

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION
of
STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

June 1, 1951 to June 30, 1952

December 1, 1952

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 Division of the State Highway Depart-
ment for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1952.

Respectfully,
H. H. KELLER
Motor Vehicle Commissioner

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During the past year, the Motor Vehicle Division has inaugurated a new system for the issuance of operator's and chauffeur's license which are now reproduced by means of dextragraph equipment. Thus any identification card relative to motor vehicle drivers is a photograph of the original application. Forgeries are practically impossible.

Modern tabulating equipment has been installed to provide for rapid and accurate compilation of all the necessary statistical data required by the Division of Highways.

A highly technical program of record retention has been developed. This includes a Master Record File which will eventually house in one place a complete driving record of any operator together with the history of any vehicle he is operating. Non-current records, that is records to which reference is rare, but which cannot be destroyed because of existing statutes are being microfilmed. Reduction of records to film has released file cabinets for other use and provided needed space for other purposes.

In December, 1951 the Motor Vehicle Department established information service for the Law Enforcement Agencies of our State on a round the clock basis. In the past Police Departments would have to call the Dover State Police and they in turn would have to come in person to the Motor Vehicle Department and ascertain the needed information from the Motor Vehicle files. This information service has brought many favorable comments from the neighboring States and our own Law Enforcement Agencies.

The State of Delaware has entered into reciprocal agreements with many States to extend full reciprocity on license fees to trucks providing the State in which such vehicles are licensed extend similar privileges to Delaware vehicles. Several middle western States that are considered pivotal, as far as commercial transportation is concerned, have signed written agreements which have been helpful to the commercial carriers of our State.

Delaware extends full reciprocity on all passenger car licenses which are owned by non-residents and they are permitted to operate in Delaware for a full period of their registration in their home State. However, in the last Legislature a law was enacted that any person taking up residence in Delaware must apply for registration within 90 days.

The State of Delaware was awarded by the National Safety Council, first place in the Eastern Region and tied for

first place in the Nation for outstanding achievement in motor vehicle inspection for the year 1951.

Our State received from the Association of Casualty and Surety Companies the highest award—The Award of Excellence. This highest Award is given in recognition of valuable contributions to safer driving and the conservation of human and material resources through outstanding achievements in the development of high standard secondary school driver education program.

MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION

**Annual Report of Vehicles Examined at the
Wilmington, Dover and Georgetown Lanes**

July 1, 1951 to June 30, 1952

Closing

Approved on Initial Examination	82,513
Approved on Re-Examination	10,790
Total to Date	93,303
Rejected on Initial Examination	
Rejected on Re-Examination	
Total	11,100

Reason For Rejections

Tires	290
Alin.	466
St. Oper.	1,633
Dimensions	9
Plates	97
Glass	2,105
W W. Vision	38
Horn	127
Windshield	98
Mirror	30
Exhaust	148
Misc.	118
Hd. Lights	1,726
Dr. Lights	1,383
C. P. B. Output	523
P. & O. Lights	251
R. & S. Lights	2,837
Bulbs	294
Wir. & Sw.	45
Reflectors	183
Dir. Sig.	65
Ser. Br.	1,218
Park. Br.	378
Br. Equal.	237
P. & L. Reserve	33
Door & Latch	74

MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION
APPROXIMATE NO. BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS
Fiscal Year Ended June 30th—
(Comparative)

1950	1951	% of Increase over 1950	1952	% of Increase over 1950	% of Increase over 1951
388,841	417,919	+ 7.4%	394,812	+ 1.5%	- 5.5%

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APPROXIMATE NO. BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS
Fiscal Year Ended June 30th—
(Classified by Departments)

Registrations		Oper., Chauff. & App.		Miscellaneous		Titles, etc.		Totals	
1950	1952	1950	1952	1950	1952	1950	1952	1950	1952
143,777	166,074	116,486	75,595	16,752	19,609	111,826	133,534	388,841	394,812
	+22,297		-40,891		+2,857		+21,708		+5,971

Percentage of Increase in Grand Total of Business Transactions for fiscal year ended June 30, 1952 over fiscal year ended June 30, 1950 1.5%

MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION
AUDITING DEPT.
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUE
7-1-50 to 6-30-51 and 7-1-51 to 6-30-52

