

Dover Police Department

*Monthly Report
To
Mayor & City Council
“To Protect and Serve”*



January 2004

February 18, 2004

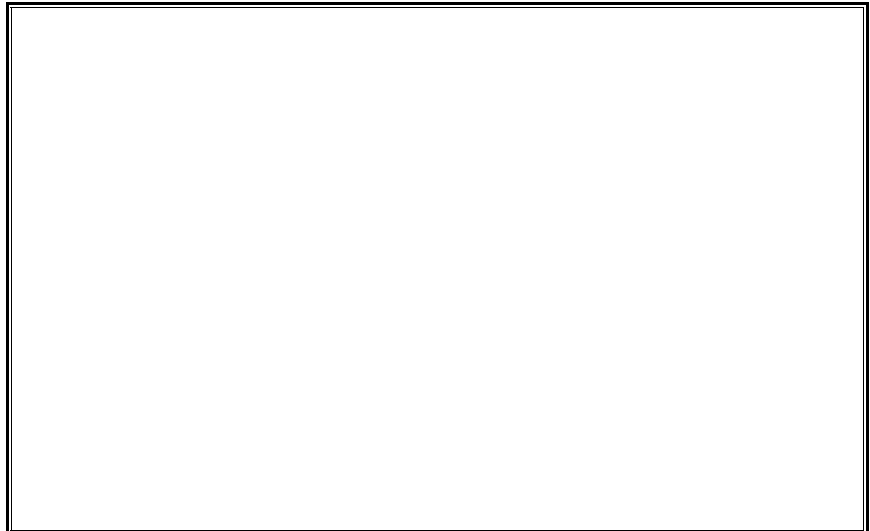
The Honorable James L. Hutchison, Mayor
Members of Dover City Council
City Hall
Dover, DE 19901

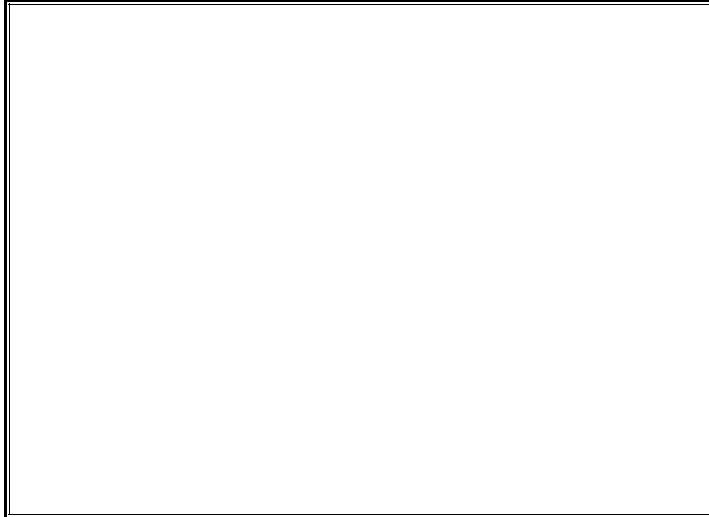
Mayor Hutchison and Council Members:

The following is the report on Police Department activities for the month of January 2004:

COMPLAINTS

Total complaints received through January 31st numbered 2,389. This is an increase of 138 complaints over the same time period for last year.



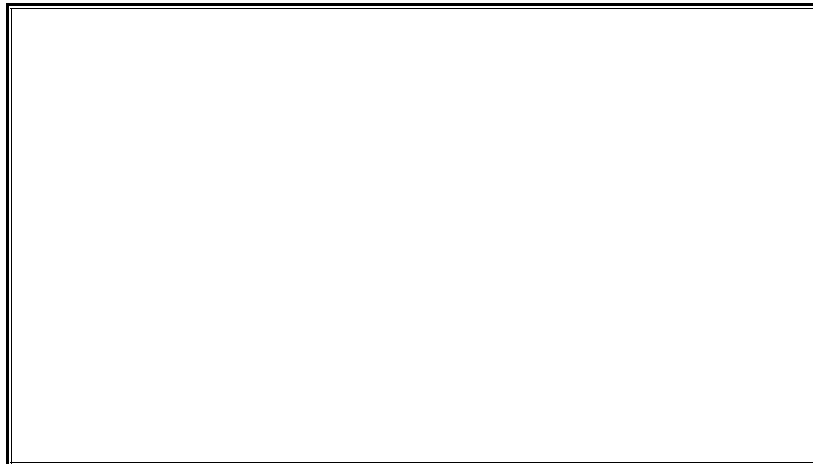


TRAFFIC ARRESTS

The department issued 1,662 traffic citations through this reporting period. This is an increase of 140 citations over the number issued during the same period last year.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

