

# *Dover Police Department*

*Monthly Report  
To  
Mayor & City Council*



*“To Protect and Serve”*

*May 2004*

June 22, 2004

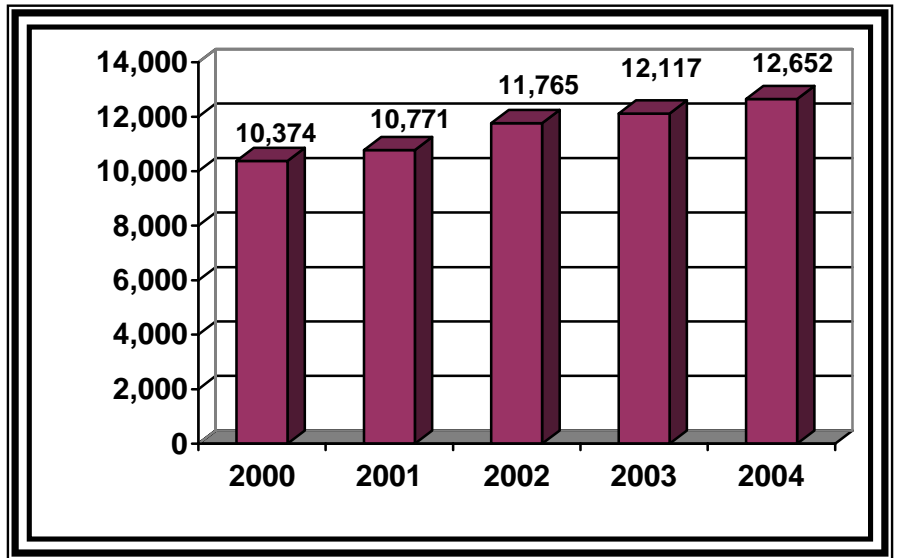
The Honorable Stephen R. Speed, Mayor  
Members of Dover City Council  
City Hall  
Dover, DE 19901

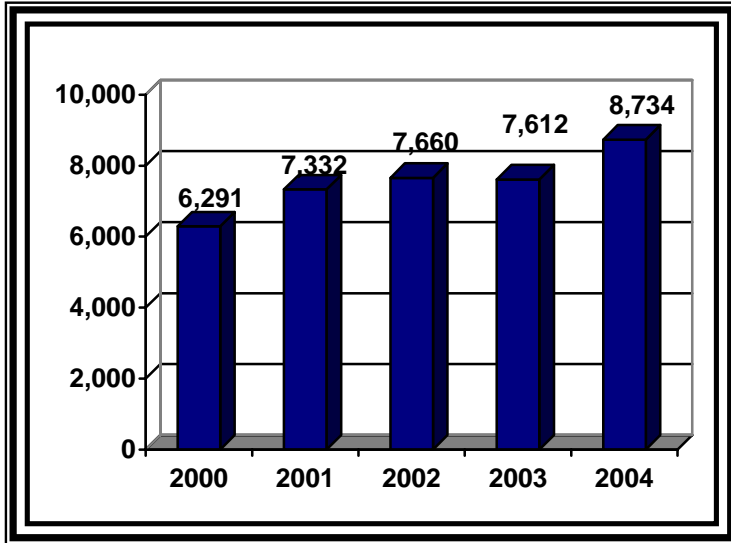
Mayor Speed and Council Members:

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

***COMPLAINTS***

Total complaints received through May 31<sup>st</sup> numbered 12,652. This is an increase of 535 complaints over the same time period for last year.



