

Dover Police Department

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



April 2004

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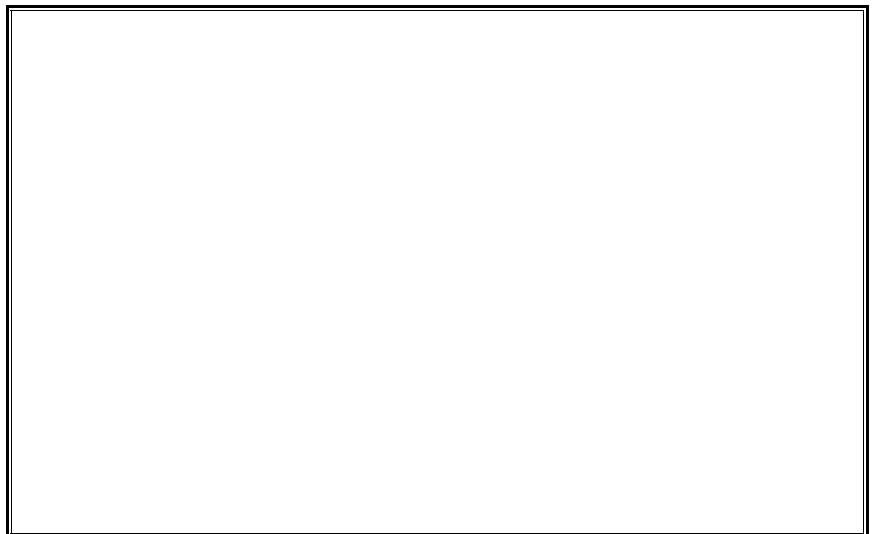
The Honorable Stephen R. Speed, Mayor
Members of Dover City Council
City Hall
Dover, DE 19901

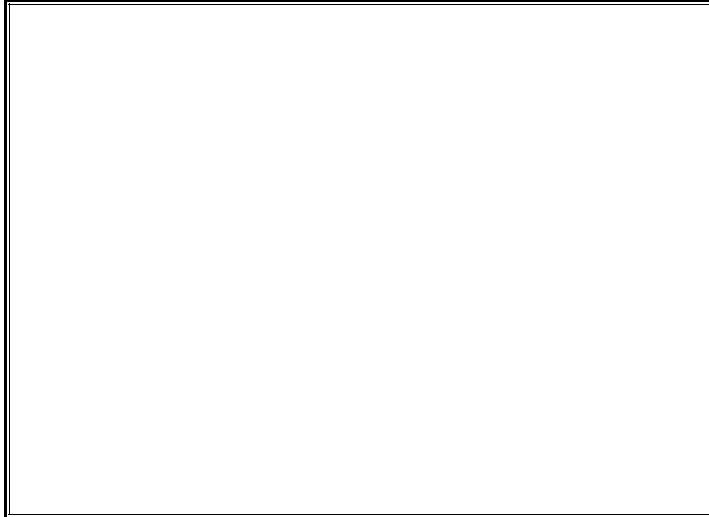
Mayor Speed and Council Members:

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

COMPLAINTS

Total complaints received through April 30th numbered 9,996. This is an increase of 479 complaints over the same time period for last year.



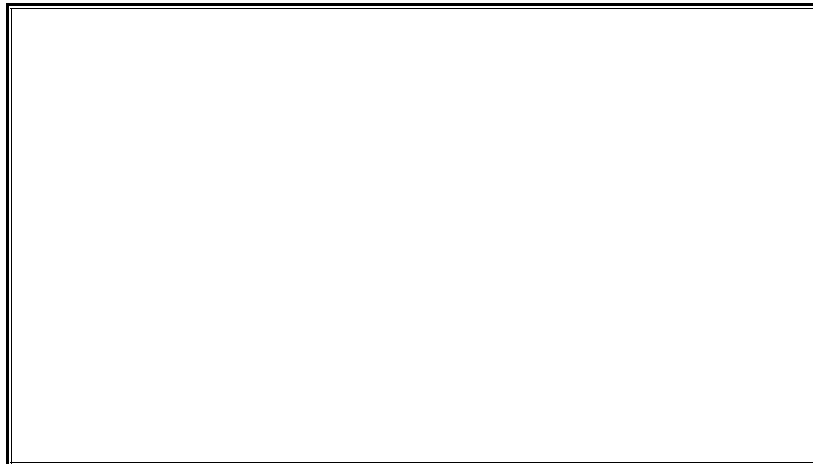


TRAFFIC ARRESTS

The department issued 6,699 traffic citations through this reporting period. This is an increase of 813 citations over the number issued during the same period last year.

