

Dover Police Department

*Monthly Report
To
Mayor & City Council*



“To Protect and Serve”

February 2004

March 17, 2004

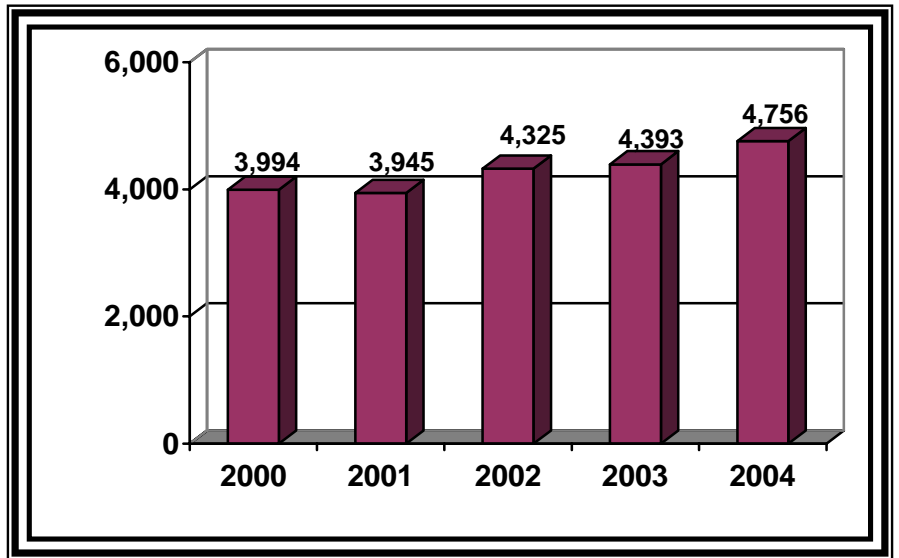
The Honorable James L. Hutchison, Mayor
Members of Dover City Council
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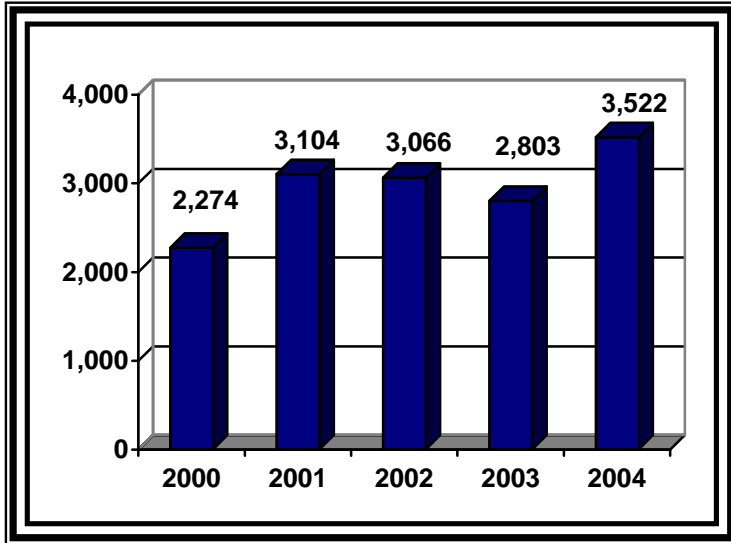
Mayor Hutchison and Council Members:

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

COMPLAINTS

Total complaints received through February 29th numbered 4,756. This is an increase of 363 complaints over the same time period for last year.



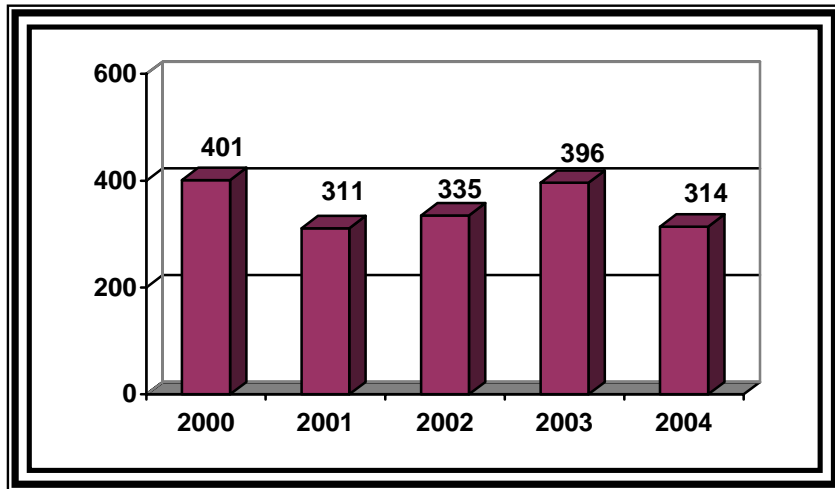


TRAFFIC ARRESTS

The department issued 3,522 traffic citations through this reporting period. This is an increase of 719 citations over the number issued during the same period last year.

