

Milton Police Department

*Monthly Report
To
Mayor & Town Council*



“Pride & Integrity”

September 21 – October 20, 2008

Respectfully Submitted By:

*William E. Phillips
Chief of Police*

MILTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRIDE



INTEGRITY

Chief William E. Phillips

101 Federal Street • Milton • Delaware • 19968

Phone: (302) 684-8547 • Fax: (302) 984-8046 • Dispatch: (302) 855-2980

Email: William.phillips@cj.state.de.us

November 3, 2008

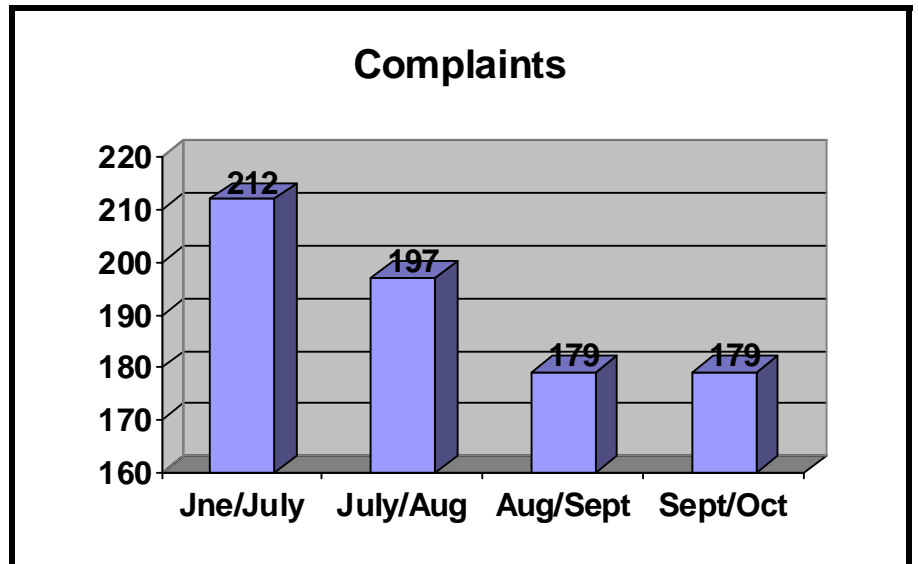
The Honorable Don Post, Mayor
Members of Milton Town Council
Town Hall
Milton, DE 19968

Mayor Post and Council Members:

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

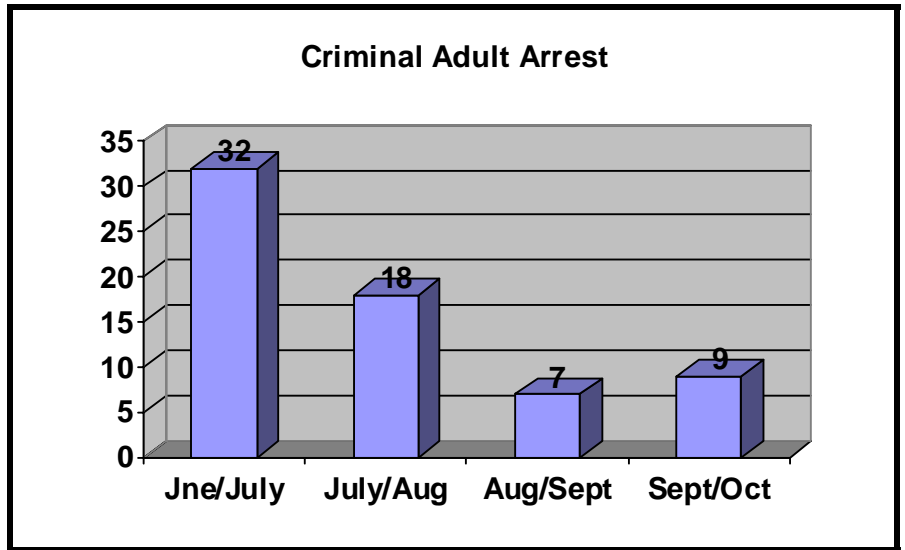
Complaints

Total complaints received
from **September 21 –
October 20, 2008** numbered
179.