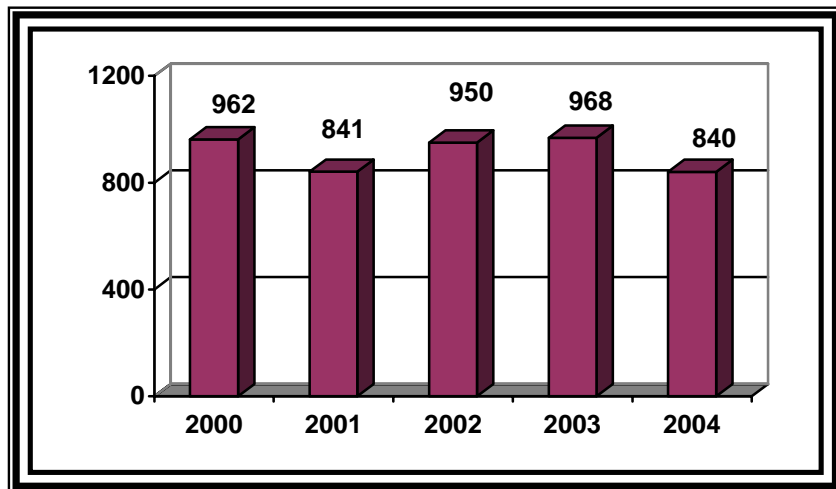


***TRAFFIC ARRESTS***

The department issued 8,734 traffic citations through this reporting period. This is an increase of 1,122 citations over the number issued during the same period last year.

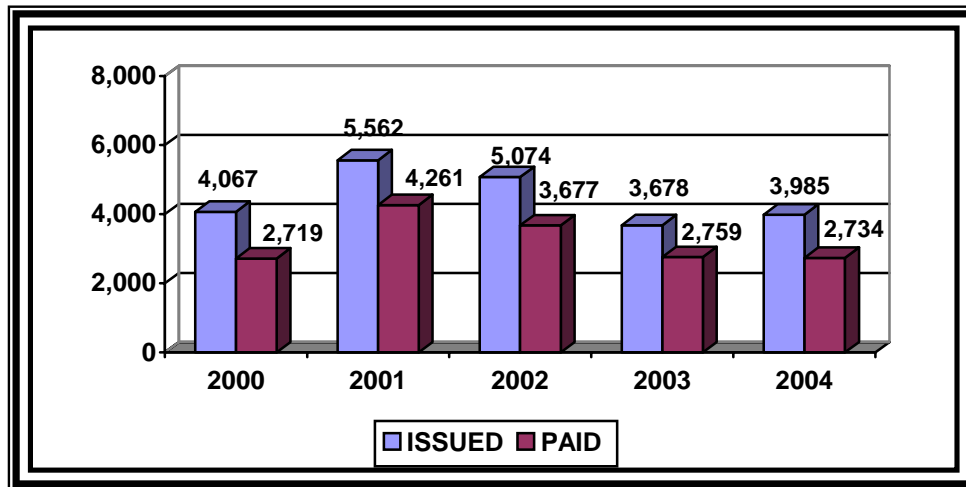
***TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS***

Through May 31<sup>st</sup>, police investigated 840 traffic accidents. This is a decrease of 128 accidents investigated during the same period last year.



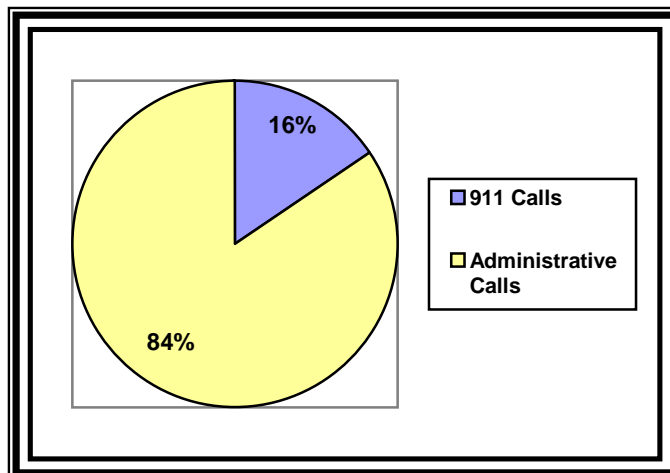
***CITY ORDINANCE SUMMONS***

Through May 31<sup>st</sup>, we issued 3,985 city ordinance summons an 8% increase over May of last year. \*Note: of those summonses issued in May, 29 were issued for handicapped parking violations, 14 for fire lane parking violations, 50 for false alarms (34 for 3-5 alarms, 14 for 6-9 alarms, and 2 for 10-15 alarms) and 20 for noise violations (9 for vehicle violations and 11 for residence violations).

