

ANNUAL REPORT  
of the  
MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT  
of  
STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

June 1, 1954 to June 1, 1955

July 20, 1955

To the Chairman and members of the  
State Highway Department  
Dover, Delaware

Gentlemen:

I respectfully submit herewith a report of the activities  
of the Motor Vehicle Department of the State Highway De-  
partment for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955.

Respectfully,

H. B. SPICER  
Motor Vehicle Commissioner

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The Motor Vehicle Department has adopted and is in the process of converting to a new system which can appropriately be described as a complete punch card system. This system embraces the use of punch card equipment in nearly every operation of the Department.

Most of the new system's conversion activities for the issuance of driver's licenses, and the establishing of the Driver's History Record File has been completed.

This new system will be more economical to operate and will give motorists of the State of Delaware more convenient methods of obtaining licenses, titles and registrations.

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**June 1, 1954 to June 1, 1955**  
**MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT**  
**Annual Report of Vehicles Examined at the**  
**Wilmington, Dover and Georgetown Lanes**  
**July 1, 1954 to June 30, 1955**

**Closing**

Approved on Initial Examination .....	120,412
Approved on Re-Examination .....	8,334
<b>DAILY TOTAL .....</b>	<b>128,746</b>
Rejected on Initial Examination .....	8,653
Rejected on Re-Examination .....	291

**Reason for Rejections**

Tires .....	62	Dr. Lights .....	1,366
Alin. ....	1,377	C. P. B. Output .....	908
St. Oper. ....	1,855	P. & O. Lights .....	1,075
Dimensions .....	59	R. & S. Lights .....	3,268
Plates .....	260	Bulbs .....	863
Glass .....	2,429	Wir. & Sw. ....	190
W. W. Vision .....	167	Reflectors .....	322
Horn .....	181	Div. Sig. ....	93
Windshield .....	38	Ser. Br. ....	1,040
Mirror .....	114	Park. Br. ....	1,981
Exhaust .....	2,182	Br. Equal. ....	838
Misc. ....	1,224	P. & L. Reserve .....	141
Hd. Lights .....	2,052	Door & Latch .....	17

**MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT**  
**APPROXIMATE NO. BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS**  
**FISCAL YEAR ENDED June 30, 1955**  
**(COMPARATIVE)**

		% of Increase		% of Increase	
1953	1954	over 1953	1955	over 1953	over 1954
404,840	429,891	+6.2%	480,012	+18.6%	+11.7%

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**APPROXIMATE NO. BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS**  
**FISCAL YEAR ENDED June 30, 1955**  
**(CLASSIFIED BY DEPARTMENTS)**

Registrations		Oper., Chauff. & App.		Miscellaneous		Titles, etc.		Totals	
1953	1955	1953	1955	1953	1955	1953	1955	1953	1955
176,641	205,481	67,310	72,622	18,972	33,339	141,917	168,570	404,840	480,012
	+28,840		+5,312		+14,367		+26,653		+75,172

Percentage of Increase in Grand Total of Business Transactions for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1955 over Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1953 ..... 18.6%

**MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT**  
**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF NET INCOME**  
**7-1-53 to 6-30-54 and 7-1-54 to 6-30-55**

	1953-1954	1954-1955	Increase or Decrease
<b>REGISTRATIONS</b>			
Pleasures (1 yr.) .....	\$1,123,926.25	\$1,201,365.01	\$ 77,438.76
Pleasures (½ yr.) .....	30,401.00	38,597.00	8,196.00
Pleasures (¼ yr.) .....	1,442.85	1,783.50	340.65
Commercials (1 yr.) .....	804,665.05	904,310.44	99,645.39
Commercials (½ yr.) .....	113,968.59	124,799.23	10,830.64
Commercials (¼ yr.) .....	7,351.22	9,660.65	2,309.43
Trailers (1 yr.) .....	308,316.36	314,368.04	6,051.68
Trailers (½ yr.) .....	37,776.25	52,480.69	14,704.44
Trailers (¼ yr.) .....	2,157.24	2,872.46	715.22
Tractors .....	1,144.00	1,060.25	(83.75)
Motor Cycles (1 yr.) .....	2,435.00	2,247.00	(188.00)
Motor Cycles (½ yr.) .....	3.00	.....	(3.00)
Stack Cars .....	150.00	145.00	(5.00)
Farm Trucks (1 yr.) .....	66,333.14	73,085.45	6,752.31
Farm Trucks (½ yr.) .....	705.73	1,069.32	363.59
Dealers .....	12,937.00	14,622.00	1,685.00
Extra Weight .....	3,744.18	3,937.00	192.82
<b>Totals .....</b>	<b>\$2,517,456.86</b>	<b>\$2,746,403.04</b>	<b>\$228,946.18</b>

