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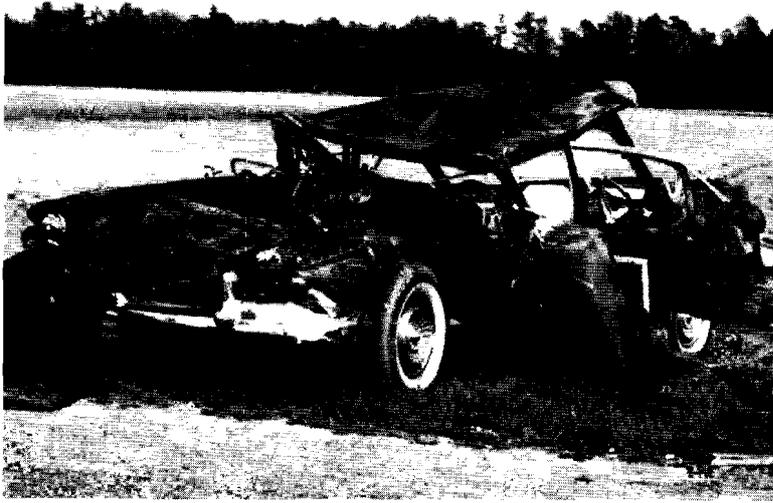
I respectfully submit herewith a report of the activities of the Delaware State Police for the calendar year 1961. This report includes the important items in each of the State Police Divisions.

The excellent support and assistance rendered by the Members of the State Highway Commission is sincerely appreciated.

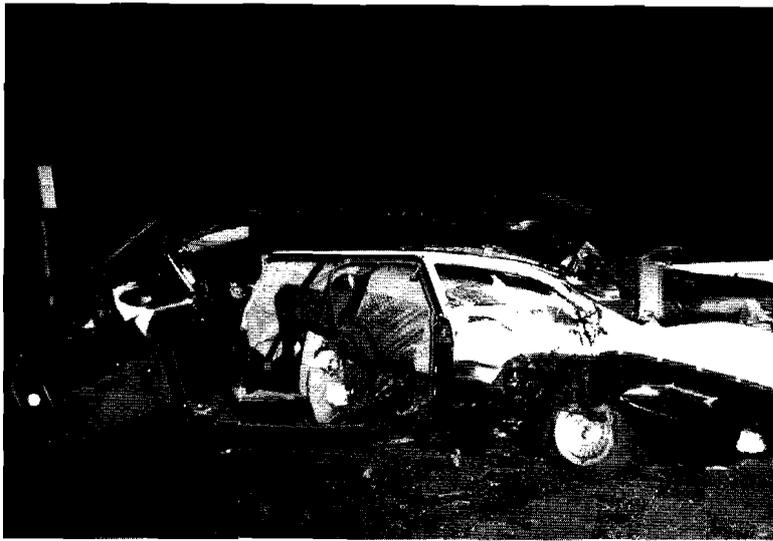
Very truly yours,

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**SPEED KILLS**



**IF YOU DRINK — DON'T DRIVE**

## **ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION**

The year 1961 proved to be a very successful one in the field of traffic safety. The traffic death rate was the lowest on record in the history of the state.

The Delaware State Police received the "Outstanding Achievement Award" for the fourth time for accomplishments in highway safety. This award was made by the International Association of Chiefs of Police and was presented to the Department by His Excellency Governor Elbert N. Carvel.

Legislation was enacted by the General Assembly authorizing the complement of State Police to be increased from 180 men to 250 men. These officers will do much to cause a reduction in the statewide accident experience, as well as providing additional police services to the citizens of our state. A great deal of credit should be given to the members of the General Assembly for supporting this legislation and for their foresight in the field of public safety.

Colonel John P. Ferguson was elected chairman of the State and Provincial Section of the International Association of Chiefs of Police for the year 1961. Colonel Ferguson was the first Delaware State Police Superintendent to be accorded this high honor and it is a credit to the Department and the state as well.