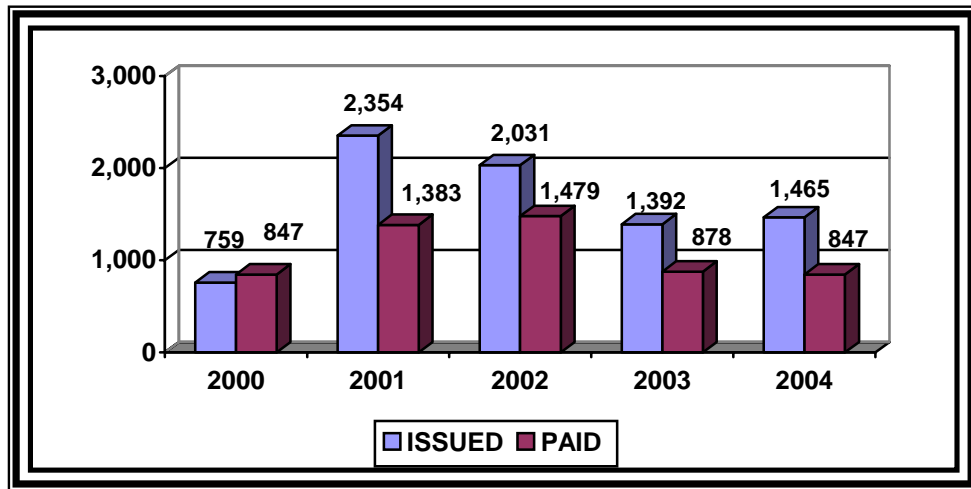
TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

Through February 29th, police investigated 314 traffic accidents. This is a decrease of 82 accidents investigated during the same period last year.



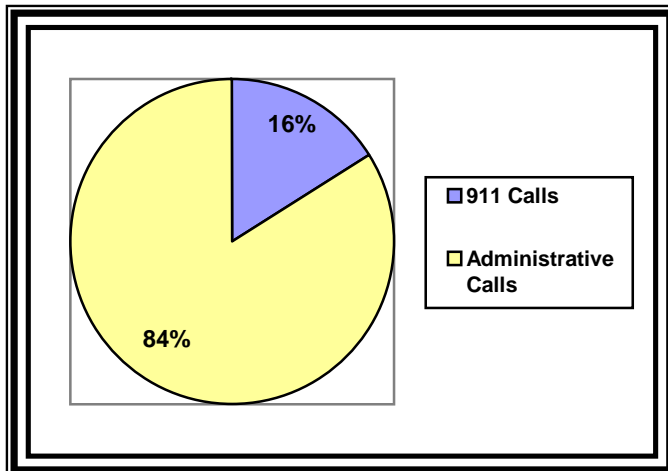
CITY ORDINANCE SUMMONS

Through February 29th, we issued 1,465 city ordinance summons a 5% increase over February of last year. *Note: Of those summonses issued in February, 36 were issued for handicapped parking violations, 38 for fire lane parking violations, and 9 for noise violations (6 for vehicle violations and 3 for residence violations).

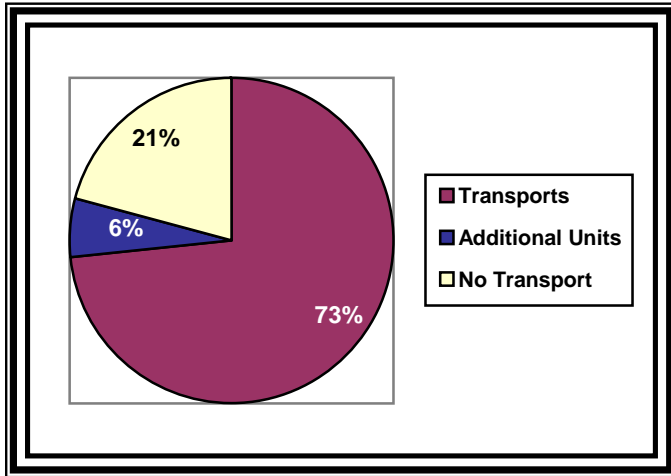


911 CENTER

During the month of February, our 911 Center handled a total of 11,134 calls averaging 384 calls per day. Dispatchers handled 1,793 calls on the 911 lines, an average of 62 calls per day.