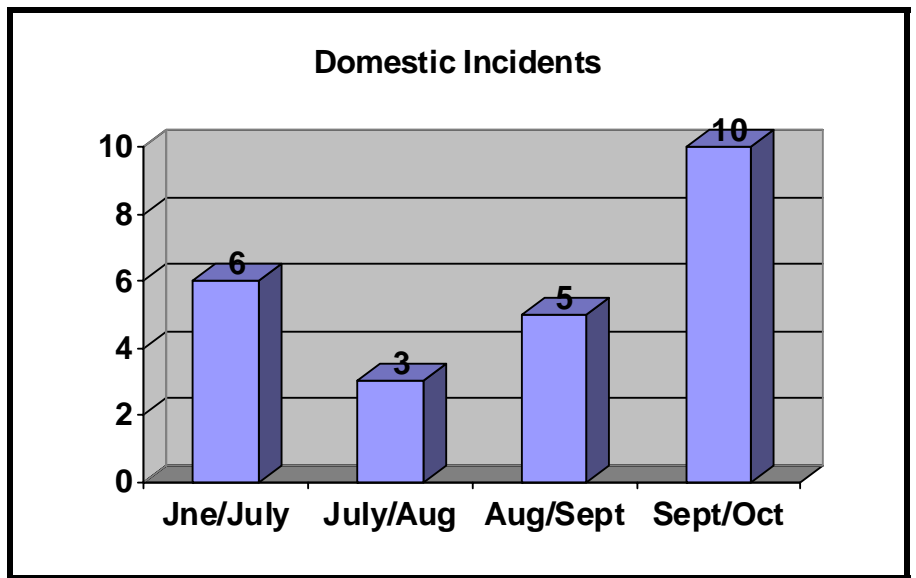
Criminal Arrests

Total criminal arrests from **September 21 – October 20, 2008** numbered 9.



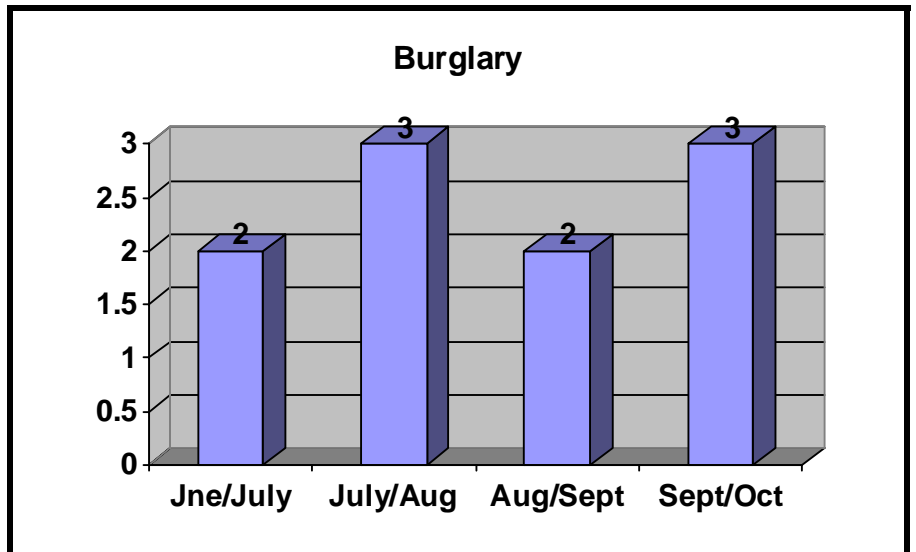
Domestic Incidents

Total domestic incidents from **September 21 – October 20, 2008** numbered 10.