<b>LICENSES</b>			
Operator, Chauffeurs and Applications .....	\$ 237,045.00	\$ 270,550.50	\$ 33,505.50
Permanent Operators and Chauffeurs .....	56,175.00	44,980.00	(11,195.00)
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 293,220.00</b>	<b>\$ 315,530.50</b>	<b>\$ 22,310.50</b>

<b>TITLING DEPARTMENT</b>			
New Car Titles .....	\$ 21,045.00	\$ 23,441.00	\$ 2,396.00
Used Car Titles .....	58,827.00	64,960.00	6,133.00
Corrected Titles .....	3,138.00	2,977.00	(161.00)
Duplicate Titles .....	862.00	957.00	95.00
Liens .....	16,561.00	18,351.50	1,790.50
Satisfactions .....	6,278.25	7,549.00	1,270.75
Supplementary Titles .....	3,231.00	3,062.00	(169.00)
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 109,942.25</b>	<b>\$ 121,297.50</b>	<b>\$ 11,355.25</b>

**MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT**  
**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF NET INCOME**  
**7-1-53 to 6-30-54 and 7-1-54 to 6-30-55**  
**(Continued)**

	1953-1954	1954-1955	Increase or Decrease
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>			
Duplicate Cards .....	\$ 5,113.00	\$ 6,069.00	\$ 1,956.00
Exchange Operators Cards..	601.50	544.00	(57.50)
Reference Money .....	1,679.10	4,621.15	2,942.05
Bad Check Collections .....	270.00	300.00	30.00
Temporary Vehicle Permits	7,314.00	7,975.00	661.00
Tag Retainers Fees .....	8,015.00	11,015.00	3,000.00
Amateur Radio Oper. Tags	330.00	170.50	(159.50)
Lost Tags and Inserts .....	3,008.00	2,813.50	(194.50)
Telephone Fees .....	3,660.54	4,259.50	598.96
Shortage and Surcharge .....	(364.99)	(1,117.04)	(752.05)
Bad Checks .....	(144.90)	(23.95)	120.95
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 29,481.25</b>	<b>\$ 37,626.66</b>	<b>\$ 8,145.41</b>
<b>ADD:</b>			
Refund Checks of Prior Year Unclaimed Registra- tions—Pleasure .....	\$ 171.20	\$ 20.50	\$ (150.80)
Unclaimed Registrations— Commercial .....	4.00	86.56	82.56
Adjustment of Prior Year Income Registration .....	.....	.10	.10
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 175.30</b>	<b>\$ 107.16</b>	<b>\$ (68.14)</b>
<b>Total Net Income .....</b>	<b>\$2,950,275.66</b>	<b>\$3,220,964.86</b>	<b>\$270,689.20</b>
<b>Non-Revenue Receipts</b>			
Telephone .....	(3,660.54)	\$ (4,259.50)	\$ (598.96)
Deposited to State Treas.....	\$2,946,615.12	\$3,216,705.36	\$270,090.24

**SUMMARIZED COMPARISON OF NET INCOME**  
**MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT**  
**FISCAL YEARS ENDING 1954 AND 1955**

	1953-1954	1954-1955	Increase or Decrease
Registrations .....	\$2,517,456.86	\$2,746,403.04	\$228,946.18
Licenses—Operators, Chauffeurs, & Applications	293,220.00	315,530.50	22,310.50
Titling .....	109,942.25	121,297.50	11,355.25
Miscellaneous .....	29,481.25	37,626.66	8,145.41
Refund Checks of Prior Year Unclaimed .....	175.30	107.16	(68.14)
Total .....	\$2,950,275.66	\$3,220,964.86	\$270,689.20
Non-Revenue Receipts .....	(3,660.54)	(4,259.50)	(598.96)
Net Income .....	\$2,946,615.12	\$3,216,705.36	\$270,090.24