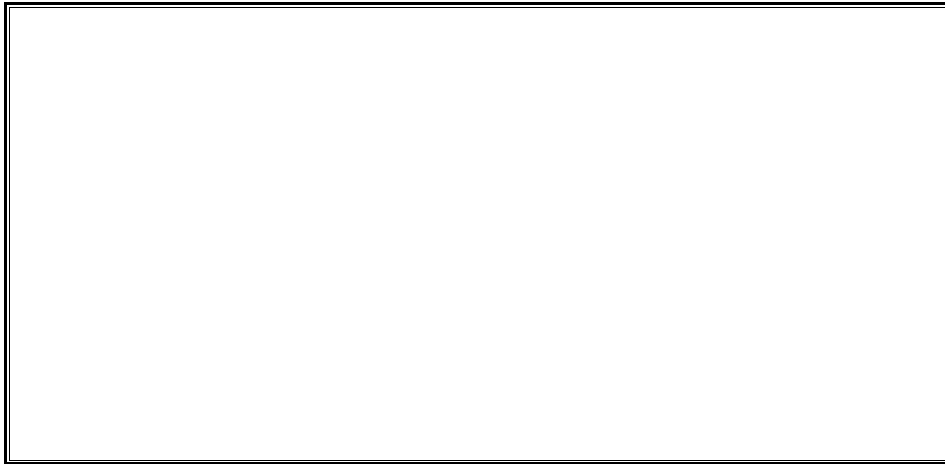
TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

Through April 30th, police investigated 655 traffic accidents. This is a decrease of 99 accidents investigated during the same period last year.



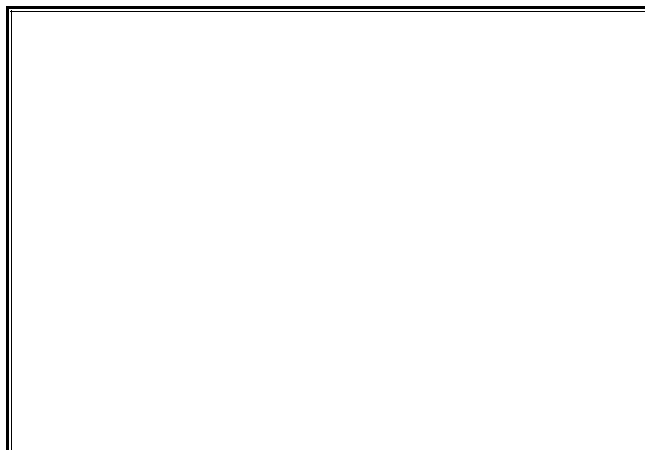
CITY ORDINANCE SUMMONS

Through April 30th, we issued 3,092 city ordinance summons a 7% increase over April of last year.
*Note: Of those summonses issued in April, 41 were issued for handicapped parking violations, 44 for fire lane parking violations, 35 for false alarms (29 for 3-5 alarms, 6 for 6-9 alarms, and 0 for 10-15 alarms) and 15 for noise violations (13 for vehicle violations and 2 for residence violations).



911 CENTER

During the month of April, our 911 Center handled a total of 12,500 calls averaging 417 calls per day. Dispatchers handled 1,994 calls on the 911 lines, an average of 67 calls per day.



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS & BASIC LIFE SUPPORT DIVISION:



Ambulance Service Inc. (ASI) responded to 349 emergency calls in April resulting in 284 patient transports. The average response time from dispatch by 911 to arrival on scene was 7 minutes and 36 seconds. Additional units responded to 19 of the 349 calls.