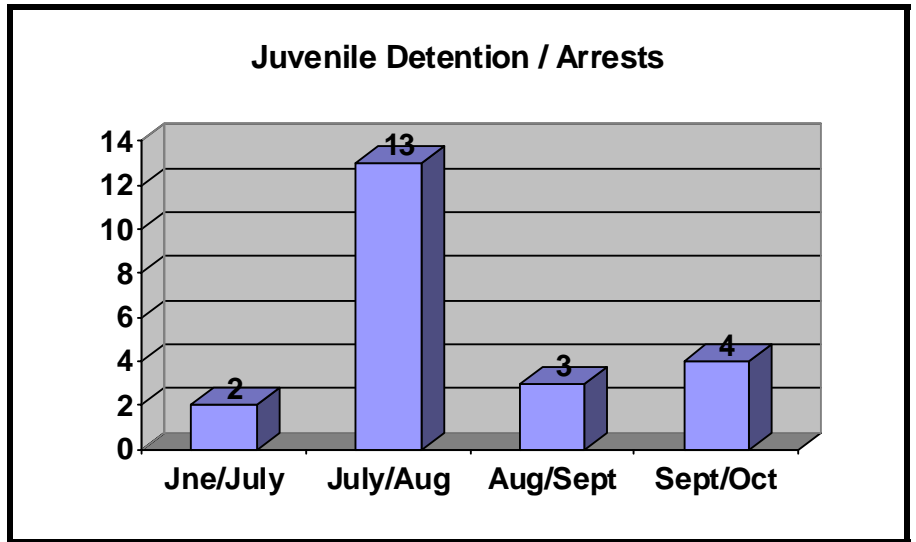
Burglary

Total Burglaries from **September 21 – October 20, 2008** numbered 3.



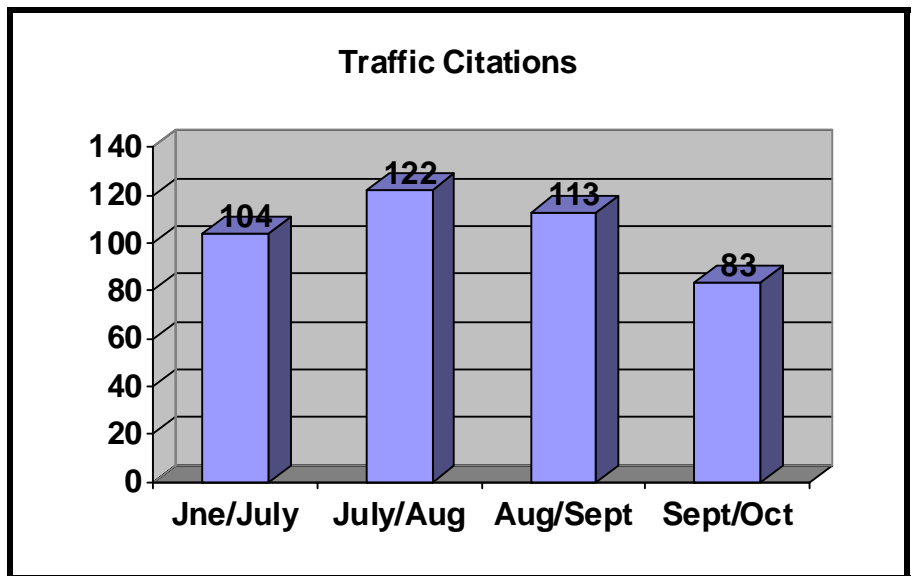
Juvenile Detention / Arrests

Total juvenile detention / criminal arrests from **September 21 – October 20, 2008** numbered 4.