The National Safety Council announced that Delaware will be the recipient of the third annual "Flame of Life" Award. The award is presented to one state and two cities annually. All phases of safety are considered, and 30% of the complete evaluation stemmed from the Traffic Safety Program.

## **TRAFFIC BUREAU**

### **GENERAL**

The most significant occurrence in the field of traffic supervision in the year 1961 is the exceptionally fine reduction in the number of deaths on our streets and highways. In 1960, 83 persons lost their lives on the highways outside the City of Wilmington and last year, 1961, this tragic loss was reduced to 57. This is a saving of 26 lives, and it is a source of satisfaction and encouragement to the

members of this department and all others concerned with the traffic problem.

Traffic deaths are the result of traffic accidents; and if we are to continue to save lives, accidents must be prevented. This is our objective.

### TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

The following table illustrates the steady increase in traffic accidents during the past five years. These figures are presented in order to give an overall picture of the accident problem for the period. (All figures contained in this report exclude the City of Wilmington).

**TABLE I**

Year	Fatal Accidents	Personal Injury Accidents	Property Damage Accidents	Total	Deaths	Injuries
1957	72	1,175	4,793	6,040	83	1,791
1958	62	1,109	4,939	6,110	74	1,721
1959	65	1,227	4,903	6,195	75	1,954
1960	67	1,335	5,572	6,974	83	2,080
1961	51	1,376	5,807	7,234	57	2,127

The deaths resulting from these accidents are an appalling waste of human life. In the past five years, 372 persons have been killed on our highways and 9,673 persons were injured during the same period.

### Accident Experience in 1961

The tables below present a closer look at the accident problem in 1961 by Troop areas and by county.

**TABLE II**

#### ACCIDENTS — BY TROOP AREA

Troop	Fatal Accidents	Personal Injury Accidents	Property Damage Accidents	Total	Deaths	Injuries
1	2	230	1,146	1,378	2	328
2	16	599	2,697	3,312	18	899
3	11	219	1,031	1,261	12	333
4	12	184	488	697	15	334
5	10	144	445	586	10	233
	51	1,376	5,807	7,234	57	2,127

**TABLE III**

County	Fatal Accidents	Personal Injury Accidents	Property Damage Accidents	Total	Deaths	Injuries
New Castle	19	841	3,878	4,738	22	1,243
Kent	13	239	1,106	1,358	13	363
Sussex	19	296	823	1,138	22	521
	<u>51</u>	<u>1,376</u>	<u>5,807</u>	<u>7,234</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>2,127</u>

The 7,234 accidents investigated have been classified as outlined below in order to indicate the nature of the collisions. It is of interest to note that 25 fatal accidents, or 49 percent, involved single vehicles colliding with fixed objects, overturning in the roadway, or running off the roadway. These accidents resulted in the death of 27 persons, or 47 percent of those killed last year.

**TABLE IV  
CLASSIFICATION OF ACCIDENTS**

	Fatal	Personal Injury	Property Damage	Total	Deaths	Injuries
Collision of						
Motor Vehicle with:						
Pedestrian .....	8	131	--	139	8	138
Other motor vehicle .....	18	778	4,561	5,297	22	1,357
Railroad .....	—	1	11	12	—	1
Animal-drawn vehicle .....	—	2	2	4	—	4
Bicycle .....	—	49	4	53	—	51
Animal .....	—	2	99	101	—	4
Fixed object .....	3	93	355	452	5	134
Other:						
Overturned in roadway .....	2	25	43	75	3	32
Ran off roadway .....	20	266	717	1,003	19	376
Other non-collision .....	—	30	63	98	—	30
	<u>51</u>	<u>1,377</u>	<u>5,805</u>	<u>7,234</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>2,127</u>

Table V summarizes the predominant traffic violations and circumstances or their combination, found to have been contributing factors in the accidents.