On April 12, 2004, Lt. Counselman attended the meeting of the Delaware Homeland Security Terrorism Preparedness Working Group. The meeting took place at the Delaware Emergency Management Agency. Items of discussion continued to be the FY

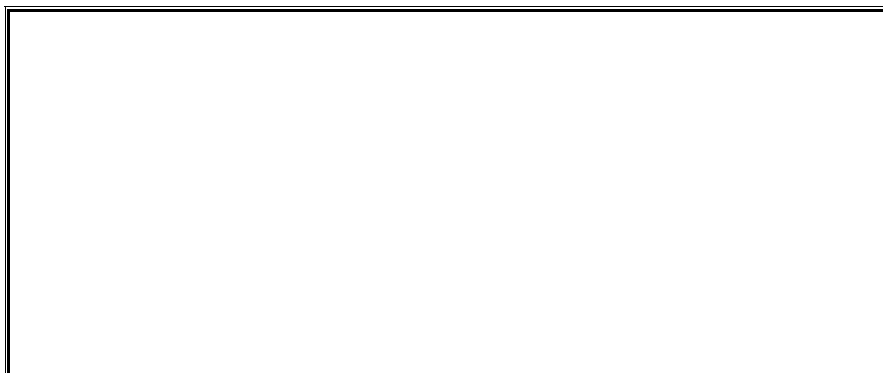
02/03 Grant Equipment Program Procurement Process, (W.M.D. equipment for first responders), and FY 2004 Funding Criteria.

On April 14, 2004, Lt. Benton Counselman, Tony DePrima, Scott Koenig, Les Blakeman, and Ed Baker, met with Rob Hall of the Delaware Emergency Management Agency regarding potential funding for physical security equipment at critical infrastructure facilities throughout the city. The request will be added to the Government Administrative Initial Strategy Implementation Plan. From there, the Government Administrative discipline's requests, along with the other disciplines will go to the Funding Committee for funding consideration.

On April 27, 2004, Lt. Counselman participated in a tabletop exercise sponsored by the Division of Public Health, Public Health Preparedness Section. The purpose of the exercise was to test plans and procedures for request, receipt, management and delivery of medications to the public in the event of a catastrophic event such as a statewide outbreak of the plague.

On April 27, 2004, PrimeCare Medical Transport, LLC. of Milford, Delaware announced that they had purchased Ambulance Service Inc. With the purchase PrimeCare Medical Transport, LLC will now provide ambulance service to the City of Dover

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS



PLANNING AND TRAINING

During the month of April, 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	MAGLOCLLEN Business Conference	16 hours
1 Officer	Basic Shift Investigator Training	12 hours
3 Officers	Leadership & Supervision Fundamentals Training	16 hours (each)
5 Officers	Characteristics of Armed Persons Seminar	8 hours (each)
4 Officers	Traffic Occupant Safety Seminar	8 hours (each)
1 Officer	Basic Anti-Terrorism Training	32 hours
1 Civilian	Microsoft Access Training	16 hours
1 Civilian	Second Annual Sexual Assault Conference	8 hours
1 Officer	Background Investigation Training	8 hours
24 Officers	Joint SORT/CNT Training	8 hours (each)
5 Officers	National Association for Mentally Ill Training	2 hours (each)
5 Officers	Quarterly Accident Reconstruction Training	8 hours (each)
1 Officer	Occupant Safety Conference	16 hours
1 Officer	Managing Police Discipline Seminar	24 hours
1 Officer	Microsoft Excel Training	8 hours
1 Officer	Crisis Intervention for Hostage Negotiation Training	8 hours

On April 2, 2004, members of the Drugs, Vice, & Organized Crime Section and Operation Safe Streets executed a search warrant at a residence located at White Oak Condominiums. As a result of the search warrant, officers seized 2 ounces of Cocaine (valued at \$6,000.00), 17 ounces of Marijuana (valued at \$9,800.00), \$5,132.00 United States Currency, drug paraphernalia, and a 1994 Cadillac. Six suspects were arrested and charged with numerous offenses.

I am pleased to report on April 6, 2004, the Juvenile Section of the Dover Police Department held a D.A.R.E. Graduation at W. Reilly Brown School. A total of 90 children graduated. The D.A.R.E. program is a ten-week course, which is held once a week for 45 minutes. Congratulations to the D.A.R.E. graduates and to Cpl. Sandra Smetana and PFC E. Keith Hester for a job well done.