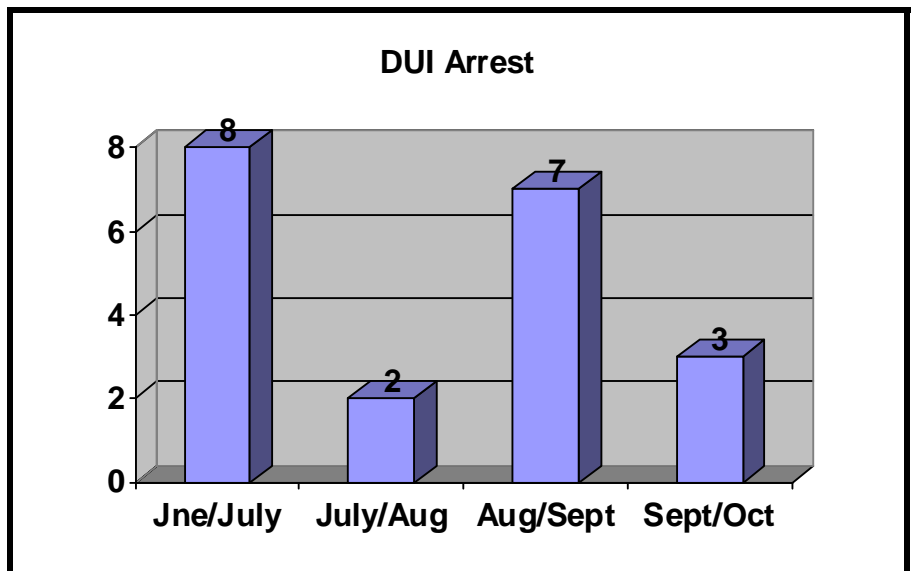
Traffic Citations

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



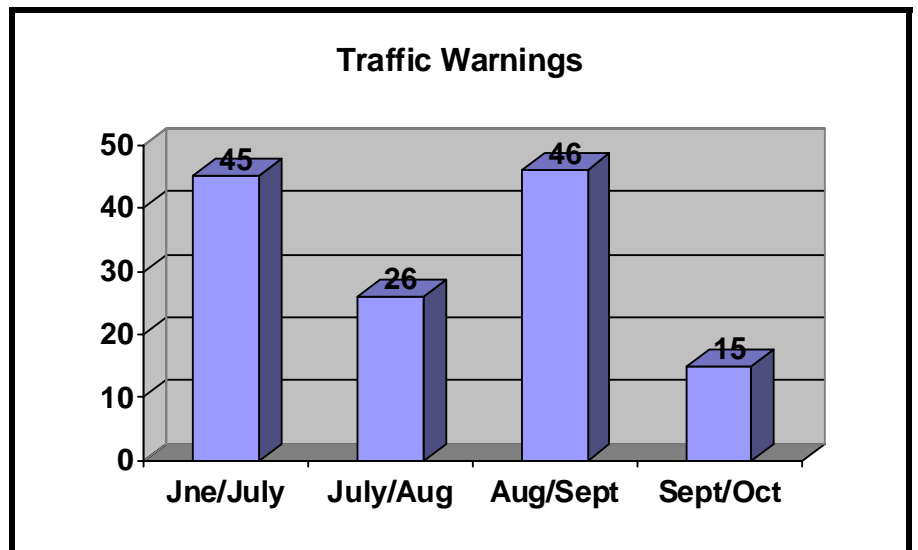
DUI Arrests

The department made 3 DUI arrests from **September 21 – October 20, 2008**.



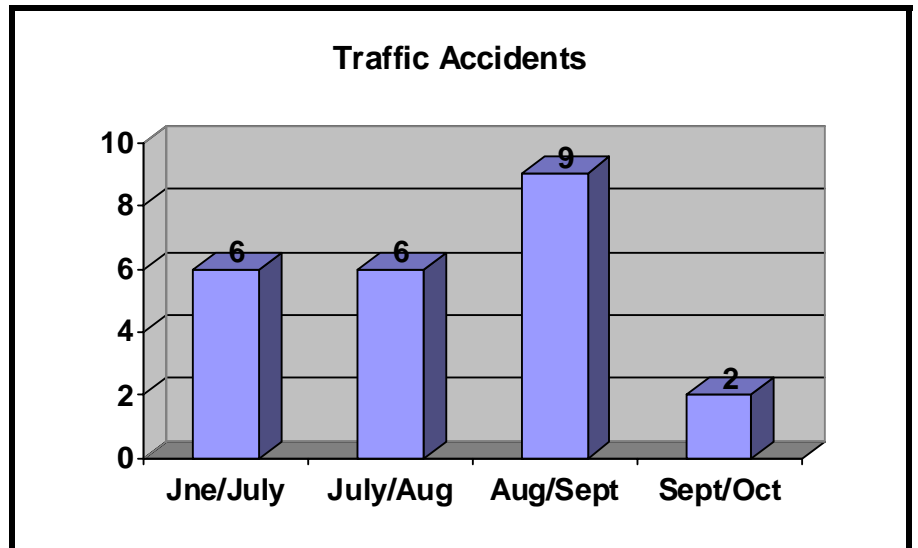
Traffic Warnings

The total traffic warnings issued from **September 21 – October 20, 2008** number 15.



