

ANNUAL REPORT
OF
MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT
OF THE
STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

July 1, 1956 to June 30, 1957

September 20, 1957

To the Chairman and Members of the
State Highway Commission
Dover, Delaware

Gentlemen:

I respectfully submit, herewith, a report of the activities of the Motor Vehicle Department of the State Highway Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1957.

Very truly yours,

CHARLES G. MOORE,
Motor Vehicle Commissioner

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The Motor Vehicle Department was honored to receive an award from the National Safety Council for the outstanding achievement in Driver's License procedure.

The current session of Legislature passed Senate Bill No. 239 and House Bill No. 211. Senate Bill No. 239 discontinues the granting of refunds for the unexpired portion of a vehicle registration and the return of license plates to the Department. House Bill No. 211 transferred the responsibility of collecting tax on House Trailers to the Receiver of Tax Offices in each county.

The Chief Examiner attended Unit II of the Chief Examiner's Course at Northwestern University.

Effective January 2, 1957 a title and registration for a motor vehicle can be obtained immediately upon application at any one of the four offices of the Department. We also completed the conversion of title and registration records to punch cards.

**MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT
ANNUAL REPORT OF VEHICLES EXAMINED
FISCAL YEAR ENDING 6-30-57**

CLOSING

Approved on Initial Examination	149,021
Approved on Re-Examination	12,695
	Total to Date 136,326
Rejected on Initial Examination	14,628
Rejected on Re-Examination	963
	Total to Date 13,665

Reason For Rejections

Tires	1	22	Dr. Lights	14	1194
Alin.	2	734	C. P. B. Output	15	541
St. Oper.	3	1663	P. & O. Lights	16	1527
Dimensions ..	4	603	R. & S. Lights	17	2101
Plates	5	210	Bulbs	18	469
Glass	6	2452	Wir. & Sw.	19	241
W W Vision	7	624	Reflectors	20	158
Horn	8	361	Div. Sig.	21	338
Windshield	9	57	Ser. Br.	22	395
Mirror	10	311	Park Br.	23	371
Exhaust	11	443	Br. Equal	24	618
Misc.	12	814	P. & L. Reserve	25	122
Hd. Lights	13	462	Door & Latch	26	46

MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT
APPROXIMATE NO. BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS
Fiscal Year Ended June 30th
(COMPARATIVE)

1955	1956	% of Increase over 1955	1957	% of Increase over 1955	% of Increase over 1956
480,012	532,980	9.9%	556,186	15.9%	4.4%

APPROXIMATE NO. BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS
Fiscal Year Ended June 30th
(CLASSIFIED BY DEPARTMENTS)

Registrations		Oper., Chauff. & App.		Miscellaneous		Titles, etc.		Totals	
1955	1957	1955	1957	1955	1957	1955	1957	1955	1957
205,481	229,261	72,622	76,780	33,339	78,818	168,570	171,327	480,012	556,186
	23,780		4,158		45,479		2,757		76,174

Percentage of Increase in Grand Total of
Business Transactions for Fiscal Year
Ended June 30, 1957 over Fiscal Year
Ended June 30, 1955 15.9%

MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT
AUDITING DEPARTMENT
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF NET INCOME