**TABLE V**  
**CAUSES OF ACCIDENTS**

Violation or Circumstance	Fatal Accidents	Personal Injury Accidents	Total Accidents
Speed .....	31	702	3,600
Failed to yield right-of-way .....	6	179	1,042
Wrong side of road .....	11	200	805
Improper passing .....	2	28	235
Passed STOP sign .....	7	109	456
Disregarded traffic signal .....	1	21	84
Following too closely .....	—	48	404
Improper turn .....	—	57	432
Had been drinking .....	20	283	943
Inattention .....	1	79	537
Other improper driving .....	25	331	1,751
Inadequate brakes .....	1	39	197
Improper lights .....	—	3	43
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>2,079</b>	<b>10,529</b>

As evidenced above, drinking drivers, were involved in 20 of the 51 fatal accidents, or 39 percent. It was also found that three of the seven adult pedestrian victims had been drinking, or 43 percent of the pedestrian deaths. Drink, then, was involved in 23 of the 51 fatal accidents, or 45 percent.

Table VI is a summary of the alcohol factor in fatal accidents.

**TABLE VI**  
**SUMMARY OF THE ALCOHOL FACTOR IN**  
**FATAL ACCIDENTS**  
**(Except Wilmington)**

**January 1 through December 31, 1961**

Total number of fatal accidents .....	51
Number of accidents involving a drinking driver .....	20
Percent of accidents involving a drinking driver .....	39%
Number of drivers involved in fatal accidents .....	69
Number of drinking drivers involved in fatal accidents .....	20
Percent of drivers who had been drinking .....	29%
Number of pedestrian fatal accidents (first event) .....	8
Number of pedestrian fatalities (including one child) .....	8
Number of drinking adult pedestrians .....	3
Percent of adult pedestrians who had been drinking .....	43%

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**TABLE VI (Continued)**

Total number of fatal accidents .....	51
Number of accidents involving drinking drivers or drinking adult pedestrians .....	23
Percent of accidents involving drinking drivers or drinking adult pedestrians .....	45%
Total number of drivers and adult pedestrians .....	76
Total number of drinking drivers and drinking adult pedestrians ..	23
Percent of drivers and adult pedestrians who had been drinking .....	30%

Another major contributing factor in accidents is speed, whether it be in excess of the posted speed limits or in excess of the reasonable, safe speed for the traffic, weather, and other existing conditions. There were 3,600 such violations during 1961, representing 34 percent of all violations or circumstances contributing to traffic accidents.

**Enforcement**

There is a direct relationship between the accident problem and the enforcement program. Thorough accident investigations show the seriousness and extent of the problem and provide such basic information as to the time the accidents occur, the major problem locations, the violations or circumstances found to be predominant in accidents and other related data. The information so obtained is then recorded and analyzed and serves as a basis for the enforcement program.

The primary purpose of the enforcement program is to prevent accidents. To be effective then, attention must be directed to the problem areas and to those violations contributing to the problem.

Since the drinking driver was found to be a major cause in fatal accidents, particular attention was directed to this violation. During the year members of this department arrested 635 drivers for this offense. Table VII is a breakdown of the arrests by Troop area.

**TABLE VII**  
**DRINKING-DRIVER ARRESTS IN 1961**

Troop	Number
1	128
2	230
3	63
4	113
5	101
	<u>635</u>

In addition to the above drinking drivers, it should be noted that 508 pedestrians also were arrested for walking on the highway while under the influence of intoxicating liquor.

In an effort to control speed on the highways, this division has utilized the unmarked patrol car, radar, and, the airplane. A total of 7,189 arrests were made for violations of the speed statutes for the year.

For purposes of controlling speed from the airplane, ten ¼-mile strips were marked on highways throughout the state. This, of course, provided marking for twenty directions of travel. With the highway so marked, the airplane observer times the vehicles below as they pass through the marked areas and converts the number of seconds into miles per hour. The description of those vehicles exceeding the speed limit is then radioed to a standby patrol vehicle and enforcement action is taken.

Table VIII shows a summary of the speed enforcement action taken through the use of the airplane and by radar.