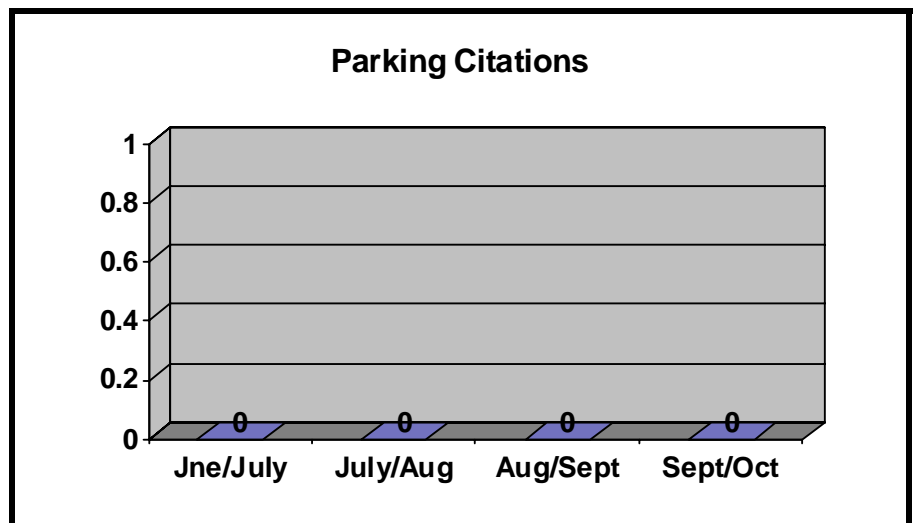
Traffic Accidents

From **September 21 – October 20, 2008** police investigated 2 traffic accidents.



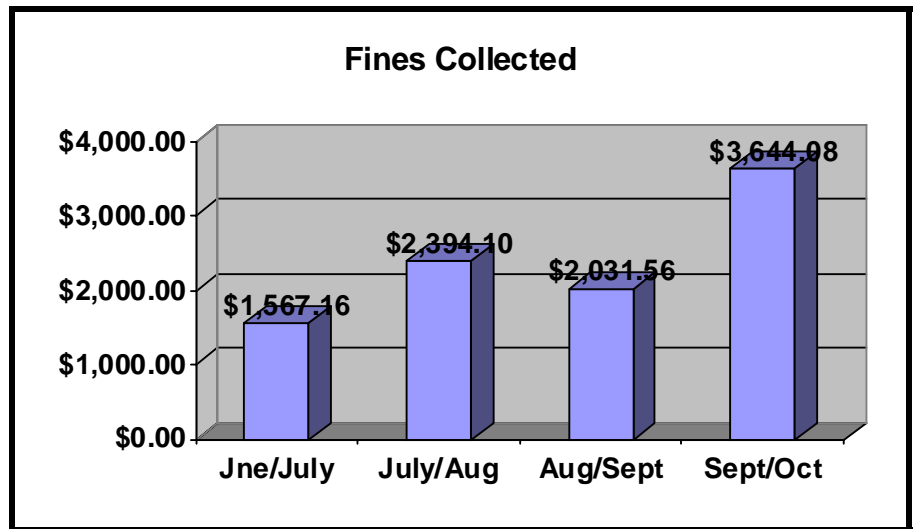
Parking Citations

The department issued 0 parking citations from **September 21 – October 20, 2008**.