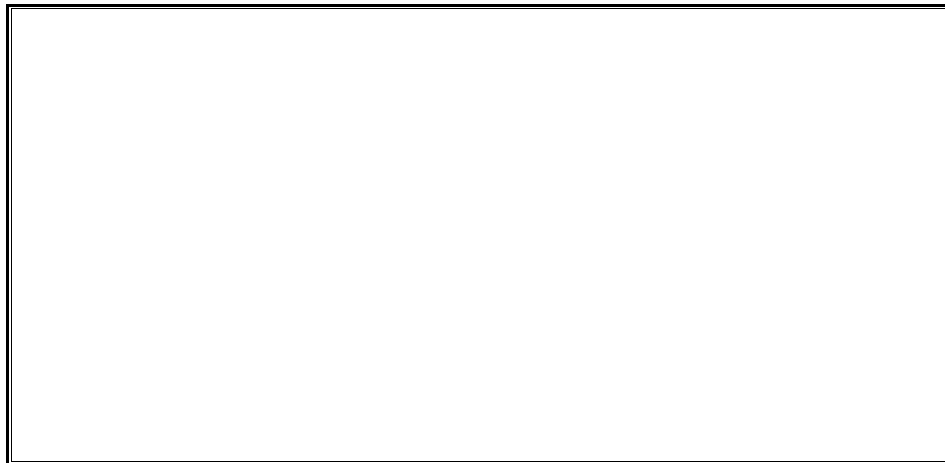
Through January 31st, police investigated 173 traffic accidents. This is an increase of 2 accidents investigated during the same period last year.



CITY ORDINANCE SUMMONS

Through January 31st, we issued 688 city ordinance summons a 17% decrease over January of last year. Some of the decrease can be attributed to the extremely cold weather that occurred during the month.

*Note: Of those summonses issued in January, 41 were issued for handicapped parking violations, 39 for fire lane parking violations, and 6 for noise violations (4 for vehicle violations and 2 for residence violations).



911 CENTER

During the month of January, our 911 Center handled a total of 11,705 calls averaging 376 calls per day. Dispatchers handled 1,811 calls on the 911 lines, an average of 59 calls per day.



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS & BASIC LIFE SUPPORT DIVISION:

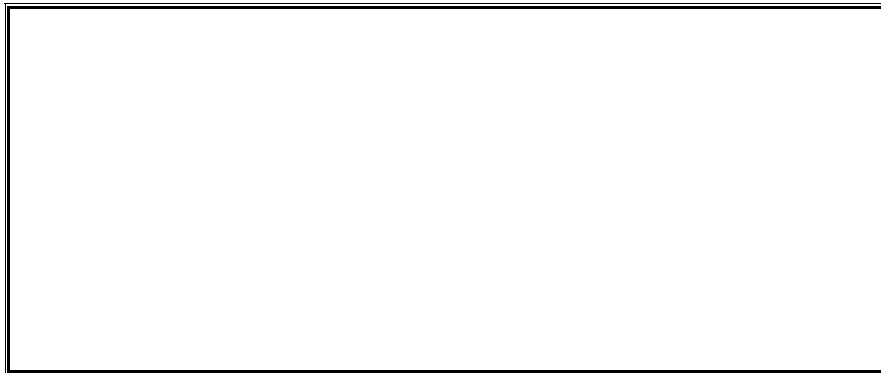


On January 9, 2004, the Homeland Security Operations Plan that was implemented on December 23, 2003, in response to the National Security Threat Level being raised to Orange (high) was ended when the National Security Threat Level was reduced to yellow (elevated).

Ambulance Service Inc. (ASI) responded to 357 emergency calls in January resulting in 272 patient transports. The average response time from dispatch by 911 to arrival on scene was 8 minutes and 02 seconds. Additional units responded to 17 of the 357 calls.

On January 12, 2004, Lt. Benton Counselman attended the meeting of the Delaware Homeland Security Terrorism Preparedness Working Group. Items of discussion continued to be the FY 02/03 Grant Equipment Program Procurement Process, (Weapons of Mass Destruction equipment for first responders), and the FY 04 State Homeland Security Grant Program. Delaware Emergency Management Agency advised that there is funding available for physical security equipment at critical infrastructure facilities. DEMA has established a subcommittee to identify the priorities for the municipal needs in this area. Municipalities, including Dover, will be presenting a prioritized list of needs/projects with associated cost to the working group for consideration.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS



PLANNING AND TRAINING

During the month of January, Officers/Civilians attended the following schools, seminars, or classes:

2 Officers	K-9 Narcotics Training	8 hours (each)
2 Officers	K-9 Explosives Training	8 hours (each)
4 Officers	K-9 Proficiency Training	20 hours

1 Officer	Accident Reconstruction Training	40 hours
6 Officers	DAFB Honor Guard Training	8 hours (each)

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PLANNING AND TRAINING (continued)

4 Officers	Street Survival Seminar	16 hours (each)
14 Officers	SORT Training	12 hours (each)
5 Officers	Nester Camera Training	8 hours (each)
2 Officers	SWAT/Sniper Symposium	24 hours (each)
6 Officers	Emotional Survival	1 hour (each)
42 Officers	Patrol Procedures Review	1 hour (each)
12 Officers	Search & Seizure Training	.5 hour (each)

I am pleased to report that on January 5, 2004, the Dover Police Department hired Aaron Scott Davis as a police officer. Ptlm. Davis is a certified police officer. Ptlm. Davis comes to the Dover Police Department from the Harrington Police Department with 12 years of experience. I know that you join me in welcoming him as he begins his career with the City of Dover.