**TABLE VIII**

Troop	Radar	Airplane
1	150	—
2	197	37
3	513	2
4	245	—
5	4	65
	<u>1,109</u>	<u>104</u>

## Traffic Reprimands

In addition to the arrests made for traffic violations, 169,884 reprimands were issued for unsafe driving practices, license and registration offenses, equipment found to be defective, and for other offenses.

Pedestrian reprimands were issued to 1,749 persons who were found to be walking on or along the highways in an unsafe manner.

**TABLE IX**  
**STATEWIDE SUMMARY OF COMPLETED**  
**TRAFFIC ARRESTS (1961)**

<b>Day of Week</b>		<b>Color</b>	
Monday	2,548	White	15,106
Tuesday	2,376	Other	4,855
Wednesday	2,248		
Thursday	2,321	<b>Sex</b>	
Friday	3,527	Male	18,160
Saturday	3,819	Female	1,801
Sunday	3,122		
<b>Age</b>		<b>Month</b>	
17 and younger	732	January	1,418
18-19	1,942	February	1,294
20-24	4,416	March	1,838
25-34	5,213	April	1,689
35-44	4,002	May	1,907
45-54	2,256	June	1,763
55-64	933	July	1,968
65-74	359	August	1,884
75 and older	89	September	1,847
		October	1,599
<b>Origin</b>		November	1,320
Resident	11,969	December	1,434
Non-resident	7,992		
<b>Type of Vehicle</b>			
Passenger car	17,034	Taxi	13
Car & trailer	11	Bus	68
Truck	1,604	School bus	18
Tractor and trailer	911	Motorcycle	112
Other truck combinations	25	Motorscooter bike	21
Farm tractor and equipment	5	Other	121

TABLE IX (Continued)

ARRESTS FOR MOTOR VEHICLE LAW VIOLATIONS  
SUMMARIZED BY TROOP

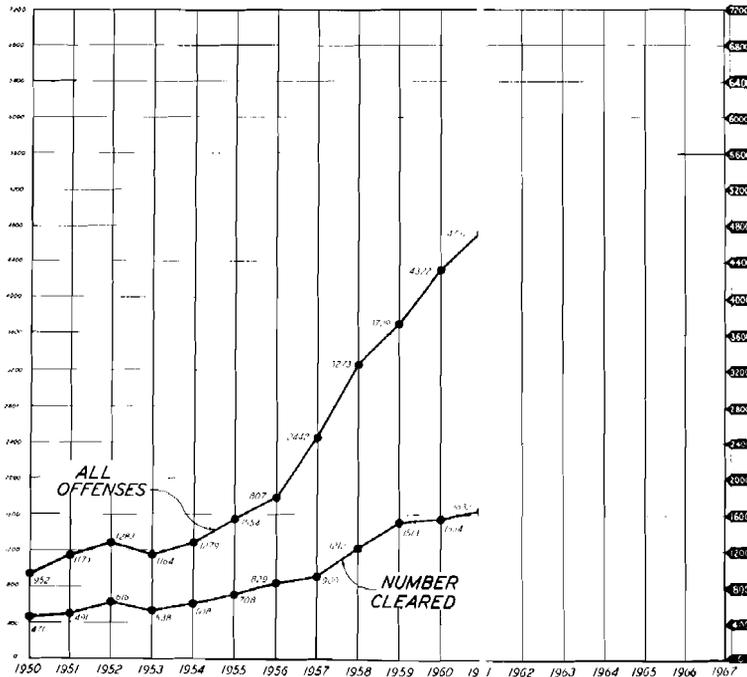
	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	TOTAL
Driving under alcoholic influence .....	127	230	62	113	102	634
Exceeding speed limit .....	942	1,658	889	1,069	1,242	5,800
Exceeding safe speed .....	275	477	217	203	217	1,389
Did not yield right-of-way .....	69	108	57	44	36	314
Driving on wrong side of road .....	117	134	58	61	18	388
Following too close .....	94	120	76	40	21	351
Improper passing .....	175	217	33	134	29	588
Passed stopped school bus .....	8	1	6	2	1	18
Failure to signal .....	67	150	59	27	30	333
Improper turn .....	57	77	46	25	25	230
Stopped in illegal zone .....	22	50	19	49	18	158
Ignored STOP sign or signal .....	377	570	87	210	179	1,423
Reckless driving .....	100	226	161	126	201	814
Manslaughter .....	6	6	3	3	3	21
Assault with vehicle .....	—	2	—	1	1	4
Pedestrian under alcoholic influence .....	88	222	70	88	38	506
Other pedestrian violations .....	37	129	10	20	11	207
Faulty brakes .....	43	152	89	147	35	466
Other moving violations .....	203	235	158	127	136	859
Leaving scene of accident .....	26	72	31	17	5	151
Failure to report accident .....	74	138	46	50	33	341
Faulty license or registration .....	673	1,374	419	552	437	3,455
Faulty muffler .....	171	262	82	78	45	638
Other equipment faulty .....	20	24	8	12	4	68
Oversize or overweight .....	2	91	52	49	43	237
Littering .....	5	18	12	13	8	56
All other violations .....	179	197	24	69	22	491
Arrests by Hq personnel .....	—	—	—	—	—	21
TOTAL .....	3,957	6,940	2,774	3,329	2,940	19,961