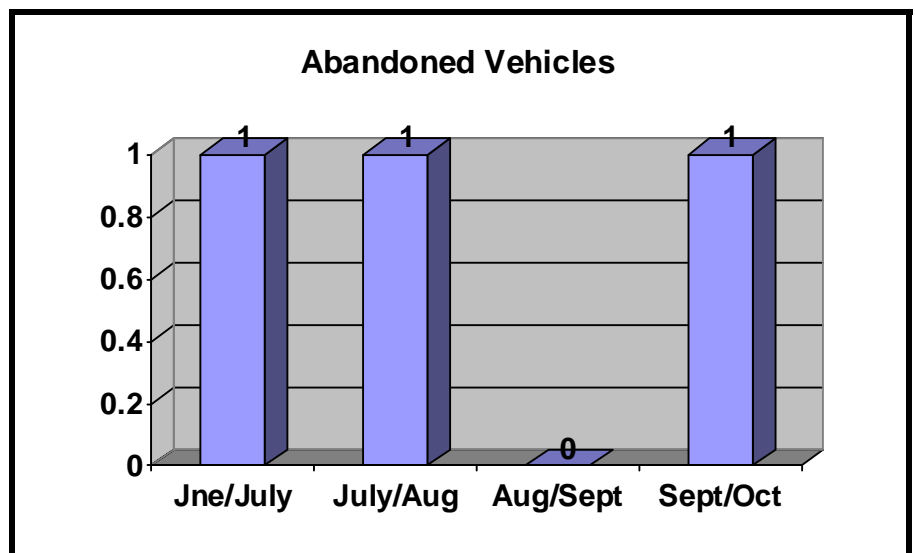
Fines Collected

From **September 21 – October 20, 2008** police have received \$3644.08 in fines.



Abandoned Vehicles

From **September 21 – October 20, 2008** police have issued 1 abandoned vehicle notices.



The Milton Police Department is striving to better meet the needs of our community and would like to hear from its residents. Please take a moment and send us your questions, concerns, comments and ideas. Milton Police Department, 101 Federal Street, Milton, DE 19968 302-684-8547 or visit our new website www.ci.milton.de.us 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.



As of September 2, 2008, there have been 85 fatalities, compared to 79 at this time last year. Motorcycle fatalities comprise 18% of these fatalities and pedestrians 19%. Unfortunately, this alarming trend does not appear to be slowing.

To date, there have been 15 motorcycle fatalities, and only 5 of these individuals were wearing helmets. In all of 2007, there were only 17 motorcycle fatalities. With record high fuel prices and no end in sight, the number of motorcycles on the roads has increased significantly. Whether a sport bike or a cruiser, speed seems to be the common denominator. Of the 15 fatalities, speed has been the primary contributing circumstance in 10 cases. In two additional cases, the operators lost control for an unknown reason, and in three cases, alcohol is suspected. Also, it's important to note, 9 of the crashes involved just the motorcycle and no other vehicles.



Also, there have been 16 pedestrian fatalities to date. In all of 2007, there were only 17 pedestrian fatalities. Pedestrian crashes spike between 6pm-11pm, and slightly more than 60% occur between Friday and Sunday. In 10 of the 16 fatalities, the pedestrian crossed the road at mid-block, rather than at an intersection. In addition, alcohol involvement is confirmed in 5 cases, and suspected in 3 others. Further, pedestrians often wear dark clothing and do not carry a light source.

As members of law enforcement, you have the ability to make a difference! Be vigilant when enforcing Delaware's speed limits – pay extra attention to motorcyclists; slowing them down could save a life. BUT, the Office of Highway Safety urges you to use caution and always weigh the risk to yourself or other motorists before you choose to chase a speed bike. Most agencies have a “no-chase” policy; there's good reason for it!