	1950-1951	1951-1952	1951-1952 Increase	1951-1952 Decrease
Registrations				
Pleasures (1 yr.)	\$750,350.00	\$ 788,033.50	\$ 37,683.50	
Pleasures (½ yr.)	18,525.00	18,577.00	52.00	
Pleasures (¼ yr.)	1,038.00	906.00		132.00
Commercials (1 yr.)	575,212.18	621,619.99	46,407.81	
Commercials (½ yr.)	86,726.64	84,664.14		2,062.50
Commercials (¼ yr.)	4,748.51	4,893.92	145.41	
Trailers (1 yr.)	103,696.75	121,285.50	17,588.75	
Trailers (½ yr.)	21,461.50	22,571.00	1,109.50	
Trailers (¼ yr.)	859.13	1,618.63	759.50	
Tractors	1,275.00	1,250.00		25.00
Motorcycles (1 yr.)	2,382.00	2,254.50		127.50
Motorcycles (½ yr.)	9.00	15.00	6.00	
Farm Trucks (1 yr.)	39,221.77	47,242.13	8,020.36	
Farm Trucks (½ yr.)	811.25	696.50		114.75
Dealers	11,156.00	12,292.00	1,136.00	
Extra Wgt., etc.	2,388.66	2,221.32		167.34
Total	\$1,619,861.39	\$1,730,141.13	\$112,908.83	\$ 2,629.09
Operators				
Annual Operators, Chauffeurs and Applications	119,978.00	3,089.00		116,889.00
Bi-Annual Operators, Chauffeurs and Applications	*	156,631.00	156,631.00	
Permanent Operators and Chauffeurs	14,585.00	26,905.00	12,320.00	
Total	\$134,563.00	\$ 186,625.00	\$168,951.00	\$116,889.00
Titling Department				
New Car Titles	21,180.00	16,591.00		4,589.00
Used Car Titles	47,075.00	53,092.00	6,017.00	
Corr. Titles	2,916.00	2,485.00		431.00
Dup. Titles	802.50	827.00	24.50	
Liens	12,818.50	15,383.50	2,565.00	
Satisfactions	4,904.25	6,542.50	1,638.25	
Supp. Titles	1,872.00	2,366.00	494.00	
Total	\$ 91,568.25	\$ 97,287.00	\$ 10,738.75	\$ 5,020.00

MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION
AUDITING DEPT.
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUE
7-1-50 to 6-30-51 and 7-1-51 to 6-30-52—(Continued)

	1950-1951	1951-1952	1951-1952 Increase	1951-1952 Decrease
Miscellaneous				
Lost Tags	2,745.00	3,162.00	417.50	
Duplicate Cards	5,296.00	5,198.50		97.50
Exch. Oper. Cards	595.50	548.50		47.00
Reference Money	1,526.95	1,092.00		434.95
Lost Inserts	51.00	44.75		6.25
Temporary Veh. Permits	6,071.00	8,071.00	2,000.00	
Bad Check Collections	224.50	270.00	45.50	
Tag Retainers' Fees	555.00	5,265.00	4,710.00	
Total	\$ 17,064.95	\$ 23,651.75	\$ 7,172.50	\$ 585.70
Overage & Surcharge	—\$109.97	—\$284.40		\$174.43
Total	—\$109.97	—\$284.40		\$174.43

*Bi-Annual Operators, Chauffeurs & Applications were first issued on January 1, 1952.

SUMMARIZED COMPARISONS OF REVENUE
MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION
Fiscal Years Ending 1951 and 1952

	1950-1951	1951-1952	1951-1952 Increase	1951-1952 Decrease
Registrations	\$1,619,861.39	\$1,730,141.18	\$110,279.74	\$
Annual Operators, Chauffeurs & Applications	119,978.00	3,089.00		116,889.00
Bi-Annual Operators, Chauffeurs & Applications	*	156,631.00	156,631.00	
Permanent Operators & Chauffeurs	14,585.00	26,905.00	12,320.00	
Titling	91,568.25	97,287.00	5,718.75	
Miscellaneous	17,064.95	23,651.75	6,586.80	
Overage & Surcharge	-109.97	-284.40		174.43
Total	\$1,862,947.62	\$2,037,420.48	\$291,536.29	\$117,063.43
Deduct 1950-1951 Total		1,862,947.62		
Deduct 1951-1952 Decrease			117,063.43	
Equals 1951-1952 Net Increase	\$	174,472.86	\$174,472.86	

The following refunds were deducted:

	1950-1951	1951-1952
Registrations	\$18,897.66	\$15,425.48
Annual Operators, Chauffeurs & Applications	55.00	28.00
Permanent Operators & Chauffeurs	95.00	65.00
Duplicate Cards	25.50	22.00
Reference Money	9.00	
New Car, Used Car, Supp. & Corr. Titles	24.00	20.00
Dup. Titles	7.50	2.00
Liens	6.50	12.00
Exchange Operators50	
Lost Tags	3.00	6.00
Temp. Vehicle Permits	1.00	
Tag Retainers' Fees		10.00
Satisfactions		10.00
Bi-Annual Oper., Chauffeurs & Applications		7.50
Lost Inserts50
	\$19,124.66	\$15,608.48

Note: (Refund checks amounting to One Hundred Sixty-seven Dollars and Fifty cents (\$167.50) were given to Mr. Hawke to be returned to the State Treasurer for cancellation. This amount was not included in grand total of cash collections. The checks returned for cancellation covered the following: Registrations, \$166.00—Annual Operator Renewals, \$1.00—Liens, \$.50)

* Bi-Annual Operators, Chauffeurs, & Applications were first issued on January 1, 1952.

**MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION
AUDITING DEPT.
GROSS CASH COLLECTIONS
Fiscal Year—7-1-51 to 6-30-52
(Classified by Departments)**

	Mail	Dover	Wilmington	George- town	Total
Cash Collec- tions	\$248,769.18	\$315,951.97	\$1,036,889.08	\$451,418.73	\$2,053,028.96
Per- centages	12.1%	15.3%	50.6%	22.0%	

**GROSS CASH COLLECTIONS
(Comparative)**

Year	7-1-50 to 6-30-51	7-1-51 to 6-30-52	Increase or Decrease
Cash Collections	\$1,882,072.28	\$2,053,028.96	+170,956.68

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REFUNDS
Fiscal Year**

Year	7-1-50 to 6-30-51	7-1-51 to 6-30-52	Increase or Decrease
Refunds	\$19,124.66	\$15,608.48	—3,516.18

**MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION
AUDITING DEPT.
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF GROSS
COLLECTIONS
Fiscal Year Ended 6-30th
(Classified by Months)**

Month	1951	1952
July	\$ 117,592.61	\$ 128,440.32
August	85,780.46	88,543.34
September	269,019.17	231,311.86
October	116,259.28	154,445.13
November	56,726.11	60,479.55
December	129,938.77	215,816.08
January	171,221.57	122,950.35
February	81,322.53	93,249.63
March	321,440.08	343,885.06
April	160,374.01	180,959.35
May	146,839.55	136,987.95
June	225,558.14	295,960.34
Totals	\$1,882,072.28	\$2,053,028.96
Increase for 1952		\$170,956.68
Percentage of Increase		9.1%

MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION
AUDITING DEPT.
TRANSACTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
(7-1-51 to 6-30-52)

	Mail	Dover	Wilm.	Georgetown	Total
REGISTRATIONS					
Pleasures (1 yr.)	5,428	12,374	60,166	18,872	96,840
Pleasures (½ yr.)	1,114	478	1,432	573	3,597
Pleasures (¼ yr.)	3	67	168	57	295
Commercials (1 yr.).....	980	3,509	10,556	4,998	20,043
Commercials (½ yr.)..	238	718	593	974	2,523
Commercials (¼ yr.)..	19	116	28	44	207
Trailers (1 yr.).....	140	1,181	2,151	1,260	4,732
Trailers (½ yr.)	57	204	90	208	559
Trailers (¼ yr.)	23	20	5	18	66
Tractors	21	142	71	16	250
Motorcycles (1 yr.)....	29	74	368	98	569
Motorcycles (½ yr.)....	1	2	2	0	5
Dealers	348	113	481	604	1,546
Farm Trucks (1 yr.) ...	74	900	167	1,304	2,445
Farm Trucks (½ yr.) ...	2	0	4	34	40
Extra Wgt., etc.	77	52	87	79	295
Exempt	165	427	668	363	1,623
Transfers	17,244	169	11,459	1,567	30,439
Totals	25,963	20,546	88,496	31,069	166,074

OPERATORS					
Annual Operators					
(1951)	233	245	1,184	311	1,973
Bi-Annual Operators					
(1954)	28,488	1,886	9,399	34	39,807
Annual Chauffeurs					
(1951)	46	159	824	115	1,144
Bi-Annual Chauffeurs					
(1954)	7,597	619	3,374	5	11,593
Applications	2	2,180	11,202	2,300	15,684
Permanent Operators..	520	455	2,612	662	4,249
Permanent Chauffeurs	199	139	592	215	1,145
Totals	37,085	5,683	29,185	3,642	75,595

MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION
AUDITING DEPT.
TRANSACTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
(7-1-51 to 6-30-52)—(Continued)

	Mail	Dover	Wilm.	Georgetown	Total
TITLING DEPARTMENT					
New Car Titles	5,071	288	8,390	2,855	16,604
Used Car Titles	26,499	1,205	20,887	4,508	53,099
Corr. Titles	679	319	933	554	2,485
Dup. Titles	1,295	12	280	71	1,658
Liens	14,223	422	12,642	3,504	30,791
Satisfactions	26,210	0	0	0	26,210
Exempt Titles	167	12	95	47	321
Supplementary	2,002	0	161	203	2,366
Totals	76,146	2,258	43,388	11,742	133,534
MISCELLANEOUS					
Lost Tags	70	430	572	512	1,584
Dup. Reg. Cds.	604	565	1,914	890	3,973
Reference Money	364	0	0	0	364
Temporary Veh.					
Permits	131	701	5,360	1,879	8,071
Lost Inserts	19	16	116	30	181
Bad Check Collections	23	0	0	31	54
Exch. Opr. Cards	3	247	618	229	1,097
Dup. Opr. & Chauff.					
Cards	457	415	1,724	634	3,230
Tag Retainers' Fees....	643	0	327	85	1,055
Totals	2,314	2,374	10,631	4,290	19,609
GRAND TOTALS					
Transactions &	141,508	30,861	171,700	50,743	394,812
Percentages	35.8%	7.8%	43.5%	12.9%	

MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION

AUDITING DEPT.

**Approximate No. One Year and One-Half Year Registrations
Issued during Fiscal Years 7-1-50 to 6-30-51
and 7-1-51 to 6-30-52**

CLASSIFICATION	7-1-50 to	7-1-51 to	Increase or Decrease
	6-30-51	6-30-52	
	One Year	One Year	
Pleasures	92,833	96,840	+ 4,007
Commercials	18,923	20,043	+ 1,120
Trailers	4,343	4,732	+ 389
Tractors	255	250	— 5
Motorcycles	601	569	— 32
Dealers	1,288	1,546	+ 258
Farm Trucks	2,181	2,445	+ 264
Exempt	1,661	1,623	— 38
TOTALS	122,085	128,048	+ 5,963
Per Cent	94.2%	94.4%	

CLASSIFICATION	One-Half	One-Half	Increase or Decrease
	Year	Year	
Pleasures	3,593	3,597	+ 4
Commercials	2,645	2,523	— 122
Trailers	558	559	+ 1
Tractors	0	0	0
Motorcycles	3	5	+ 2
Dealers	0	0	0
Farm Trucks	44	40	— 4
Exempt	0	0	0
TOTALS	6,843	6,724	— 119
Per Cent	5.2%	5.0%	

Note: Approximately 568 registrations of various types were issued for one-quarter year during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1952, or about 4/10 of 1%. About 5/10 of 1% were issued for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1951.

**MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION
AUDITING DEPT.**

Approximate Distribution of Motor Vehicles in Reference to Expiration of Registration

JUNE 30, 1952 REGISTRATION AND INSERT GUIDE Expir. Period	Sussex County	Kent County	New Castle County	Total	State & Exempt	Class.	As of 7-1-51	As of 7-1-52	Increase or Decrease
Reg. Exp. 9-30-52	6,911	6,884	19,794	33,589		Pleas.	85,571	90,022	+ 5.2%
Reg. Exp. 12-31-52	6,050	5,515	15,136	26,701	1,521	Comm.	17,976	19,001	+ 5.7%
Reg. Exp. 3-31-53	8,361	8,096	22,672	39,129		Trlrs.	3,938	4,327	+ 9.8%
Reg. Exp. 6-30-53	4,006	3,177	11,054	18,237		Tractors	193	191	— 1.1%
						M-Cycles	457	430	— 6.3%
						Farm Trucks	1,994	2,362	+18.4%
Totals	25,328	23,672	68,656	117,656	1,521	Totals	110,129	116,333	+ 5.6%

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

APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF VEHICLES REGISTERED

As of	1949	1950	% of Increase or Decrease over 1949	1951	% of Increase or Decrease over 1949	% of Increase or Decrease over 1950	1952	% of Increase or Decrease over 1949	% of Increase or Decrease over 1951
July 1	92,129	101,727	+10.4	111,376	+20.9	+10.4	117,656	+27.7	+ 5.6

MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION
AUDITING DEPT.
Approximate Distribution of Motor Vehicles
in Reference to Counties

CLASSIFICATION OF VEHICLES REGISTERED BY COUNTIES AS OF 7-1-52	Sussex County	Kent County	New Castle County	TOTALS
Pleasures	17,458	16,482	56,082	90,022
Commercials	4,870	4,399	9,732	19,001
Trailers	1,165	1,278	1,884	4,327
Tractors	15	114	62	191
Motorcycles	64	78	288	430
Farm Trucks	1,327	885	150	2,362
Totals	24,899	23,236	68,198	116,333

**MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION
AUDITING DEPT.
APPROXIMATE NO. REGISTRATIONS ISSUED
(Classified by Expiration Period)
Ended June 30, 1952**

200	Date & No.	3-31-45	34,435	6-30-45	7,062	9-30-45	27,805	12-31-45	7,972
	"	3-31-46	33,564	6-30-46	8,357	9-30-46	27,779	12-31-46	9,828
	"	3-31-47	33,532	6-30-47	10,259	9-30-47	28,530	12-31-47	12,474
	"	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	12-21-49	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	*

Remarks: *Registration expiring 12-31-52 not complete on June 30, 1952, end of fiscal year, as vehicles are registered during month of October, November and December and carrying an expiration date of 12-31-52.

MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION

AUDITING DEPT.

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

Month	NEW CAR TITLES		1951	1952	USED CAR TITLES		1951	1952
	1949	1950			1949	1950		
July	1,400	1,632	2,400	1,676	2,923	3,220	3,755	4,480
August	1,384	1,814	2,108	1,667	2,975	3,663	4,124	4,679
September	1,087	1,526	1,770	1,242	2,786	3,244	3,634	3,956
October	1,422	1,878	1,922	1,552	2,567	3,396	3,667	4,457
November	1,216	1,419	1,387	1,219	2,615	3,019	3,260	3,577
December	1,116	1,156	1,394	934	2,356	3,082	2,633	3,194
January	1,211	1,738	2,056	1,362	2,885	3,733	4,416	4,526
February	1,011	1,548	1,543	1,135	2,598	3,479	3,512	4,265
March	1,363	1,689	1,633	1,192	3,813	4,294	4,933	5,086
April	1,781	2,054	1,915	1,534	3,695	4,101	4,811	5,298
May	1,461	1,916	1,576	1,515	3,521	3,717	4,315	4,776
June	1,405	2,005	1,487	1,576	3,385	3,789	4,026	4,805
Totals	15,857	20,375	21,191	16,604	36,119	42,737	47,086	53,099

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Percentage of Decrease in

New Car Titles 27.6%

Percentage of Increase in

Used Car Titles 12.8%

**MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION
AUDITING DEPT.
APPROXIMATE NO. ANNUAL OPERATORS & CHAUFFEURS ISSUED (FISCAL YEAR)**

	As of 1949-1950		% of Increase or Decrease over 1949	1951	% of Increase or Decrease over 1949		% of Increase or Decrease over 1950	1952	% of Increase or Decrease over 1949	% of Increase or Decrease over 1951
	E	F		G		H				
June 1	99,274	92,817	-6.9	112,570	+14.4	113,510	+21.2		+15.2	+8

E Represents (1948) Opr. & Chauff. issued as of June 1st.
 F " (1949) " " " " " " " "
 G " (1950) " " " " " " " "
 H " (1951) " " " " " " " "

(Figures for the fiscal years set forth above have been compiled as of June 1st, as May 31st is the expiration date covering annual operators and chauffeurs.)

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APPROXIMATE NO. TEMPORARY INSTRUCTION PERMIT NOS. ISSUED

Fiscal Year	July, 1950 to June, 1951 Incl.	Approx. Average per Mo.	July, 1951 to June, 1952 Incl.	Approx. Average per Mo.	Increase or Decrease in Average
No.	15,682	1,306	15,684	1,307	+1

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 DIVISION
AUDITING DEPT.
APPROXIMATE NO. PERMANENT OPERATOR AND
CHAUFFEUR APPLICATIONS RECEIVED
(Classified by Months and by Departments)
Fiscal Year 7-1-51 to 6-30-52