## BUREAU OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

During 1961 the Bureau investigated a total of 14,780 criminal complaints, an increase of 1.4 percent over the previous year (14,564). Of the 14,730 complaints investigated during 1961, Troops 1 and 2 received and investigated 3,406 and 7,430 respectively, a total of 10,836 complaints.

### PART I CRIMES

HOMICIDE ——— BURGLARY  
 RAPE ——— LARCENY  
 ROBBERY ——— AUTO THEFT  
 AGGRAVATED ASSAULT — ARSON



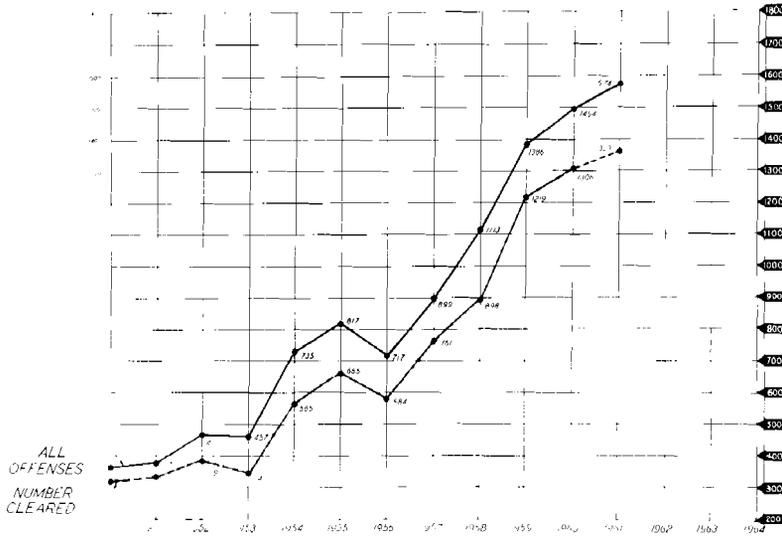
### COMPARISON: 1960-1961

#### PART I Crimes (Serious)

	Total Cases	Cases Cleared	Persons Arrested
1961	4,732	1,632 (34.4%)	1,948
1960	4,322	1,564 (36.1%)	1,954

A decrease in all Part I crimes was registered in 1961 with the exception of burglary and petit larceny cases, which increased by 211 and 292 respectively, a 16.6 percent increase in burglary cases and a 12.2 percent increase in petit larceny cases.