On January 13, 2004, an elderly victim was walking to her vehicle in the Dover Downs parking lot when a suspect drove up to her, exited his vehicle, and forcible took the victim's handbag while knocking her to the ground. The victim sustained minor injuries to her shoulder, back, arm and hand. The suspect fled in his vehicle. A K-9 officer, after receiving a description of the suspect vehicle from Dover Downs Security, spotted the vehicle and attempted to stop it. The suspect failed to stop and fled, the K-9 officer pursued the suspect vehicle. During the pursuit, the suspected rammed a Dover Police patrol vehicle resulting in a minor injury to the patrol officer and minor damage to the vehicle. After being involved in a collision, the suspect abandoned his vehicle and fled on foot. The Dover Police K-9 ultimately apprehended the suspect.

Dover Police Department Officers of the Drugs, Vice, and Organized Crime Section along with officers from Operation Safe Streets executed three search warrants during the month of January. The first occurred on January 14th at a residence located in the Whatcoat Apartments. Officers seized a small amount of crack cocaine and \$364.00. Three suspects were arrested and charged with numerous drug offenses. The second search warrant occurred on January 21st at a residence on South Queen Street. Officers seized a small amount of marijuana, cocaine, various items of drug paraphernalia, and \$231.00. Five suspects were arrested. The third search warrant occurred on January 22nd at a residence on Ann Avenue. Officers seized 7.5 grams of crack cocaine (which was packaged for street sales), drug paraphernalia. Five suspects were arrested.

On January 29, 2004 members of the Drugs, Vice, & Organized Crime section in conjunction with members of Operation Safe Streets, and members of the Delaware State Police Governors Task Force executed multiple search warrants within the City of Dover. Two of the searches were done at residences located on Bacon Avenue another was done at a residence located on McKee Road. The following items were seized: 202 grams of crack cocaine (approximate street value \$20, 480.00), 42.7 grams of marijuana (approximate street value \$500.00), \$1,770.00 United States Currency, various items of drug paraphernalia, a stolen .40 caliber semi-automatic handgun, 4 shotguns, a 9mm Izu subgun and a .25 caliber semi automatic handgun. Seven suspects were arrested and a total of 81 criminal charges were placed as a result of these search warrants.

On January 15, 2004, Dover Police officers arrested a suspect and charged him with committing 25 burglaries of businesses within the City of Dover. These burglaries occurred between May and December 2003. The suspect removed approximately \$41, 000.00 worth of equipment, furnishings, and computers from the businesses. He also caused damages to the businesses in excess \$10,000.00. The suspect was committed to the Delaware Correctional Center.

On January 20, 2004, a Dover Police Patrol Officer stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation. During the stop, a license check found the driver to be wanted for failing to appear on an unrelated traffic violation. Upon the driver's arrest, he was found to have concealed on his body 22 plastic bags of marijuana (weighing 30.5 grams and valued at \$350.00). At that time his vehicle was searched and the officer located a 9mm semi automatic handgun and a knife with an illegal sized blade. Through investigation, it was learned that the gun was stolen in a burglary from the state of Rhode Island. Dover Officers and officers from the US Attorney's Operation Disarm then executed a search warrant at the suspect's Delaware State University dorm room and located 9mm ammunition and a small amount of marijuana. The suspect was committed to the Delaware Correctional Center.

On January 21, 2004, the Dover Police Department held a Promotion & Awards Ceremony. Five officers were recognized for their promotions, which occurred in August and December 2003: Ray Sammons to Captain, Steven Getek to Lieutenant, Timothy Stump to Sergeant, Todd Case to Corporal, Jack Fortney to Corporal, and Jeffrey King to Corporal. The Officer and Civilian of the Year were announced. PFC E. Keith Hester and Police Clerk Christa Clark received these honors. Several citizens were honored for their contributions to the department. Numerous awards were given to both sworn and civilian personnel.

On January 22, 2004, after an investigation by Dover Police Detectives, a suspect was arrested for three burglaries in the downtown area. The burglaries occurred between January 18th and January 21st. The suspect was found to have property in his possession from all three burglaries. The suspect was committed to the Delaware Correctional Center.

On January 31, 2004, a Dover Police Patrol Officer stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation. When officers contacted the driver a shotgun was found in the vehicle. Both the driver and the passenger were found to be persons who are prohibited from possessing firearms. Both suspects were arrested and a subsequent search of the vehicle revealed ammunition and gun parts. The passenger was also found to be in possession of a small amount of crack cocaine. Another vehicle stop on the same date revealed the driver to be in possession of stolen property. Through investigation, Dover Officers were able to determine that the suspect had committed two burglaries and removed property from both.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey Horvath". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jeffrey Horvath

Chief of Police