Month	Mail	Dover	Wilm.	Georgetown	Total
July	3	9	52	4	68
August	7	8	76	13	104
September	5	20	91	22	138
October	7	12	79	16	104
November	18	58	99	58	233
December	28	91	140	105	364
January	44	42	251	61	398
February	48	84	345	122	599
March	136	108	560	137	941
April	127	50	430	107	714
May	151	73	537	105	866
June	145	39	544	127	855
Totals	719	594	3,204	877	5,394
Percentages	13.3%	11.0%	59.4%	16.3%	

APPROXIMATE NO. PERMANENT OPERATOR
& CHAUFFEUR ISSUED

As of July 1, 1952	Permanent Operators	Permanent Chauffeurs	Totals
Applications Received	34,547	8,886	43,433
Refunds (Substracted)	—1,010	—258	—1,268
Total No. Issued	33,537	8,628	42,165

YEARLY DETAILED REPORT

For Fiscal Year June 30, 1951 to June 30, 1952

REVOCATIONS AND SUSPENSIONS

Resident

205 Intoxicated Driving
78 Rescinded (False Statement)
34 Failed to File Insurance
18 Taking Car Without Owner's Consent
3 Lending License
1 Involuntary Manslaughter
1 Manslaughter
18 Leaving Scene of Accident
1 Leaving Scene (Not Responsible)
48 Driving During Period of Revocation
2 Three Charges of Reckless Driving
38 Judgment
3 Revocation Due to Accidents
2 Father Refuses to be Responsible
1 Assault and Battery by Motor Vehicle

REINSTATEMENT AND RELEASES

45 Reinstated 173A
18 Released 173A
94 Reinstated Insurance Filed
48 Released 3 Yrs. Filing
2 Reinstated Consent of Lt. Poore
20 Reinstated Consent of Commissioner
1 Reinstated Thru Court Martial
3 Nolle Prossed
3 Writ of Certiorari Filed
1 Suspension Lifted on #28
2 Reinstated Not Responsible
4 Reinstated Became of Age
2 Suspension Lifted

MISCELLANEOUS

13 2nd Conviction
3 3rd Conviction
1 4th Conviction
288 Responsible For Insurance
55 Out of State Conviction

YEARLY DETAILED REPORT

For Fiscal Year June 30, 1951 to June 30, 1952

(Continued)

REVOCATIONS AND SUSPENSIONS

Non-Residents

- 47 Intoxicated Driving
- 4 Failed to File Insurance
- 1 Assault and Battery by Motor Vehicle
- 25 Revocations Due to Accidents

REINSTATEMENTS AND RELEASES

- 8 Released 3 Yrs. Filing
- 1 Reinstated Consent of Commissioner
- 3 Privileges Restored no Insurance Required
- 6 Reinstated Insurance Filed
- 1 Writ Filed

MISCELLANEOUS

- 92 Responsible
- 1 2nd Conviction
- 4 Reinstatements Due to Accidents

YEARLY ACTIVITY REPORT

For June 30, 1951 to June 30, 1952

7,190	Letters
367	Inner Office
597	Assignments
701	Change of Name by Marriage
1,990	Revocation Cards
650	Responsibility Cards
104	Title Cards
54	Certificates of Revocation
53	Copies of Arrest Reports
272	Responsibility Letters
351	Revocation Letters
113	Suspension Letters
238	Duplicate Licenses (Annual)
80	Stencils
1,730	Bulletins
10,961	Information by Phone
13,012	Names Typed on Folders or Original Licenses
32	Exchange to Chauffeur's Annual
119	Bills
253	Renewal Insurance Certificates
155	Original Insurance Certificates
49,498	Renewal Licenses
25	Activity Report
25	Detailed Report
38	Revocation Report
5,272	Permanent Licenses
1,311	Licenses Corrected
1,202	Correction License Letters
3,913	Change of Address (Annual)
2,308	Change of Address (Perm.)
320	Duplicate Permanents
180	Notices to Renew
572	Taxi Cards
97	Certified Copy of Driving Record
106	Copies of Letters
69,400	Mimeographed Letters
313	Paid Information
26	Defaced License
15	Corrected Permanents
82	Change of Name by Marriage (Perm.)
98	Taxi Renewals
16	Restricted License
75	Exchange to Chauffeur's (Perm.)
1	Yearly Activity Report
1	Yearly Detailed Report

**DRIVER IMPROVEMENT
NEW DRIVERS LICENSED
DRIVER'S LICENSE EXAMINATION**

Captain C. Preston Poore

DRIVER IMPROVEMENT REPORT

During the fiscal year 1951-1952 the Driver Licensing Division of the Motor Vehicle Department marked many important changes.