### PART II CRIMES

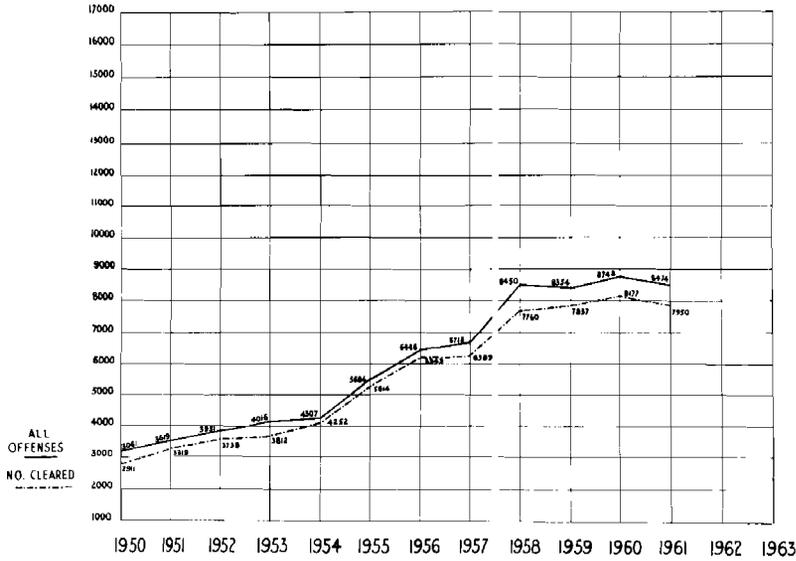


### PART II Crimes (Less Serious)

	Total Cases	Cases Cleared	Persons Arrested
1961	1,574	1,363 (86.5%)	941
1960	1,494	1,306 (87.4%)	826

A decrease was registered in all Part II crimes with the exception of forgery, sex offenses, and unlawful flight. Sex offenses, excluding rape and prostitution, increased from a total of 143 in 1960 to 207 in 1961, a 44.7 percent increase.

### PART III CRIMES



### PART III CRIMES (Misdeemeanors)

	Total Cases	Cases Cleared	Persons Arrested
1961	8,474	7,950 (93.8%)	2,311
1960	8,748	8,177 (93.4%)	2,764

Part III crimes decreased by 274, or 3.1%

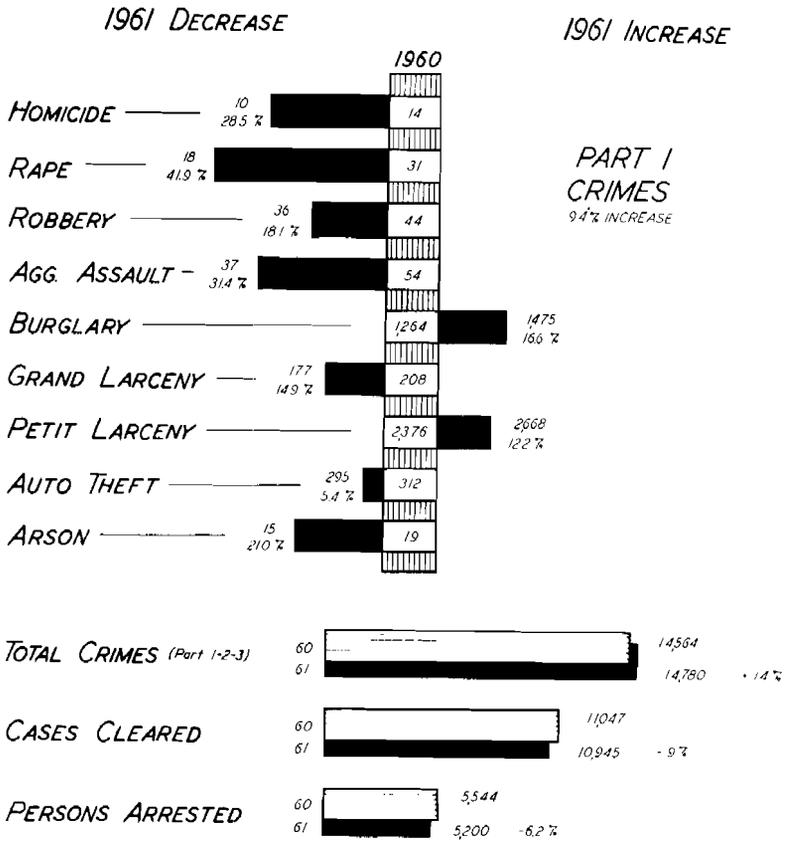
### ALL CRIMES

	Total Cases	Cases Cleared	Persons Arrested
1957	10,056	8,057 (80.5%)	4,254
1958	12,836	9,870 (76.8%)	4,899
1959	13,469	10,569 (78.4%)	5,258
1960	14,564	11,047 (75.8%)	5,544
1961	14,780	10,945 (74.0%)	5,200