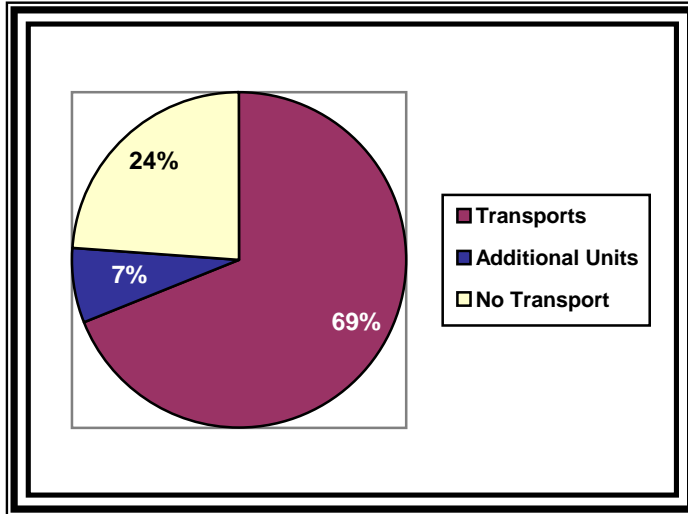


***911 CENTER***

During the month of May, our 911 Center handled a total of 12,903 calls averaging 416 calls per day. Dispatchers handled 2,008 calls on the 911 lines, an average of 65 calls per day.



**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS & BASIC LIFE SUPPORT DIVISION:**

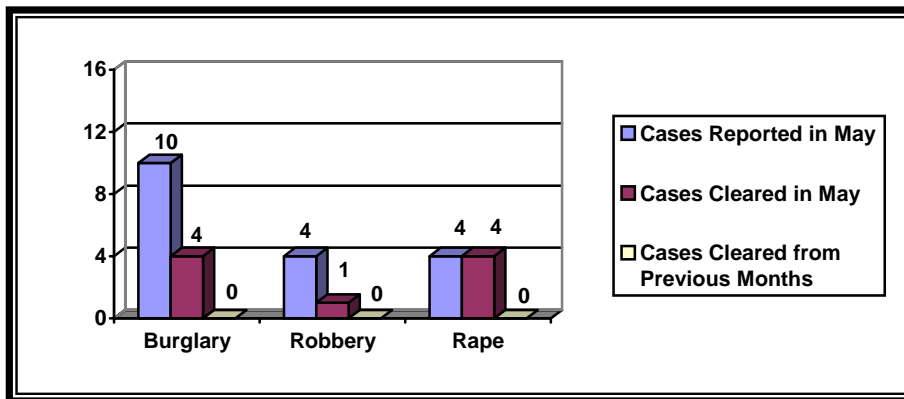


Prime Care Medial Transport, Inc. responded to 348 emergency calls in May resulting in 258 patient transports. The average response time from dispatch by 911 to arrival on scene was 7 minutes and 35 seconds. Additional units responded to 27 of the 348 calls.

On May 11, 2004, Lt. Counselman attended a briefing at Dover Downs International Speedway regarding the upcoming NASCAR race in June. Representatives from the FBI, Dover Police Department, Delaware State Police, D.N.R.E.C., Public Health, EMS, Fire, and Bayhealth Medical were present. The primary topic of discussion was security issues surrounding the June NASCAR event.

On May 26, 2004, Lt. Counselman attended the monthly 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.

**CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS**



**PLANNING AND TRAINING**

During the month of May, 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	Bi-Monthly K-9 Training	24 hours (each)
4 Officers	Crime Scene Investigation I Training	40 hours (each)
4 Officers & 3 Civilians	Microsoft Excel Training	8 hours (each)
2 Officers & 1 Civilian	Project Development Seminar	16 hours (each)