7-1-55 to 6-30-56 and 7-1-56 to 6-30-57

	1955-1956	1956-1957	Increase or Decrease
REGISTRATIONS			
Pleasures (1 Yr.)	\$1,305,967.50	\$1,353,049.50	\$ 47,082.00
Pleasures (½ Yr.)	38,661.00	37,613.00	(1,048.00)
Pleasures (¼ Yr.)	1,584.00	1,746.50	162.50
Commercials (1 Yr.)	1,110,431.17	1,120,496.61	10,065.44
Commercials (½ Yr.)	127,042.87	162,194.15	35,151.28
Commercials (¼ Yr.)	8,271.00	7,796.79	(474.21)
Trailers (1 Yr.)	425,481.17	479,329.85	53,848.68
Trailers (½ Yr.)	69,412.93	84,718.43	15,305.50
Trailers (¼ Yr.)	3,687.47	5,566.03	1,878.56
Tractors	1,170.00	1,879.00	709.00
Motor Cycles (1 Yr.)	2,448.00	2,678.00	230.00
Motor Cycles (½ Yr.)	6.00	3.00	(3.00)
Motor Cycles (¼ Yr.)	2.00	—	(2.00)
Stock Cars	135.00	130.00	(5.00)
Farm Trucks (1 Yr.)	76,585.09	82,799.37	6,214.28
Farm Trucks (½ Yr.)	1,465.33	2,008.80	543.47
Farm Trucks (¼ Yr.)	31.35	—	(31.35)
Dealers	13,545.50	12,245.00	(1,300.50)
Extra Weight, etc.	4,966.80	6,670.17	1,703.37
Total	\$3,190,894.18	\$3,360,924.20	\$170,030.02
LICENSES			
Operator, Chauffeur & Applications	284,959.40	290,139.00	5,179.60
Permanent Operator & Chauffers	41,790.00	36,920.00	(4,870.00)
Total	\$ 326,749.40	\$ 327,059.00	\$ 309.60
TITLING DEPARTMENT			
New Car Titles	26,356.00	23,364.00	(2,992.00)
Used Car Titles	72,143.00	70,521.00	(1,622.00)
Corrected Titles	2,207.00	2,690.00	483.00
Duplicate Titles	1,017.00	988.50	(28.50)
Liens	20,761.50	19,310.00	(1,451.50)
Satisfactions	7,813.00	7,689.75	(123.25)
Supplementary Titles	2,919.00	2,782.00	(137.00)
Total	\$ 133,216.50	\$ 127,345.25	\$ (5,871.25)

**MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT
AUDITING DEPARTMENT
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF NET INCOME**

7-1-55 to 6-30-56 and 7-1-56 to 6-30-57

(Continued)

	1955-1956	1956-1957	Increase or Decrease
MISCELLANEOUS			
Duplicate Cards	8,664.00	10,630.50	1,966.50
Exchange Operator Cards	565.00	635.00	70.00
Reference Money	3,829.15	4,239.35	410.20
Bad Check Collections	265.00	80.00	(185.00)
Temporary Vehicle Permits	11,168.00	12,066.10	898.10
Tag Retainers Fees	12,085.00	11,045.00	(1,040.00)
A.R.O. Fees	71.50	66.00	(5.50)
Lost Tags & Inserts	2,849.50	3,127.50	278.00
Telephone Fees	4,340.88	4,336.60	(4.28)
Temporary Tags	16,032.00	34,969.00	18,937.00
Trailer Tax	-----	13,520.00	13,520.00
Bad Check Collected from Previous Year	106.90	-----	(106.90)
Restitution of Stolen Funds	-----	80.00	80.00
Shortage & Surcharge	(476.18)	(298.28)	177.90
Bad Checks	-----	(86.15)	(86.15)
Total	\$ 59,500.75	\$ 94,410.62	\$ 34,909.87
ADD:			
Refund Checks of Prior Year			
Unclaimed Registrations:			
Pleasure	\$ 13.00	\$.50	\$ (12.50)
Unclaimed Registrations:			
Commercial	-----	12.29	12.29
Adjustment of Income			
Registration	(.50)	-----	.50
Total	\$ 12.50	\$ 12.79	\$.29
Total Net Income ...	\$3,710,373.33	\$3,909,751.86	\$199,378.53
Non-Revenue Receipts			
Telephone	(4,340.88)	(4,336.60)	4.28
Telephone Adjustment	(.50)	-----	.50
Total	\$3,706,031.95	\$3,905,415.26	\$199,383.31

SUMMARIZED COMPARISON OF NET INCOME
MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT
Fiscal Years Ending 1956 and 1957