**SUMMARIZED COMPARISON OF NET REFUNDS**  
**USED IN DETERMINING NET INCOME**  
**MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT**  
**FISCAL YEARS ENDING 1954 AND 1955**

	1953-1954	1954-1955	Increase or Decrease
Registrations .....	\$ 21,430.59	\$ 30,291.34	\$ 8,860.75
Bi-Annual Operators, Chauffeurs, & Applications .....	187.00	429.00	242.00
Permanent Operators & Chauffeurs .....	36.00	220.00	184.00
Duplicate Cards .....	24.00	17.50	(6.50)
New Car, Used Car, Supplementary, & Corrected Titles .....	32.00	44.00	12.00
Duplicate Titles .....	2.50	4.50	2.00
Liens .....	11.50	22.50	11.00
Lost Tags .....	4.00	2.00	(2.00)
Temporary Vehicle Permits ..	1.00	2.00	1.00
Reference Money .....	.50	16.30	15.80
Lost Inserts .....	.50	—	(.50)
Tag Retainers Fees .....	—	10.00	10.00
Total .....	\$ 21,729.59	\$ 31,059.14	\$ 9,329.55

**MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT**  
**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF GROSS COLLECTIONS**  
**Fiscal Year Ended June 30th**  
**(Classified by Months)**

Month	1954	1955
July .....	\$ 163,399.01	\$ 210,933.86
August .....	102,729.17	152,065.33
September .....	357,822.14	403,905.99
October .....	172,552.50	329,277.68
November .....	88,767.40	139,852.12
December .....	319,889.15	384,732.74
January .....	185,564.97	181,659.14
February .....	153,178.65	145,944.77
March .....	642,113.69	517,063.44
April .....	253,133.77	241,546.73
May .....	137,767.76	146,371.00
June .....	395,231.94	398,671.10
Adjustment on prior year .....		.10
<b>Totals .....</b>	<b>\$2,972,150.15</b>	<b>\$3,252,024.00</b>
	Increase for 1955 .....	\$ 279,873.83
	Percentage of Increase	9.4%

**GROSS CASH COLLECTIONS**  
**Fiscal Year 7-1-54 to 6-30-55**  
**(Classified by Departments)**

	Mail	Dover	Georgetown	Total
Cash Collec- tions	\$577,067.93	\$440,085.07	\$1,629,829.79	\$605,041.21
Percent- ages	17.8%	13.5%	50.1%	18.6%

**MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT  
TRANSACTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR**

**(7-1-54 to 6-30-55)**

	Mail	Dover	Wilmington	Georgetown	Total
<b>REGISTRATIONS</b>					
Pleasures (1 yr.).....	8,350	13,828	73,052	20,355	115,585
Pleasures (½ yr.).....	1,510	1,018	2,310	1,206	6,044
Pleasures (¼ yr.).....	6	103	273	111	493
Commercials (1 yr.).....	2,258	3,900	13,873	5,369	25,400
Commercials (½ yr.)....	435	953	956	1,040	3,384
Commercials (¼ yr.)....	41	177	101	65	384
Trailers (1 yr.).....	1,389	1,278	3,117	1,477	7,261
Trailers (½ yr.).....	300	251	206	271	1,028
Trailers (¼ yr.).....	16	36	13	24	89
Tractors .....	6	79	115	13	213
Motor Cycles (1 yr.)....	41	74	385	65	565
Stock Cars .....	2	2	17	8	29
Dealers .....	507	78	661	463	1,709
Farm Trucks (1 yr.).....	194	1,139	183	1,991	3,507
Farm Trucks (½ yr.)....	5	8	1	47	61
Extra Wgt., etc. ....	325	22	168	66	581
Exempt .....	164	437	782	425	1,808
Transfers .....	23,119	141	12,212	1,868	37,340
<b>Totals .....</b>	<b>38,668</b>	<b>23,524</b>	<b>108,425</b>	<b>34,864</b>	<b>205,481</b>