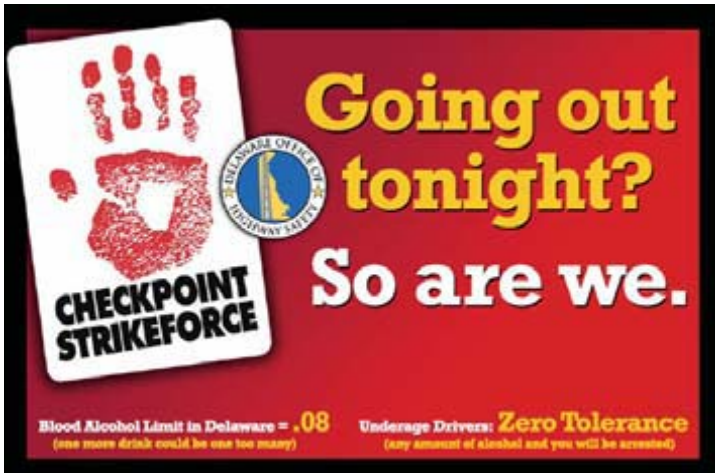
Don't be afraid to enforce Delaware's pedestrian safety laws! Write a citation if you see a violation. Stopping people who are impaired and walking along the roadway can save a life. A reminder to wear light colored clothing and to carry a light source can only show your commitment to the safety of your community. If you see someone crossing mid-block, stop and advise them to use the intersection. Even unmarked intersections are safer than crossing mid-block. Sometimes just that little piece of education can make a difference.

We're all in this fight together. We urge everyone to share the information with your family and friends, and to be role models in your communities!

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

Over 300 Arrested for DUI in the First Four Months of Checkpoint Strikeforce

Dover – During the first four months of the 2008 “checkpoint Strikeforce” campaign, Delaware law enforcement officers have arrested 302 individuals for DUI, including 12 during enforcement activities last weekend (Oct. 10th & 11th). Since the DUI enforcement and awareness campaign began on June 26th, officers from all participating agencies have also collectively issued 37 citations for underage drinking violations, apprehend 102 wanted individuals, made 141 drug arrests, 96 felony arrests, recovered 5 stolen vehicles and 8 weapons, issued 153 seat belt citations, 42 child restraint citation, and 1,201 citations for various other traffic violations.

Currently alcohol-related fatalities are down compared to this time last year. Since January 1st, alcohol has been listed as a factor in 34 (or 35%) of Delaware’s traffic deaths, compared to the same time frame in 2007 when 43 (or 46%) of the 93 traffic deaths that had occurred by October 14th involved alcohol.

Participating agencies in checkpoints occurring on October 10th & 11th included the New Castle County DUI Task Force, the Dover Police Department and the Georgetown Police Department. In addition to last weekend’s 12 DUI arrests, officers issued one citation for an underage drinking violation, apprehended 3 wanted individuals, made 8 drug arrests, 6 felony arrests, issued 11 seat belt citations, 1 child restraint citation, and 57 citations for various other traffic violations.

Four sobriety checkpoints are scheduled for the coming weekend (October 17th & 18th). The following are the scheduled checkpoints:

Friday, October 17th – New Castle County – New Castle County DUI Task Force
 Millsboro – Millsboro PD
 Dover – Delaware State Police Troop 3
 North of Newark – Delaware State Police Troop 1
 Saturday, October 18th – Lewes – Delaware State Police Troop 7
 Red Lion – Delaware State Police Troop 9

The checkpoints are part of Office of Highway Safety’s ongoing Checkpoint Strikeforce 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 agencies are conducting weekly DUI checkpoints through New Year’s Eve, and monthly checkpoints in the spring, all with the goal of deterring impaired drivers and arresting DUI offenders. For weekly and on going campaign statistical updates please visit our website at www.ohs.delaware.gov and click on the Checkpoint Strickeforce icon on the center of the page.

* weekly totals for weekend of **October** 10th & 11th

Checkpoint Activity	Weekly Totals	Running Totals	2007 Totals
# of checkpoints conducted	3	56	114
DUI Arrests	12	302	665
Child Restraint Arrests	1	42	131
Other Traffic Arrests	57	1,201	3012
Wanted Person Apprehensions	3	102	170
Stolen Vehicles Recovered	0	5	10
Drug Arrests	8	141	241
Seat Belt Arrests	11	153	546
Underage Arrests	1	37	118
Felony Arrests	6	96	157

Press Release

Local Fugitive Arrest

September 2008

DUI Arrest

September 2008

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

§ 2101. Operation of unregistered vehicle; exceptions.