	1955-1956	1956-1957	Increase or Decrease
Registrations	\$3,190,894.18	\$3,360,924.20	\$170,030.02
Licenses—Operators, Chauffeurs, & Applications ..	326,749.40	327,059.00	309.60
Titling	133,216.50	127,345.25	(5,871.25)
Miscellaneous	59,500.75	94,410.62	34,909.87
Refund Checks of Prior Year Unclaimed	12.50	12.79	.29
Total	\$3,710,373.33	\$3,909,751.86	\$199,378.53
Non-Revenue Receipts	(4,341.38)	(4,336.60)	4.78
Total Income	\$3,706,031.95	\$3,905,415.26	\$199,383.31

SUMMARIZED COMPARISON OF NET REFUNDS
USED IN DETERMINING NET INCOME
MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT
Fiscal Years Ending 1956 and 1957

	1955-1956	1956-1957	Increase or Decrease
Registrations	\$ 32,701.20	\$ 28,068.51	\$ (4,632.69)
Bi-Annual Operators, Chauffeurs, & Applications	344.00	396.00	52.00
Permanent Operators & Chauffeurs	70.00	40.00	(30.00)
Duplicate Cards	17.50	19.00	1.50
New Car, Used Car, Supple- mentary, & Corrected Titles	69.00	38.00	(31.00)
Duplicate Titles	4.50	2.50	(2.00)
Liens	29.50	28.50	(1.00)
Lost Tags	6.00	2.00	(4.00)
Temporary Vehicle Permits ..	2.00	2.00	—
Tag Retainers Fees	5.00	2.00	(3.00)
Telephone Fees	.50	—	(.50)
Total	\$ 33,249.20	\$ 28,598.51	\$ (4,650.69)

**MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT
AUDITING DEPARTMENT
GROSS CASH COLLECTIONS**

**Fiscal Year
7-1-56 to 6-30-57
(Classified by Departments)**

	Mail	Dover	Wilmington	Georgetown	Total
Cash Collections	\$892,032.54	\$547,956.78	\$1,837,529.08	\$660,831.97	\$3,938,350.37
	22.6%	13.9%	46.7%	16.8%	

**MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT
AUDITING DEPARTMENT**

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF
GROSS COLLECTIONS**

**Fiscal Year Ended 6-30
(Classified by Months)**

Month	1956	1957
July	\$ 209,796.73	\$ 305,460.93
August	163,050.47	203,726.73
September	411,283.23	432,033.28
October	216,892.28	428,414.13
November	246,689.87	158,874.06
December	383,382.30	463,613.26
January	316,284.46	246,941.57
February	184,967.31	206,493.12
March	551,148.19	516,736.93
April	366,004.02	349,907.34
May	260,815.44	222,324.81
June	433,308.73	403,824.21
Adjustment on Yr. Income	(.50)	
Totals	\$3,743,622.53	\$3,938,350.37
	Increase for 1957	\$ 194,727.84
	Percentage of Increase	5.2%

**MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT
AUDITING DEPARTMENT
TRANSACTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
(7-1-56 to 6-30-57)**

	Mail	Dover	Wilmington	Georgetown	Total
REGISTRATIONS					
Pleasures (1 Yr.)	7,197	17,643	80,831	21,377	127,048
Pleasures (½ Yr.)	814	1,576	2,220	1,202	5,812
Pleasures (¼ Yr.)	17	155	226	67	465
Commercials (1 Yr.)	2,749	5,097	17,988	6,412	32,246
Commercials (½ Yr.)	757	998	962	1,098	3,815
Commercials (¼ Yr.)	41	146	80	69	333
Trailers (1 Yr.)	3,109	1,556	3,666	1,818	10,149
Trailers (½ Yr.)	2,182	267	136	257	2,842
Trailers (¼ Yr.)	90	45	7	22	164
Tractors	64	94	189	29	376
Motor Cycles (1 Yr.)	36	123	437	78	674
Motor Cycles (½ Yr.)	1	—	—	—	1
Stock Cars	1	2	9	14	26
Dealers	442	82	569	307	1,400
Farm Trucks (1 Yr.)	165	1,359	181	2,199	3,904
Farm Trucks (½ Yr.)	13	46	1	51	111
Extra Weight, etc.	291	68	278	145	782
Exempt	228	498	950	509	2,185
Transfers	16,973	1,378	15,884	2,690	36,925
Totals	35,170	31,133	124,614	38,344	229,261
OPERATORS					
Bi-Annual Operators	28,553	2,500	10,789	2,720	44,562
Bi-Annual Chauffeurs	4,755	1,119	3,196	1,253	10,323
Applications	3	2,783	12,614	2,195	17,595
Permanent Operators	207	273	2,337	349	3,166
Permanent Chauffeurs	66	111	262	91	530
Taxi Renewals (1956)	—	53	221	15	289
Taxi Renewals (1957)	1	61	230	23	315
Totals	33,585	6,900	29,649	6,646	76,780
TITLING DEPARTMENT					
New Car Titles	7,666	1,079	12,098	2,549	23,392
Used Car Titles	28,955	4,909	29,085	7,582	70,531
Corrected Titles	1,100	414	674	502	2,690
Duplicate Titles	1,652	8	258	64	1,982
Liens	16,920	2,024	15,630	4,103	38,677
Satisfactions	30,759	—	—	—	30,759
Supplementary Titles	2,349	5	390	38	2,782
Exempt Titles	194	7	222	91	514
Totals	89,595	8,446	58,357	14,929	171,327

**MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT
AUDITING DEPARTMENT
TRANSACTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
(7-1-56 to 6-30-57)
(Continued)**

	Mail	Dover	Wilmington	Georgetown	Total
MISCELLANEOUS					
Lost Tags	160	441	713	249	1,563
Dup. Reg. Cards	4,049	1,017	4,118	1,552	10,736
Reference Money	1,044	1	—	—	1,045
Temporary Veh. Permits	213	1,196	8,621	2,039	12,069
Lost Inserts	9	—	—	5	14
Exch. Oper. Cards	6	335	616	313	1,270
Dup. Oper. & Chauff. Cards	379	717	3,623	563	5,282
Tag Retainers Fees	1,303	137	608	161	2,209
Telephone Fees	137	18	6,818	1,739	8,712
Bad Check Collections	6	—	3	7	16
A.R.O. Fees	12	—	—	—	12
Trailer Tax	159	117	587	58	921
Temporary Tags	34,969	—	—	—	34,969
Totals	42,446	3,979	25,707	6,686	78,818
GRAND TOTALS					
Transactions	200,796	50,458	238,327	66,605	556,186
& Percentages	36.1%	9.1%	42.8%	12.0%	

**MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT
AUDITING DEPARTMENT
APPROXIMATE No. ONE YEAR AND
ONE-HALF YEAR REGISTRATIONS ISSUED
DURING FISCAL YEARS
7-1-55 to 6-30-56 and 7-1-56 to 6-30-57**

Classification	7-1-55 to	7-1-56 to	Increase or Decrease
	6-30-56	6-30-57	
	One Year	One Year	
Pleasures	124,312	127,048	2,736
Commercials	29,762	32,246	2,484
Trailers	8,478	10,149	1,671
Tractors	234	376	142
Motor Cycles	616	674	58
Stock Cars	27	26	(1)
Dealers	1,559	1,400	(159)
Farm Trucks	3,683	3,904	221
Exempt	1,972	2,185	213
TOTALS	170,643	178,008	7,365
PER CENT	93.6%	92.9%	

Classification	One-Half	One-Half	Increase or Decrease
	Year	Year	
Pleasures	5,997	5,812	(185)
Commercials	3,454	3,815	361
Trailers	1,328	2,842	1,514
Motor Cycles	2	1	(1)
Farm Trucks	86	111	25
TOTALS	10,867	12,581	1,714
PER CENT	5.9%	6.6%	

Note: Approximately 965 registrations of various types were issued for one-quarter year during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1957, or about 5/10 of 1%. About 5/10 of 1% were issued for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1956.

**MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT
AUDITING DEPARTMENT
APPROXIMATE DISTRIBUTION OF MOTOR VEHICLES
IN REFERENCE TO EXPIRATION OF REGISTRATION**

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Period	Sussex County	Kent County	New Castle County	Total	State & Exempt	Class.	7-1-56	7-1-57	Increase or Decrease
Reg. Exp. 9-30-57	8,284	10,721	24,599	43,604		Pleasures	115,532	118,037	1.9%
Reg. Exp. 12-31-57	7,695	10,412	24,329	42,436	2,053	Commercials	27,890	30,360	8.9%
Reg. Exp. 3-31-58	9,267	10,718	31,929	51,914		Trailers	7,990	9,478	18.5%
Reg. Exp. 6-30-58	4,732	5,488	15,474	25,694		Tractors	188	281	49.5%
						M. Cycles	471	541	14.9%
						Stock Cars	20	19	(5.3%)
						Farm Trucks	3,886	3,576	5.6%
Totals	29,978	37,339	96,331	163,648	2,053	Totals	155,477	162,292	4.3%

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

APPROXIMATE No. VEHICLES REGISTERED

As of	1954	1955	% of Increase or Decrease Over 1954	1956	% of Increase or Decrease Over 1954	% of Increase or Decrease Over 1955	1957	% of Increase or Decrease Over 1954	% of Increase or Decrease Over 1956
July 1	135,243	146,438	8.3	156,922	16.0	7.2	163,648	21.0	4.3

**MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT
AUDITING DEPARTMENT
APPROXIMATE DISTRIBUTION OF
MOTOR VEHICLES
IN REFERENCE TO COUNTIES**

Classification of Vehicles
Registered by Counties as of

7-1-57	Sussex County	Kent County	New Castle County	Totals
Pleasures	19,934	22,831	75,272	118,037
Commercials	6,022	7,696	16,642	30,360
Trailers	1,608	4,684	3,186	9,478
Tractors	25	93	163	281
Motor Cycles	57	129	355	541
Stock Cars	10	2	7	19
Farm Trucks	2,020	1,395	161	3,576
Totals	29,676	36,830	95,786	162,292

**MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT
AUDITING DEPARTMENT
APPROXIMATE No. REGISTRATIONS ISSUED
(Classification by Expiration Period)**

Ended June 30, 1957

225	Date & No.	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	39,283	12-31-55	39,113
	"	3-31-56	50,445	6-30-56	41,080	9-30-56	41,368	12-31-56	42,163
	"	3-31-57	53,699	6-30-57	45,413	9-30-57	*	12-31-57	**

Remarks: *Registrations expiring 9-30-57 are not complete on June 30, 1957, end of the fiscal year, as vehicles are registered during months of July, August, and September carrying an expiration date of 9-30-57.

**Registrations expiring 12-31-57 are not complete on June 30, 1957, end of the fiscal year, as vehicles are registered during months of October, November, and December carrying an expiration date of 12-31-57.

**MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT
AUDITING 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			
	1954	1955	1956	1957	1954	1955	1956	1957
July	2,138	1,764	2,421	2,407	5,339	5,072	5,649	6,074
August	1,896	1,537	2,699	1,998	4,669	5,023	6,213	5,608
September	1,691	1,391	2,077	1,338	4,608	4,518	5,682	4,586
October	2,048	1,624	2,415	2,090	4,931	4,480	5,805	5,942
November	1,600	1,676	2,191	1,857	4,012	4,576	5,689	4,918
December	1,346	2,307	1,949	1,647	4,106	4,486	4,920	4,509
January	1,404	1,903	2,331	2,442	3,951	5,443	5,996	7,623
February	1,474	1,828	2,098	1,760	4,501	4,770	5,897	5,365
March	1,661	2,112	1,663	1,568	7,186	7,271	7,210	6,848
April	2,286	2,589	2,646	2,424	5,638	6,825	7,274	7,299
May	1,666	2,541	2,134	2,215	4,759	6,231	6,412	6,418
June	1,853	2,190	1,784	1,646	5,139	6,284	5,413	5,341
Totals	21,063	23,462	26,408	23,392	58,839	64,979	72,160	70,531

Percentage of Decrease in
New Car Titles over 1956 — 12.9% Percentage of Decrease in
Used Car Titles over 1956 — 2.3%

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**MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT
AUDITING DEPARTMENT**