On April 7, 2004, M.A.D.D. (Mothers Against Drunk Driving), Delaware Chapter, held their 5th Annual Recognition Ceremony. I am pleased to announce that eleven (11) Dover Police Officers were honored for their outstanding efforts in targeting D.U.I. motorists. Those officers are: Cpl. Jeffrey King, PFC Robert Barrett, PFC Marc Gray, PFC Christopher Hermance, PFC Gregory Hopkins, PFC Harvey Jaksch, PFC Jeffery Melvin, Ptlm. Aaron Dickinson, Ptlm. Jeffrey Gott, Ptlm. Randy Robbins, and Ptlm. James Stubbs. I hope that you will join me in congratulating them on a job well done.

Effective April 15, 2004, the red light violators captured by the Nester Camera System located at Route 13 and Webbs Lane are being issued civil fines. Prior to April 15th, violators were issued a warning. The fine for running the right light is \$75.00. The camera system is recording an average of 35 - 40 violations per day.

In the early morning hours on April 17, 2004, Dover Officers conducted investigations into two felony offenses that occurred on Stevenson Drive in Manchester Square. The first incident occurred when a victim was assaulted while he sat inside of his vehicle. The victim was approached by numerous individuals who slashed the tires to his vehicle and then began to throw bottles at the vehicle. The individuals then assaulted the victim causing a laceration to his face. The victim was treated and released from Kent General Hospital. Four subjects were arrested and charged in this incident. Dover Police Officers and Emergency Medical Personnel were called to the second incident for a report of a subject lying on the ground. The subject had sustained a stab wound and was pronounced dead at the scene. Through investigation, Dover Officers were able to identify a suspect. The same suspect had been involved in the first incident. He was arrested on April 19, 2004 and charged with murder and numerous offenses.

On April 17, 2004, the Delaware Chapter of the Son's of the American Revolution held it's Annual Convention. Dover Police Officer; PFC Gregory Hopkins was honored as the Outstanding Police Officer for the State of Delaware for the year 2003. I hope that you will join me in congratulating him on a job well done.

The 13th Annual Crime Victim's Tribute sponsored by the Delaware Victim's Rights Task Force was held on April 20, 2004 at the Modern Maturity Center. The event included a memorial wall with letters, poems, and artwork submitted by victim's survivors, family and friends. The guest speakers for the tribute were Debbie & Rob Smith. Dover Police Department's Victim's Services Coordinator Diane Glenn is the Chairperson of the task force and is responsible for coordinating the many aspects of the tribute. I would like to congratulate her for a job well done.

During the month of April, Dover Officers were able through investigation to clear five (5) robberies that occurred between March 19, 2004 and April 24, 2004, throughout the city of Dover. In all five robberies, the suspects displayed a handgun and obtained cash from the victims. Three subjects were arrested and charged with multiple offenses. All three were committed to the Delaware Correctional Center in default of secured bond.

On April 23, 2004, members of the Drugs, Vice, & Organized Crime Section conducted a drug operation in the Downtown area of Dover. This operation was to target the sale of illegal drugs. As a result of this investigation, three subjects were arrested on various drug charges.

On April 28, 2004, members of the Drugs, Vice, & Organized Crime Section and Operation Safe Streets acted on information of a subject in possession of drugs. The officers contacted the suspect and found that he was in possession of approximately 6 grams of crack cocaine. The suspect gave a false name in an attempt to conceal the fact that he was wanted as a fugitive from the State of Maryland. The suspect was committed the Delaware Correctional Center in default of secured bond.

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On April 28, 2004, Dover Officers and D.E.A. (Drug Enforcement Administration) Task Force Officers arrested a subject who was wanted on a Federal warrant. The subject was wanted for Conspiracy to Distribute Cocaine. He was arraigned at the United States Federal Court for the District of Delaware and held without bond pending his extradition back to Texas to face prosecution.

On April 30, 2004, Dover Officers executed a search warrant at a residence on Sussex Avenue. As a result of the search, officers seized a small amount of crack cocaine, marijuana, and various items of drug paraphernalia. Officers arrested two suspects and charged them with numerous offenses.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Horvath
Chief of Police