<b>OPERATORS</b>					
Bi-Annual Operators (1956-1957) .....	14,203	2,819	20,579	4,621	42,222
Bi-Annual Chauffeurs (1956-1957) .....	3,298	1,100	4,532	1,615	10,545
Applications .....	15	2,288	10,510	2,045	14,858
Permanent Operators....	432	198	2,404	706	3,740
Permanent Chauffeurs..	125	81	400	174	780
Taxi (1954) .....	0	39	152	23	214
Taxi (1955) .....	1	33	196	33	263
<b>Totals .....</b>	<b>18,074</b>	<b>6,558</b>	<b>38,773</b>	<b>9,217</b>	<b>72,622</b>

<b>TITLING DEPARTMENT</b>					
New Car Titles .....	8,984	235	11,483	2,760	23,462
Used Car Titles .....	35,593	1,114	22,342	5,930	64,979
Corrected Titles .....	1,129	252	1,095	504	2,980
Duplicate Titles .....	1,657	0	194	63	1,914
Liens .....	18,134	445	14,537	3,641	36,757
Satisfactions .....	35,080	0	0	0	35,080
Supplementary Titles....	2,687	0	361	14	3,062
Exempt Titles .....	136	8	138	54	336

**MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT  
TRANSACTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR  
(7-1-54 to 6-30-55)—(Continued)**

MISCELLANEOUS					
Lost Tags .....	119	296	541	443	1,399
Dup. Reg. Cards .....	3,308	557	2,949	1,307	8,121
Reference Money .....	791	0	0	0	791
Temporary Veh. Permits .....	215	1,001	5,076	1,693	7,985
Lost Inserts .....	20	0	45	5	70
Exch. Oper. Cards .....	3	229	582	274	1,088
Dup. Oper. & Chauff. Cards .....	772	21	1,723	510	3,026
Tag Retainers' Fees.....	1,799	1	259	146	2,205
Telephone Fees .....	124	8	6,179	2,252	8,563
Bad Check Collections..	17	21	12	10	60
A.R.O. Fees .....	31	0	0	0	31
<b>Totals .....</b>	<b>7,199</b>	<b>2,134</b>	<b>17,366</b>	<b>6,640</b>	<b>33,339</b>
GRAND TOTALS					
Transactions .....	167,341	34,270	214,714	63,687	480,012
& Percentages .....	34.9%	7.1%	44.7%	13.3%	

**MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT**  
**Approximate No. One Year and One-Half Year Registrations**  
**Issued During Fiscal Years 7-1-53 to 6-30-54**  
**and 7-1-54 to 6-30-55**

CLASSIFICATION	7-1-53 to	7-1-54 to	Increase or Decrease
	6-30-54	6-30-55	
	One Year	One Year	
Pleasures .....	109,766	115,585	5,819
Commercials .....	22,886	25,400	2,514
Trailers .....	6,830	7,261	431
Tractors .....	230	213	(17)
Motor Cycles .....	612	565	(47)
Stock Cars .....	30	29	(1)
Dealers .....	1,491	1,709	218
Farm Trucks .....	3,162	3,507	345
Exempt .....	1,762	1,808	46
<b>TOTALS .....</b>	<b>146,769</b>	<b>156,077</b>	<b>9,308</b>
<b>PER CENT .....</b>	<b>94.0%</b>	<b>93.1%</b>	

CLASSIFICATION	One-Half Year	One-Half Year	Increase or Decrease
Pleasures .....	4,869	6,044	1,175
Commercials .....	2,991	3,384	393
Trailers .....	741	1,028	287
Motor Cycles .....	1	0	(1)
Farm Trucks .....	39	61	22
<b>TOTALS .....</b>	<b>8,641</b>	<b>10,517</b>	<b>1,876</b>
<b>PER CENT .....</b>	<b>5.5%</b>	<b>6.3%</b>	

Note: Approximately 966 registrations of various types issued for one-quarter year during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1955, or about 6/10 of 1%. About 5/10 of 1% were issued for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1954.

## MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT

### Approximate Distribution of Motor Vehicles in Reference to Expiration of Registration

Reg. Exp. June 30, 1955	REGISTRATION AND INSERT GUIDE				State & Exempt	Class	7-1-54 As of	7-1-55 As of	Decrease Increase or
	Sussex County	Kent County	New Castle County	Total					
9-30-55 .....	7,785	8,887	22,554	39,226		Pleasure .....	102,140	109,517	+ 7.2%
Reg. Exp. 12-31-55 .....	7,269	9,106	20,448	36,823	1,725	Comm. ....	C21,791	C24,495	+12.4%
Reg. Exp. 3-31-56 .....	8,746	10,155	28,618	47,519		Trlrs. ....	T 6,329	T 6,952	+ 9.8%
Reg. Exp. 6-30-56 .....	4,683	3,806	14,381	22,870		Tractors .....	189	187	- 1.1%
						M. Cycles .....	464	452	- 2.8%
						Stock Cars .....	23	23	—
						Farm Trucks ....	2,881	3,233	+12.2%
<b>Totals .....</b>	<b>28,483</b>	<b>31,954</b>	<b>86,001</b>	<b>146,438</b>	<b>1,725</b>	<b>Totals .....</b>	<b>133,817</b>	<b>144,859</b>	<b>+ 8.3%</b>

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(Note: Dealers are not included in the above number of vehicles registered.)

### APPROXIMATE NO. VEHICLES REGISTERED

As of	1952	1953	% of Increase or Decrease Over 1952	1954	% of Increase or Decrease Over 1952	% of Increase or Decrease Over 1953	1955	% of Increase or Decrease Over 1952	% of Increase or Decrease Over 1954
<b>July 1</b>	<b>117,656</b>	<b>127,199</b>	<b>+8.1</b>	<b>135,243</b>	<b>+15.0</b>	<b>+6.3</b>	<b>146,438</b>	<b>+24.5</b>	<b>+8.3</b>

**MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT**  
**Approximate Distribution of Motor Vehicles**  
**in Reference to Counties**

Classification of Vehicles Registered by Counties as of 7-1-55	Sussex County	Kent County	New Castle County	Totals
Pleasures .....	19,381	21,120	69,016	109,517
Commercials .....	5,346	6,121	13,028	24,495
Trailers .....	1,395	2,766	2,791	6,952
Tractors .....	13	73	101	187
Motor Cycles .....	50	82	320	452
Stock Cars .....	8	4	11	23
Farm Trucks .....	1,846	1,217	170	3,233
<b>TOTALS .....</b>	<b>28,039</b>	<b>31,383</b>	<b>85,437</b>	<b>144,859</b>

**MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT**  
**APPROXIMATE NO. REGISTRATIONS ISSUED**  
**(Classified by Expiration Period)**

Ended June 30, 1955

207	Date & No. ....	3-31-48	34,355	6-30-48	13,214	9-30-48	29,864	12-31-48	15,397
	" .....	3-31-49	35,323	6-30-49	16,384	9-30-49	30,978	12-31-49	18,239
	" .....	3-31-50	36,139	6-30-50	20,391	9-30-50	32,382	12-31-50	22,325
	" .....	3-31-51	37,902	6-30-51	25,588	9-30-51	33,587	12-31-51	25,695
	" .....	3-31-52	39,495	6-30-52	28,613	9-30-52	33,589	12-31-52	28,057
	" .....	3-31-53	40,883	6-30-53	30,328	9-30-53	35,302	12-31-53	32,096
	" .....	3-31-54	44,769	6-30-54	34,190	9-30-54	36,761	12-31-54	35,206
	" .....	3-31-55	46,172	6-30-55	36,411	9-30-55	*	12-31-55	**

Remarks: \*Registrations expiring 9-30-55 are not complete on June 30, 1955, end of the fiscal year, as vehicles are registered during months of July, August and September carrying an expiration date of 9-30-55.

\*\*Registrations expiring 12-31-55 are not complete on June 30, 1955, end of the fiscal year, as vehicles are registered during months of October, November, and December carrying an expiration date of 12-31-55.

**MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT**

**Approximate No. of New Car Titles and Used Car Titles Issued for Fiscal Years Ending June 30**

Month	— NEW CAR TITLES —				— USED CAR TITLES —				
	1952	1953	1954	1955	1952	1953	1954	1955	
July .....	1,676	1,384	2,138	1,764	4,480	4,775	5,339	5,072	
August .....	1,667	710	1,896	1,537	4,679	3,930	4,669	5,023	
September .....	1,242	1,135	1,691	1,391	3,956	4,042	4,608	4,518	
October .....	1,552	1,683	2,048	1,624	4,457	4,528	4,931	4,480	
November .....	1,219	1,332	1,600	1,676	3,577	3,466	4,012	4,576	
December .....	934	1,244	1,346	2,307	3,194	3,496	4,106	4,486	
January .....	1,362	1,774	1,404	1,903	4,526	4,840	3,951	5,443	
February .....	1,135	1,524	1,474	1,828	4,265	4,569	4,501	4,770	
March .....	1,192	1,722	1,661	2,112	5,086	6,101	7,186	7,271	
April .....	1,534	2,397	2,286	2,589	5,298	6,034	5,638	6,825	
May .....	1,515	2,048	1,666	2,541	4,776	5,037	4,759	6,231	
June .....	1,576	1,787	1,853	2,190	4,805	4,879	5,139	6,284	
<b>Totals .....</b>	<b>16,604</b>	<b>18,740</b>	<b>21,063</b>	<b>23,462</b>	<b>53,099</b>	<b>55,697</b>	<b>58,839</b>	<b>64,979</b>	
Percentage of Increase in New Car Titles over 1954 .....				11.4%	Percentage of Increase in Used Car Titles over 1954 .....				10.4%

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**MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT**

Approximate number Bi-Annual Operators Licenses issued as of June 30, 1955 .....	82,837
Approximate number Bi-Annual Chauffeurs Licenses issued as of June 30, 1955 .....	20,603
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>103,440</b>
Approximate Number (1955) Taxi Licenses issued as of June 30, 1955 .....	263

**APPROX. NO. TEMPORARY INSTRUCTION PERMIT NOS. ISSUED**

Fiscal Year	July, 1953 to June, 1954 incl.	Approx. Average per mo.	July, 1954 to June, 1955 incl.	Approx. Average per mo.	Increase or Decrease in Average
No	15,306	1,276	14,858	1,238	(38)

Remarks: The above figures showing the approximate number of Temporary Instruction Permits Issued do not represent the number of examinations passed. A percentage of these permits expired.

**MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT**  
**APPROXIMATE NO. PERMANENT OPERATOR AND**  
**CHAUFFEUR APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**  
**(Classified by Months and by Departments)**

**Fiscal Year 7-1-54 to 6-30-55**

	Mail	Dover	Wilm.	Georgetown	Total
July .....	69	55	448	139	711
August .....	75	63	494	218	850
September .....	145	23	552	172	892
October .....	58	41	353	87	539
November .....	65	46	365	99	575
December .....	70	29	288	90	477
January .....	9	5	66	14	94
February .....	11	3	39	11	64
March .....	16	5	56	19	96
April .....	9	7	39	12	67
May .....	12	1	43	10	66
June .....	18	1	61	9	89
<b>Totals .....</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>2,804</b>	<b>880</b>	<b>4,520</b>
<b>Percentages .....</b>	<b>12.3%</b>	<b>6.2%</b>	<b>62.0%</b>	<b>19.5%</b>	

**APPROX. NO. PERMANENT OPER.**  
**& CHAUFF. ISSUED**

As of July 1, 1955	Permanent Operators	Permanent Chauffeurs	Totals
Applications Received .....	46,124	11,684	57,808
Refunds (Subtracted) .....	—1,039	—267	—1,306
<b>Total No. Issued .....</b>	<b>45,085</b>	<b>11,417</b>	<b>56,502</b>

**MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT**

**REPORT OF ACTIVITY**

**REGISTRATION SECTION**

**Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1955**

Items	From Each Branch	Total
<b>REGISTRATIONS</b>		
Wilmington .....	96,045	
Georgetown .....	32,930	
Dover .....	23,361	
Mail .....	15,224	167,560
<b>OUTGOING LETTERS</b> .....		6,798
<b>DUPLICATE CARDS</b>		
Wilmington .....	4,007	
Georgetown .....	1,608	
Dover .....	572	
Mail .....	3,772	9,959
<b>INTER-OFFICE MEMO</b> .....		31
<b>OUTGOING ASSIGNMENTS</b>		
Wilmington .....	733	
Georgetown .....	414	
Dover .....	166	1,313
<b>INFORMATION LETTERS</b> .....		5,685
<b>CHANGE OF ADDRESS</b>		
Dover .....	1,048	
Wilmington .....	4,631	
Georgetown .....	819	
Mail .....		6,498
<b>OUTGOING TITLES TO BE ISSUED &amp; MAILED</b>		
Dover Lane .....	1,618	
Wilmington .....	35,613	
Georgetown .....	9,325	46,557
<b>OUTGOING TITLES</b>		
Mail .....		50,186
<b>LIENS SATISFIED</b> .....		35,080
<b>REFUNDS</b> .....		\$31,479.14

**MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT  
DRIVER IMPROVEMENT DIVISION  
CAPT. C. PRESTON POORE**

In analyzing motor vehicle accidents, year after year, it's the same old story of bad driving habits, poor judgment, and lack of responsibility on the part of a certain percent of drivers. It is with these drivers the Driver Improvement Program is concerned.

Driver improvement activities during the fiscal year 1954-1955 increased to a point where each motor vehicle violation was carefully screened. When the department receives a record of conviction for any motor vehicle violation, full attention is given this violation and appropriate driver improvement action is taken.

For those violations considered under the Delaware Statute to be a serious violation of the Motor Vehicle Code, suspensions are ordered without hearing. The violations responsible for the majority of suspensions under this policy are excessive speed.

During the fiscal year personal contact was made with each court having jurisdiction over motor vehicle cases. The purpose of this contact was to familiarize the courts with that section of the Motor Vehicle Code giving them the power to recommend to the Motor Vehicle Commissioner suspension of operating privileges in addition to any other penalties they might impose. The courts were also advised as to the importance of this department receiving notice of conviction slips as expeditiously as possible. The response to this personal contact was most gratifying, and as a result, the department was able to maintain a higher level of cooperation with the judiciary and enforcement field.

An important change in the Division, during the past year, was the merging of the Revocation and Suspension Divisions. The field of activity in these two division being so closely related, the Commissioner was of the opinion they should be under one administrative head; thereby, assuring uniformity in the handling of all cases where driver improvement methods were needed.

It was noted that as a direct result of this change, the department was able to complete revocation orders with little if no delay in time. Another very important feature is that all cases requiring action against privileges to operate are in one department, and a closer surveillance over those so convicted is maintained.

**STATE OF DELAWARE  
DRIVER IMPROVEMENT BUREAU**

**July 1, 1954 to July 1, 1955**

CASES REVIEWED .....			3,445
CITED TO APPEAR FOR INTERVIEW .....			1,086
Driving Record .....	498	WARNING LETTERS ....	1,594
Accidents .....	98	Regular letters .....	1,440
Special Interviews .....	221		
SUSPENSIONS .....	1,523		1,594
SUSPENSION BY		TEENS .....	521
INTERVIEW .....	254	TWENTIES .....	1,484
Driving Record .....	176	THIRTIES .....	887
Court Request .....	4	FORTIES .....	467
Physical .....	26	FIFTIES .....	188
Reckless Driving .....	48	SIXTIES .....	79
	254	SEVENTIES .....	19
		EIGHTIES .....	8
SUSPENSIONS W/O			
HEARING .....	1,248	MALE .....	3,653
Driving during suspension	50	FEMALE .....	142
Violation on probation ...	122		
Violation after suspension	187		3,653
Excessive speed—in state..	282	JUVENILE LETTERS ..	40
Excessive speed—out of		RESTRICTED LIC. ....	260
state .....	322	CASES CONTINUED ...	475
Court request .....	58		
Reckless driving .....	25		
Driving record .....	2		
Taking car w/o consent ...	12		
False statement .....	11		
Other .....	128		
Knowingly permitting .....	49		
	1,248		
TOTAL MONTHS SUSPENSIONS .....			4,283
PROBATION .....			506

THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY MANDATORY  
REVOCATIONS



Driver license examiners shown with Hon. John N. McDowell, Secretary of State and Harvey B. Spicer, Motor Vehicle Commissioner, during in-service training.