***PLANNING AND TRAINING (continued)***

2 Officers	FBINAA Retrainer Seminar	20 hours (each)
12 Officers	SORT Training	8 hours (each)
2 Officers	Delaware Police Chiefs' Council Conference	16 hours (each)
4 Officers	Officer Survival Training	24 hours (each)
1 Officer	Pedophile Investigations Training	8 hours
1 Officer	Finance for Non-Finance People Seminar	8 hours
1 Officer	Vericomm Computer Systems Familiarization	16 hours
1 Officer	Crisis Intervention for Hostage Negotiation Training	8 hours
3 Civilians	Command Post Driving Training	3 hours (each)
4 Officers	Honor Guard Training	8 hours (each)
6 Officers	Motorcycle Skills Refresher	8 hours (each)
2 Officers	Microsoft Power Point Training	8 hours (each)
1 Civilian	DELJIS Training	8 hours
2 Civilians	Crisis Intervention for Communications Operators	16 hours (each)

The Dover Police Department strives to honor and pay tribute to fallen police officers. To that end, Dover Police Officers attended the Annual Memorial Service in front of Legislative Hall, on May 5, 2004, honoring those Police Officers from agencies throughout the state that have died in the line of duty. Dover Police Officers also attended the National Police Memorial Service held in Washington DC on May 15, 2004.

The Dover Police Department partnered with the State of Delaware Office of Highway Safety and thirty (30) other law enforcement agencies statewide to save lives and reduce injuries on Delaware roadways by participating in the 2004 "Click it or Ticket" campaign. The "Click it or Ticket" campaign utilizes both public safety announcements and enforcement actions in order to reduce the loss of life and to reduce the chance of injury by promoting seatbelt usage. The campaign ran from May 16, 2004 through May 31, 2004. The Dover Police Department supplemented routine patrols with twenty-eight (28) additional saturation patrols, paid through grant funding, during the campaign.

On May 14, 2004, members of the Drugs, Vice, & Organized Crime Section along with officers from the Milford Police Department, conducted a prostitution sting in the downtown Dover Weed & Seed area. The officers took into custody four female subjects. They were charged with prostitution and drug offenses.

The Dover Police Department provided support to the Dover Air Force Base for their Annual Air Show that was held the weekend of May 15 & 16, 2004. Dover Officers assisted with security during this event. It is estimated that 100,000 persons attended each day with no significant problems encountered.

On May 20, 2004, members of the Drugs, Vice, & Organized Crime Section along with officers from Probation & Parole conducted a search warrant at a residence on South Governors Avenue. One person fled from the residence and was apprehended after a foot pursuit. Officers seized drug paraphernalia and arrested six subjects on various charges.

On May 24, 2004, the Dover Police Department's Motorcycle Unit attended a Law Enforcement Motorcycle re-trainer and competition in Newark. This event was sponsored by the Newark Police Department. The goal of this program is to ensure motorcycle officers have the most up to date training and skills. Congratulations to the newest member of the Department's Motorcycle Section, PFC. David Gist, for being awarded the trophy for the "Best Novice Motor Officer".

On May 25, 2004, in the early morning hours, a 29-year-old male victim was inside a residence on River Road when an unknown suspect discharged one round from a shotgun. The round damaged the residence window and struck the victim on the right side of his face and neck. The victim was treated and released from Kent General Hospital. No arrest has been made at this time.

Between the hours of 6:00 pm on May 27, 2004 and 6:00 am on May 28, 2004, officers from the Drugs, Vice, & Organized Crime Section along with D.E.A. Task Force members, Operation Safe Street officers, and officers from the Delaware State Police Drug Units executed multiple search warrants. The officers seized 8 ounces of cocaine (street valued at \$22,400.00), 1 ounce of marijuana (street valued at \$500.00) and \$5,150.00 United States Currency. Officers arrested three subjects and charged them with numerous drug offenses.

The Dover Police Department is participating in a "Weed & Seed" initiative whereas a "John School" has been established in Kent County. Persons convicted of Patronizing a Prostitute may be required, as part of their probation to participate in the program. The "John" will be evaluated and prescribed counseling and/or treatment with the intent of reducing the likelihood of the "John" becoming a repeat offender.

During National Law Enforcement Week, events were held at Dover Air Force Base where police agencies competed against each other. Off duty Dover Police Officers participated with statewide police agencies as well as military security personnel in various competitions. I am pleased to report that the Dover Police Teams earned first place in the Golf and Softball competitions.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Horvath  
Chief of Police