Approximate number Bi-Annual Operators Licenses issued as of June 30, 1957	111,828
Approximate number Bi-Annual Chauffeurs Licenses issued as of June 30, 1957	23,896
TOTAL	135,724
Approximate number (1957) Taxi Licenses issued as of June 30, 1957	315

**APPROX. No. TEMPORARY INSTRUCTION
PERMIT Nos. ISSUED**

Fiscal Year	July 1955 to June 1956 Incl.	Approx. Average Per Mo.	July 1956 to June 1957 Incl.	Approx. Average Per Mo.	Increase or Decrease In Ave.
No.	16,766	1,397	17,595	1,466	69

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
AUDITING DEPARTMENT
APPROXIMATE No. PERMANENT OPERATOR
AND CHAUFFEUR APPLICATIONS RECEIVED
(Classified by Months and by Departments)
(Fiscal Year 7-1-56 to 6-30-57)**

Month	Mail	Dover	Wilmington	Georgetown	Total
July	29	57	385	77	548
August	45	67	404	93	609
September	43	67	392	64	566
October	43	43	345	63	494
November	32	48	329	43	452
December	27	26	207	24	284
January	18	15	94	15	142
February	11	12	53	6	82
March	4	18	90	20	132
April	5	6	94	10	115
May	6	11	106	12	135
June	10	14	100	13	137
TOTALS	273	384	2,599	440	3,696
PERCENTAGES	7.4%	10.4%	70.3%	11.9%	

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

As of July 1, 1957	Permanent Operators	Permanent Chauffeurs	Totals
Applications Received	52,797	12,893	65,690
Refunds Subtracted	(1,046)	(271)	(1,317)
Total No. Issued	51,751	12,622	64,373

MONTHLY REPORT

Items	From Each Branch	Total
REGISTRATIONS		
Wilmington	127,000	
Georgetown	35,515	
Dover	29,689	
Mail	17,902	
		191,554
OUTGOING LETTERS		
		9,394
DUPLICATE CARDS		
Wilmington	4,117	
Georgetown	1,552	
Dover	904	
Mail	4,049	
		10,722
INTER-OFFICE MEMO		
OUTGOING ASSIGNMENTS		
Wilmington	467	
Georgetown	168	
Dover	75	
		710
INFORMATION LETTERS		
		7,106
CHANGE OF ADDRESS		
Dover	797	
Wilmington	2,773	
Georgetown	872	
Mail		
		4,442
OUTGOING TITLES TO BE ISSUED & MAILED		
Dover Lane	7,626	
Wilmington	42,727	
Georgetown	10,826	
		61,179
OUTGOING TITLES		
Mail		41,916
LIENS SATISFIED		
		30,759
REFUNDS		
		\$28,785.56

Signed—MARY H. EMERY
July 1, 1956 to July 1, 1957

It has been clear, since the coming of the motor vehicle, that all but a few of the accidents involving automobiles could have been prevented, one way or another, by better driving. To make driving better, people are taught, with increasing success, how they should behave behind the wheel.

To deal with those operators who will not behave calls for Driver Improvement action. Those who are involved in accidents, convicted for a serious violation of the motor vehicle law, or have more than one conviction within a twelve month period can expect to be called before our hearing officer to give reason why their privilege to operate should not be suspended.

By constantly reviewing each arrest, warning and accident during the fiscal year 1956 - 1957, a record number of cases were reviewed by the Division resulting in a substantial increase in the suspension of operating privileges.

It is the sincere hope and aim of the Driver Improvement Division to eliminate every unnecessary accident from our highways.