**STATE OF DELAWARE**  
**NEW DRIVERS LICENSED**  
**July 1, 1954 to July 1, 1955**

NEW CASTLE COUNTY

NEW DRIVERS .....	4,555
OUT OF STATE .....	4,564
LAPSED LICENSE .....	377
RECKLESS DRIVING .....	0
DRIVING DRUNK .....	38
	9,534

KENT COUNTY

NEW DRIVERS .....	1,051
OUT OF STATE .....	1,053
LAPSED LICENSE .....	52
RECKLESS DRIVING .....	0
DRIVING DRUNK .....	11
	2,167

SUSSEX COUNTY

NEW DRIVERS .....	1,195
OUT OF STATE .....	692
LAPSED LICENSE .....	86
RECKLESS DRIVING .....	0
DRIVING DRUNK .....	20
	1,993

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NEW DRIVERS .....	6,801
OUT OF STATE .....	6,309
LAPSED LICENSE .....	515
RECKLESS DRIVING .....	0
DRIVING DRUNK .....	69
	13,694



Examiner receiving instructions on giving the vision test from Drs. W. W. McCoy and A. J. Majeski during in-service training.

**REPORT FOR YEAR**

**From July 1, 1954 to July 1, 1955**

INSIDE EXAMS — 20,102      ROAD TESTS — 7,824  
Failed Road Signs — 163      Failed Road Rules — 3,252  
Failed Vision — 260

DRIVING TESTS GIVEN .....	7,824
FAILED DRIVING TESTS .....	1,528
PERMITS ISSUED .....	7,532
TAXI .....	540
D. E. T. ....	1,245

**AGE GROUPS:**

16-25 .....	13,702
26-55 .....	13,185
55 .....	782
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	27,669

**STATE OF DELAWARE**  
**MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT**  
**P. O. BOX 671**  
**DOVER, DELAWARE**

June 30, 1955

Hon. Harvey B. Spicer  
Commissioner of Motor Vehicles  
Dover, Delaware

Dear Mr. Spicer:

The Safety Responsibility Department handled an average of 535 accident cases, 11 judgments, and 138 suspensions per month for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955. The average amount of damage inflicted per accident increased very little, from \$371.00 to \$375.00. 36.9% of all accidents reported to this Department involved out-of-state drivers and 26% of the accidents involved people who did not carry public liability and property damage insurance.

The Department was successful in having the budget increased in the current legislature so that it can afford the personnel necessary to operate efficiently.

The Department was also instrumental in having written and introduced a bill to increase the minimum limits of liability insurance to \$10,000/20,000 and \$5,000. This was undertaken so that Delaware drivers would have the necessary insurance to be able to prove financial responsibility if involved in an accident outside Delaware.

The fact that the Department was able to perform more work with less personnel than ever before speaks well for the ability, initiative, and increasing efficiency of the staff.

Inasmuch as most neighboring states are entering into reciprocal agreements with their neighboring states and are constantly requesting that Delaware become a partner in these reciprocal agreements, we feel that the Department should do some research to determine the advisability of entering into these agreements.

New accident-reporting forms and insurance-reporting forms have been made up and printed, and will probably be put into use shortly.

The outstanding cooperation we have received from the other Departments in the State Highway Department, especially the Delaware State Police and the Motor Vehicle Department, has contributed greatly to the success of this Department.

Respectfully submitted,

W. FRANK FLEMING, Director  
Financial Responsibility Department

**FISCAL YEAR ENDING June 30, 1955**

Month	No. Accidents	New Castle	Kent	Sussex	Out of State	No Insurance Injuries	Damages	Suspensions	
July .....	460	300	80	80	192	125	235	\$194,025	85
August .....	499	301	84	114	214	117	180	184,485	121
September .....	484	316	86	82	219	136	187	200,395	99
October .....	460	331	67	62	146	117	177	184,110	88
November .....	619	420	120	79	187	155	203	228,265	115
December .....	669	486	95	88	192	143	184	223,795	114
January .....	624	455	89	80	199	186	209	259,235	172
February .....	547	412	71	64	156	130	192	192,110	157
March .....	547	400	69	78	207	134	186	202,930	209
April .....	410	303	67	40	163	127	165	156,830	183
May .....	476	325	78	73	157	129	167	179,825	157
June .....	567	377	97	93	210	158	204	203,490	153
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>6,362</b>	<b>4,426</b>	<b>1,003</b>	<b>933</b>	<b>2,242</b>	<b>1,657</b>	<b>2,289</b>	<b>\$2,409,495</b>	<b>1,653</b>

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