accused Kasey SHEFFY, 14, of Shipbuilder Village, Milton, DE and Accused Brendan MOORE, 15, of Mulberry Street Milton, DE.

Both boys were arrested for one count each for Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony, Possession of a Weapon in a Safe School Zone, Two Counts of Reckless Endangering First, and Conspiracy 2nd.

After the arrest of both boys, Milton Police learned that they were at one of the boy's grandmother's house in the area of H.O.B. School on Thursday, November 13 and were shooting a high powered BB / Pellet gun out of an up stairs bedroom window. Police learned that the juveniles did shoot at victims while they were in the school parking lot.

Milton Police presented them to J.P. Court 3 in Georgetown via video phone and both boys were released to their parents and are not to have any contact with each other until this case is adjudicated in the court system

Case Pending in Family Court at a later date.

On 11-13-08, at about 0715pm, Milton Police Department responded to a complaint at the H.O.B. Elementary school on Mulberry Street Milton, reference to unknown subject(s) shooting some kind of weapon at people in the school parking lot.

Milton Police learned from the investigation the two adult victims were hit with what is believe to be BB's or Pellet's fired from a CO 2 fire arm. (BB Gun or Pellet Gun)

The first victim was pulling into the school parking (North-side of the school) when she heard something hitting her vehicle and then she heard more items being shot at her as she walked towards the school.

The second victim was walking out of the school and was walking towards his vehicle in the same parking lot, when he was shot in the arm as he exited the building. He then heard more items being fired at him as he walked towards his vehicle.

He then called 911 and reported same. He was not injured, but was very concerned for the kids that were inside the school for the after school program that was going on.

Milton Police searched the area of the school grounds and the housing development next to the school and did not locate anyone.

Milton Police Department is investigating this case, but needs the public's help with this case. Anyone with information is asked to come forward and call 911 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP- 3333.

Local Fugitive Arrest

October 2008

N/A

November 2008

DUI Arrest

October 2008

Milton Police on October 23, 2008 arrested Radonna Z. Bickham, 53, of Milton, DE for DUI, and Speeding excess of Posted Limit.

Milton Police observed a vehicle traveling 60mph in a posted 35 mph speed zone and stopped the vehicle which was operated by Bickham. Bickham was given field sobriety tests and then taken into custody for DUI. Bickham was issued summons for the listed charges pending a later date in court.

75-08-1872

Milton Police on October 25, 2008 arrested a Mark Brozey, 18, of Milton, DE for DUI, Underage Consumption, and traffic violations.

Milton Police stopped Brozey for failing to signal on a turn and then smelled a strong odor of alcoholic beverage coming from Brozey. Milton Police took Brozey into custody and transported to Beebe Medical Center for a blood draw and he was later released after being bonded by JP Court.

75-08-1878

November 2008

Milton Police stopped Wendy Kappers on November 8, 2008 for failing to remain stopped at a stop light and then smelled a strong odor of alcoholic beverage coming from Kappers. Milton took Kappers into custody for DUI.

75-08-1969

Milton Police stopped Gerardo G. Figueroa on November 15, 2008 for . . .

Milton Police stopped Colleen Dutton on November 16, 2008 for speeding and then smelled a strong odor of alcoholic beverage coming from Dutton. Milton Police took Dutton into custody for DUI.

75-08-2014

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

§ 4172. Speed exhibitions; drag races and other speed contests.

(a) No person shall drive any vehicle in any race, speed competition or contest, drag race or acceleration contest, test of physical endurance, exhibition of speed or acceleration and no person shall aid, abet, promote, assist or in any manner participate in any such race, competition, contest, test or exhibition.

(b) No person shall accelerate or try to accelerate a vehicle at a rate which causes the drive wheels to spin or slip on the road surface. This subsection shall not apply during periods of inclement weather.

(c) No owner or person in charge of a vehicle shall permit that vehicle or any vehicle under the person's control to be used by another person for any of the purposes listed in subsection (a) or (b) of this section. If any vehicle is witnessed by a police officer to be in violation of this section and the identity of the operator is not otherwise apparent, the person in whose name such vehicle is registered as the owner shall be held prima facie responsible for such violation.

(d) Whoever violates this section shall be fined for the first offense not less than \$25 nor more than \$200, or imprisoned not less than 10 days nor more than 30 days or both. For each subsequent like offense, the person shall be fined not less than \$50 nor more than \$400, or imprisoned not less than 15 days nor more than 60 days or both. Upon receiving notice of a conviction for a first offense, the Secretary shall forthwith suspend the driver's license of the person convicted, for a period of not longer than 6 months. Upon receiving notice of a conviction of a subsequent like offense, the Secretary shall suspend the driver's license for a 1-year period. Notwithstanding the foregoing, there shall not be a suspension of driver's license upon conviction for a first offense under subsection (b) of this section. (21 Del. C. 1953, § 4172; 54 Del. Laws, c. 160, § 1; 56 Del. Laws, c. 315; 57 Del. Laws, c. 670, § 13B; 60 Del. Laws, c. 702, § 1; 70 Del. Laws, c. 186, § 1.)

§ 4175. Reckless driving.

(a) No person shall drive any vehicle in wilful or wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property, and this offense shall be known as reckless driving.

(b) Whoever violates subsection (a) of 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. No person who violates subsection (a) of this section shall receive a suspended sentence. However, for the first offense, the period of imprisonment may be suspended. Whoever is convicted of violating subsection (a) of this section and who has had the charge reduced from the violation of § 4177(a) of this title shall, in addition to the above, be ordered to complete a course of instruction or program of rehabilitation established under § 4177D of this title and to pay all fees in connection therewith. In such cases, the court disposing of the case shall note in the court's record that the offense was alcohol-related or drug-related and such notation shall be carried on the violator's motor vehicle record. (21 Del. C. 1953, § 4175; 54 Del. Laws, c. 160, § 1; 65 Del. Laws, c. 503, § 19; 70 Del. Laws, c. 186, § 1; 75 Del. Laws, c. 315, § 6.)

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.