**STATE OF DELAWARE
DRIVER IMPROVEMENT DIVISION**

July 1, 1956 to July 1, 1957

CASES REVIEWED		6,506
CITED TO APPEAR		1,122
Driving Record	743	WARNING LETTERS .. 3,632
Accident	14	
Special Interview	219	Regular letters .. 3,096
SUSPENSIONS	2,204	Accident letters .. 536
SUSPENSION BY		3,632
INTERVIEW	154	
Driving Record	107	TEENS
Court Request	1	954
Reckless Drive	20	TWENTIES
Physical	26	2,537
	154	THIRTIES
SUSPENSION W/O		1,563
HEARING	2,050	FORTIES
		876
Drive During Suspension	83	FIFTIES
Violation on Probation	132	384
Violation after Suspension	280	SIXTIES
Excess Speed in State	334	162
Excess Speed out of State	484	SEVENTIES
Court Request	93	34
Reckless Drive	63	EIGHTIES
Taking Car W/O Consent	15	16
False Statement	47	
Other	519	
	2,050	6,526
		MALE
		6,068
		FEMALE
		458
		Restricted License .. 479
		Cases Continued
		345
TOTAL MONTHS SUSPENSION		4,476
PROBATION		647

THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY MANDATORY
REVOCATIONS

**REPORT FOR YEAR
FROM JULY 1, 1956 TO JULY 1, 1957**

EXAMINATION GIVEN

INSIDE EXAM	25,231	ROAD TESTS	9,928
FAILED ROAD SIGN	206	FAILED ROAD RULES	3,928
FAILED VISION	215		

DRIVING TESTS GIVEN	9,928
FAILED DRIVING TESTS	2,130
PERMITS ISSUED	8,739
TAXI	590
D. E. T.	1,459

AGE GROUP:

16 - 25	17,236
26 - 55	16,405
56 up	995
Total	34,636

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

July 30, 1957

Hon. Charles G. Moore
Commissioner of Motor Vehicles
Dover, Delaware

Dear Mr. Moore:

Attached is a report of the accidents and activities of the Delaware Financial Responsibility Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1957.

Examination of this report compared with the report of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1956 shows an increase in every department, with the exception of suspensions.

There were 962 more accidents in this State than last year — an increase of 172 more out-of-state operators and owners involved over last year. The records indicate that of those accidents reported to this office, an increase of 328 over last year did not carry liability insurance. Personal injuries involved show an increase of 375 over last year and the property damage increased \$366,573.00.

All phases of our work have increased, of course, due to the increase in the number of accidents and we deposited the sum of \$31,633 during this fiscal year. This sum represents deposits made with this office for the protection of the operating privileges of the depositors. This sum has increased steadily each year; an indication, I believe, that far too many people do not value the protections of liability insurance on their vehicles. In this connection, I have arranged newspaper coverage for the entire State relating what has to be done in the event involvement in a processable accident occurs.

I am continuing the practice of being at the Wilmington Inspection Lane each Thursday for additional service for the public in that area. I find this most satisfactory and a great deal is being accomplished by this continued service.

The continued increase in the number of accidents occurring daily in our State is becoming alarming. We hope to succeed in our efforts to emphasize to the public at large the seriousness of becoming involved in any type of accident and the consequences that can follow for failing to furnish proof of financial responsibility. We emphasize in all of our conversations the importance of having liability insurance on all vehicles before entering the highways of our State, as, in my opinion, this is the primary purpose of our law.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. HATTIE W. TARBURTON, Director
Safety Responsibility

FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1957

Month	Number of Accidents	New Castle	Kent	Sussex	Out of State	No Insurance	Injuries	Property Damage	Suspensions
July	671	444	96	131	305	197	217	\$296,805	113
August	610	416	84	110	277	223	228	243,865	128
September	564	416	68	80	246	183	204	235,005	156
October	746	543	106	97	269	214	242	309,435	182
November	666	507	85	74	273	196	189	269,000	127
December	709	529	88	92	210	208	221	285,215	90
January	720	540	85	95	213	215	174	263,915	147
February	506	388	64	54	157	169	163	206,155	110
March	557	447	63	47	156	175	157	268,550	101
April	555	440	68	47	140	174	192	110,299	59
May	620	480	70	70	169	166	174	258,106	103
June	647	456	111	80	239	231	241	282,835	84
TOTAL	7,571	5,606	988	977	2,654	2,351	2,402	\$3,029,185	1,400*

*This does not mean that 1400 will continue to be suspended for the full one year period. Approximately one-fourth of these suspensions have been lifted because of proof of financial responsibility being filed before the expiration of one year.