To keep pace with the rapidly changing and fast moving highway traffic problem Driver Licensing must assume an important role and accept it's responsibility in assisting Education, Enforcement, and Engineering in their efforts to reduce accidents. In accepting these responsibilities the department must be ready to accept and make any changes necessary to raise their level of efficient operation.

To reduce the possibilities of subjectivity and to insure a uniform examination the department during the last fiscal year inaugurated the written examination.

A new Examiner's Manual was edited and put in the field just prior to all the examiners being called in for a one week in-service training school. The new manual covers the entire field of Driver Licensing including department, duties, etc. of all examiners, supervising examiner and chief examiner.

Probably the most important step to increase the efficiency of the department was legislation authorizing the issuing of biennial driver's license, expiring on the birthdate, rather than annual license expiring on May 31st of each year. The new system will result in a tremendous saving to the department and scatter the work load over a twelve months period. This system has long been recognized as the most efficient nature of issuing driver's license.

To eliminate congestion at the Wilmington office and to better serve the populace of that community and New Castle County the appointment system was put into effect. This system of appointment for the license examination has been well accepted and has eliminated the long wait which was necessary under the old system.

**STATE OF DELAWARE
DRIVER IMPROVEMENT BUREAU**

July 1st, 1951 to July 1st, 1952

CASES REVIEWED	1874	AGE GROUP	
CASES REQUIRING ACTION..	1874	Teens	234
Accidents	367	Twenties	777
Repeated Violators	190	Thirties	475
Bad Driving Record	1150	Forties	219
Misc. Cases	167	Fifties	101
	<u>1874</u>	Sixties	42
		Seventies	22
		Eighties	4
		Nineties	0
			<u>1874</u>
RE-EXAMINATION	482		
Passed	462		
Failed	20		
FORM LETTERS MAILED	1874	MALE	1818
No. 1 Letter	1049	FEMALE	56
No. 2 Letter	101		<u>1874</u>
No. 3 Letter	190		
Accident Letters	367		
Special Letters	167		
	<u>1874</u>		
INTERVIEWS	492	WHITE	1356
CASES REFERRED TO		COLORED	516
COMMISSIONER	416	INDIAN	2
Drivers Put on Probation...	153		<u>1874</u>
Licenses Suspended	263		
TOTAL NUMBER OF LETTERS REQUIRED TO			
COMPLETE THE ABOVE CASES			3,605
THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY MANDATORY REVOCATIONS			

DRIVERS IMPROVEMENT BUREAU

	Cases for Action	Accidents	Repeated Violators	Bad Driving Record	Misc. Cases	Examinations	Interviews	Suspensions	Probation
1944	165	23	9	177	7	25	30	11	5
1945	418	65	28	308	17	92	99	21	12
1946	584	129	31	406	18	172	174	60	36
1947	793	172	43	542	36	244	236	109	70
1948	1007	250	105	562	90	431	403	172	90
1949	1014	316	102	467	129	471	460	183	109
1950	1146	366	79	571	130	474	474	146	144
1951	1874	367	190	1150	167	482	492	263	153

STATE OF DELAWARE
NEW DRIVERS LICENSED
July 1st, 1951 to July 1st, 1952

NEW CASTLE COUNTY

New Drivers	4207	
Out of State	5052	
Lapsed License	360	
Reckless Driving	0	
Driving Drunk	28	
		9647

KENT COUNTY

New Drivers	1003	
Out of State	937	
Lapsed License	68	
Reckless Driving	0	
Driving Drunk	20	
		2028

SUSSEX COUNTY

New Drivers	1316	
Out of State	921	
Lapsed License	52	
Reckless Driving	0	
Driving Drunk	17	
		2306

TOTAL	2306	13981
# New Drivers	6526	
" Out of State	6910	
* Lapsed License	480	
@ Reckless Driving	0	
% Driving Drunk	65	
		13981

Never licensed before
" Had valid license from another state
* Waited more than one year before obtaining license
@ License had been revoked for three convictions
% License had been revoked