(a) No person shall drive or move, nor shall any person, being the owner of a vehicle, knowingly permit to be driven or moved upon any highway any vehicle, except trackless trolley coaches, of a type required to be registered hereunder, which is not registered and for which current registration plates have not been issued as provided in this chapter or for which the appropriate fees have not been paid when and as required by this chapter, except that when application accompanied by the proper fee has been made for registration and certificate of title for a vehicle, the same may be operated temporarily pending complete registration upon displaying a duplicate application duly verified or other evidence of such application or otherwise under rules and regulations promulgated by the Department.

(b) A motor vehicle or vehicle being towed by a motor vehicle registered as a tow truck or wrecker shall not be in violation of subsection (a) of this section or § 2115 of this title if such towed vehicle has 1 end hoisted off the ground while being towed. The term tow truck or wrecker does not apply to a vehicle registered as a truck tractor.

(c) A motor vehicle or vehicle being operated on public roadways for the purpose of being transported between the Wilmington Port Authority and short-term parking areas within 1 mile of the facility's gates need not be registered. These vehicles must have insurance that meets the minimum requirements of § 2118 of this title, before they are operated on any public roadway. (36 Del. Laws, c. 10, § 7; Code 1935, § 5545; 47 Del. Laws, c. 265; 21 Del. C. 1953, § 2101; 49 Del. Laws, c. 220, § 20; 63 Del. Laws, c. 339, § 1; 74 Del. Laws, c. 130, § 1.)

§ 2102. Registration of vehicles of new residents; penalty.

(a) Every owner of a motor vehicle, trailer or other vehicle shall within 60 days after taking up residence in this State apply to the Secretary and obtain registration for the vehicle.

(b) Whoever violates subsection (a) of this section shall be fined for the first offense not less than \$25 nor more than \$100. For each subsequent like offense, such person shall be fined not less than \$50 nor more than \$200, or imprisoned not less than 10 nor more than 30 days, or both. (Code 1935, § 5546A; 48 Del. Laws, c. 293, § 1; 21 Del. C. 1953, § 2102; 57 Del. Laws, c. 670, § 8A; 60 Del. Laws, c. 385, § 1; 64 Del. Laws, c. 466, § 5; 65 Del. Laws, c. 503, § 3; 70 Del. Laws, c. 186, § 1.)

§ 2103. Temporary registration permits.

The Department may, in its discretion, grant temporary or limited registration permits, in no case to be valid for more than 15 days, and may issue appropriate certificates or other evidence therefor as listed below:

(1) When application for a certificate of title has been made accompanied by the proper fee, a temporary permit without additional fee may be issued pending action upon such application by the Department;

(2) During suspension of registration because of failure of the vehicle upon inspection to meet the legal performance requirements or equipment standards, a temporary permit without additional fee may be issued to allow the vehicle to be driven away to be repaired and returned for inspection or to be driven to a storage place;

(3) When a registration has expired, a temporary permit may be issued upon the payment of a fee of \$10 in addition to the regular fee for reregistration so that the vehicle may be driven to a place for repair, if necessary, and to an inspection station preparatory to reregistration;

(4) For the movement of unregistered vehicles by persons entitled to move the same, when it is not proposed to secure a certificate of title or a transfer of title to such vehicle, a temporary permit may be issued for which a fee of \$10 shall be charged;

(5) For moving vehicles of which the ownership has been transferred by process of law as provided in §§ 2501-2507 of this title, a permit may be issued without charge.

(6) Trip permit registrations pursuant to the International Registration Plan, as authorized in Chapter 4 of this title, may be issued for any vehicle or combination of vehicles which could lawfully operate in this State if full registration or proportional registration were obtained. A permit for this purpose shall be valid for 3 days, including the day issued, for which a fee of \$15 shall be charged. (Code 1935, § 5546A; 43 Del. Laws, c. 244, § 3; 21 Del. C. 1953, § 2103; 53 Del. Laws, c. 221, § 1; 67 Del. Laws, c. 260, § 1; 68 Del. Laws, c. 156, § 57(a), (b); 70 Del. Laws, c. 202, § 1.)

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