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS & BASIC LIFE SUPPORT DIVISION:

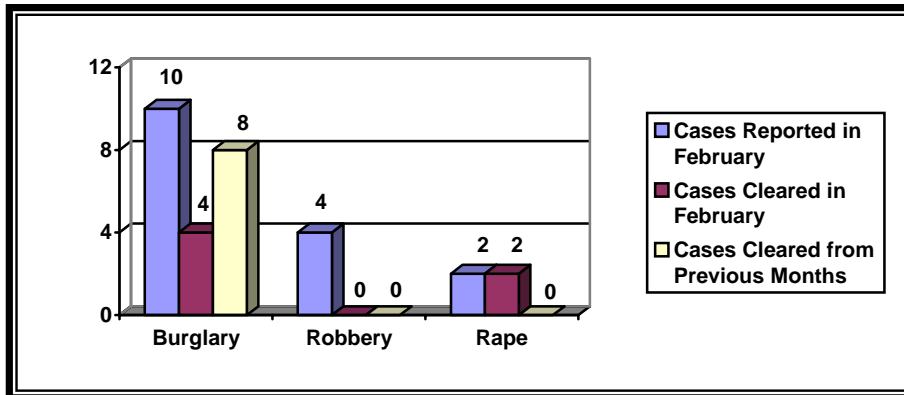


Ambulance Service Inc. (ASI) responded to 285 emergency calls in February resulting in 222 patient transports. The average response time from dispatch by 911 to arrival on scene was 7 minutes and 37 seconds. Additional units responded to 18 of the 285 calls.

On February 3, 2004, Lt. Benton Counselman met with City Manager DePrima and various Department Heads to formulate a prioritized list of needs/projects regarding funding available for physical security equipment at critical infrastructure facilities. This list will be forwarded to DEMA in the near future.

On February 9, 2004 Lt. 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. Operation Liberty Shield reporting and reimbursement was also discussed. (Costs associated with the recent Orange Alert Status)

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS



PLANNING AND TRAINING

During the month of February, 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)
1 Officer	Accident Reconstruction Training	120 hours
1 Officer	FBI National Academy	160 hours
4 Officers	Field Training Officers Course	24 hours (each)
8 Officers	Field Training Officers Refresher	2 hours (each)
13 Officers	SORT Training	12 hours (each)

8 Officers	CNT Training	8 hours (each)
2 Officers	Ground Fighting Techniques	8 hours (each)
5 Officers	Phase II Training	27 hours (each)
2 Officers	Incident Response to Terrorism Training	8 hours (each)

Dover Police Officers investigated several burglaries committed to the residences in Woodmill Apartments, between January and December 2003. Detectives received a break in the case on January 29, 2003, when Officers from the Drugs, Vice, & Organized Crime Section, Delaware State Police, Governors Task Force – Operation Safe Streets, and U.S. Attorney’s Operation Disarm Task Force executed multiple search warrants. Some of the contraband recovered in those search warrants included 5 stolen firearms. Investigators believe the firearms were taken during the commission of the burglaries and then exchanged for illegal narcotics. On February 3, 2004, Detectives arrested one suspect for seven burglaries. The suspect was employed by the Apartment Complex as a maintenance worker during the times of the burglaries and used keys as a way to make entry into the apartments.

On February 3, 2004, Dover Police Department hosted a Shadow Day for Dover High School students. Various instructors gave students blocks of instruction on the different aspects of police work. Some of the topics were; Hiring procedures, Community Policing, Special Operations Response Team, Criminal Investigations, Drug Investigations, and Motorcycle Section. The students also were treated to a K-9 Demonstration.

The Dover Police Department’s Drugs, Vice, & Organized Crime Section executed a search warrant on February 10, 2004, at a residence on River Chase Drive. As a result of the search warrant, 181.5 grams of marijuana, numerous items of drug paraphernalia, and \$254.00 United States Currency was seized. A stolen purse was also recovered at that time. Two suspects were arrested and charged.

During the month of February, Officers from the Drugs, Vice & Organized Crime Section conducted two operations in the area of Liberty Court Apartments. On February 17, 2004, D.V.O.C. Officers conducted an operation outside of Liberty Court Apartments, targeting illegal drug sales. During the operation, an undercover officer purchased crack cocaine from two persons. A short time later, a second drug sale was arranged with the same individuals at which time they were arrested and taken into custody. On February 27, 2004, the D.V.O.C. Officers along with Probation & Parole Officers conducted a reverse drug sting in the area of Liberty Court Apartments. Subjects looking to purchase crack cocaine solicited undercover Police Officers posing as drug dealers. Three subjects were arrested after they attempted to purchase drugs from the undercover officers.

On February 17, 2004, while walking through the woods between Bay Tree Development and White Oak Road, a teenager discovered the skeletal remains of a 41 year old white male inside of a tent. Items of identification were located in the tent. Dover Officers conducted a death investigation and the remains were sent to the State Medical Examiners office for identification. On February 26, 2004, the Medical Examiners office confirmed the identity of the remains, which corresponds to the items of identification that were located inside of the tent. The cause of death is still under investigation.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Horvath
Chief of Police