**STATE OF DELAWARE
DRIVER'S LICENSE EXAMINATIONS
DAILY SUMMARY**

July 1, 1951 to July 1, 1952

Office Dover

EXAMINATIONS REQUIRED

	1	2	3	4	5		
Vision	17,715	27				Passed	17,742
	323	1				Failed	324
Road Signs	17,480	15	1			Passed	17,496
	61	1				Failed	62
Road Rules	16,344	168	18			Passed	16,530
	1,295	39	3			Failed	1,337
Driving	7,159	31	6			Passed	7,196
	265	11	2			Failed	278
EXAMINATIONS GIVEN	24,832					DRIVING TEST GIVEN	7,474
Passed operator test	12,320					AGE GROUPS	
Passed chauffeur test	1,416					Teens	6,568
Failed test	2,690					Twenties	9,413
Driving permits issued.....	7,807					Thirties	5,283
Taxicab drivers	599					Forties	2,274
LICENSES ISSUED:						Fifties	939
Annual						Sixties	318
operator	12,510					Seventies	33
chauffeur	528					Eighties	4
Permanent						Ninties	0
operator	0					COLOR:	
chauffeur	0					White	21,037
ORIGINAL APPLICANTS	7,620					Black	3,782
EXCHANGE LICENSE:						Others	13
Delaware operator to						Male	14,761
chauffeur	1,026					Female	10,071
New residents obtaining						RE-EXAMINATIONS FOR:	
Delaware driver's license...	6,852					Accidents	4
REQUIRED GLASSES	3,940					Leaving scene	0
SPECIAL EXAMINATIONS						Drunken Driving	50
Student drivers	644					Reckless driving	10
Taxi	599					Others	22
						Driving tests	24

STATE OF DELAWARE
MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION
January 1, 1952 to July 1, 1952

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY DEPARTMENT

Harry P. Jones
Director

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Deputy Director

Mr. Harold H. Keller
Motor Vehicle Commissioner
State Highway Department
Dover, Delaware

The Delaware Financial Responsibility Law was an act passed by the Delaware State Legislature effective January 1, 1952 for the purpose of protecting everyone in Delaware against financially irresponsible owners and operators of motor vehicles who became involved in accidents. It also promotes street and highway safety by giving the State the authority to remove habitual accident causers from our highways. This type of statute has the unqualified endorsement of every important safety organization in the country. It has also been endorsed by the automobile clubs and associations.

The Delaware Financial Responsibility law as passed, called for a Director, a Deputy Director and a secretary. This department has grown to such an extent that we now have four clerks in addition to the personnel recommended by the law. We have only been in operation six months, but it is not too soon to know that we have a smooth running organization. One that is doing a good job in enforcing the provisions of the Delaware Financial Responsibility Law. We have collected \$4,511.00 and \$1,300.00 in bonds now on deposit with the State Treasurer. We often have an individual come into the office with a "chip on his shoulder" so to speak. They always appear to leave satisfied with a clearer understanding of the law, how it works and our problems in making it work.

You will observe that the accidents involving out of State cars is exceedingly high. We feel that some type of reciprocal agreement should be made with the various states; at least those bordering our State, whereby, the law of each State would be more effective insofar as the suspension of licenses and registrations are concerned. We also feel that

there are a few changes that could be made at the next session of our State Legislature; such as, specified handling of accident occurring on private property, accidents involving implements of husbandry, actual collision, etc. We would also recommend that it be written in the law to specifically cite it to be illegal to sell or transfer a vehicle that has been involved in an accident before the sixty day period has expired that is required in the law as it is now written. So many people do sell or transfer this vehicle just to escape the penalty of losing their registration and also to escape the filing of proof of financial responsibility. In other words, if it were written in the law that it would be illegal to sell or transfer a car within (90) ninety days of an accident, this office would still have time to thoroughly process the case in every respect and still have time to obtain that particular registration if other proof of financial responsibility was not on file within the required sixty day period.

We would like to mention now that we have had excellent cooperation from the inspectors and personnel from each of the Motor Vehicle Lanes and the City and County Police have cooperated to the fullest extent in obtaining licenses and registrations that should have been mailed to this office as requested. We would find it very difficult to execute this portion of the law without the full cooperation of the police and inspection lanes, especially since the law as written does not specify sufficient funds to employ the necessary personnel to handle this very important phase of this law.

	Jan., Feb. & March	April	May	June	Police Reports (Not Prev. incl)	Totals
Number of accidents...	744	427	402	503	507	2,583
No Insurance Out of	44	73	128	157		402
State cars	400	142	157	224		923
Injuries	291	172	187	216		866
Suspensions...						440
Property damage ...	\$390,980.00	\$149,694.00	\$186,217.00	\$209,692.00		\$936,583.00

Respectfully submitted,
 Harry P. Jones, Director
 Financial Responsibility