### VALUE OF PROPERTY STOLEN — RECOVERED

	Stolen	Recovered	Percentage
1961	\$297,852.00	\$54,152.00	18.1
1960	\$322,049.00	\$59,211.00	15.2

# RURAL CRIME TRENDS



## JUVENILE ARRESTS

	1961	1960
Murder and manslaughter .....	1	1
Rape .....	1	1
Robbery .....	5	3
Aggravated assault .....	1	7
Burglary .....	445	599
Larceny (except auto theft) .....	277	254
Auto theft .....	112	151
Other assaults .....	19	13
Forgery .....	12	8
Embezzlement and fraud .....	1	3
Stolen property: buying, receiving, possess ng .....	5	4
Weapons: carrying, possessing .....	13	19
Prostitution and commercialized vice .....	0	0
Sex offenses (except rape and prostitution) .....	63	19
Offenses against family and children .....	9	13
Narcotic drug laws .....	0	1
Liquor laws .....	1	5
Drunkenness .....	7	3
Disorderly conduct .....	19	19
Vagrancy .....	3	2
Gambling .....	0	2
All other offenses .....	368	449
<b>TOTALS</b> .....	1,362	1,576

## BURGLARY

	Offenses	Cleared	Percentage
Troop 1 .....	356	129	36.2
Troop 2 .....	722	256	35.4
Troop 3 .....	190	68	35.7
Troop 4 .....	130	59	45.3
Troop 5 .....	77	39	50.6
Totals .....	1,475	551 (Statewide)	37.3

## LARCENY OFFENSES

	Offenses	Cleared	Percentage
1961 .....	2,845	858	30.3
1960 .....	2,584	767	29.6

Larceny offenses increased by 9.9 percent during 1961 compared to 1960.

### LARCENY OFFENSES BY TROOP

	Offenses	Cleared	Percentage
Troop 1 .....	835	177	21.1
Troop 2 .....	1,433	431	30.0
Troop 3 .....	219	107	48.8
Troop 4 .....	230	84	36.5
Troop 5 .....	128	59	46.0
Totals .....	2,845	858 (Statewide)	30.0

### PERSONS ARRESTED AND RELEASED TO OTHER AUTHORITIES

	1961	1960
Armed Forces .....	14	13
Ferris Industrial School .....	17	31
Woodshaven School .....	11	7
Kruse School .....	0	2
Governor Bacon Health Center .....	19	12
Delaware State Hospital .....	95	79
FBI or other Federal agency .....	33	44
Other police departments .....	119	155
Parents .....	84	67
Others .....	9	6
Totals .....	401	416

### AUTO THEFT AND RECOVERY

	1961	1960
Rural Delaware .....	295	312
Total Recovered .....	272	292
(a) by State Police .....	140	184
(b) by other jurisdictions .....	72	69
(c) otherwise .....	60	39
Percentage of stolen cars recovered .....	92.2	93.5
Automobiles recovered for other jurisdictions (except Wilmington) .....	53	52
Automobiles recovered for Wilmington .....	47	75

NOTE: A total of 23 cars stolen during 1961 were not recovered by the end of that year. However, 8 of the 23 have been recovered during 1962 at this writing on June 7, 1962, leaving a total of 15 outstanding.

### AUTO THEFT CASES PROCESSED, BY TROOP

Troop	1	2	3	4	5	Totals
Thefts .....	70	190	24	8	3	295
Recovered .....	63	176	23	7	3	272
(a) By State Police .....	37	89	10	4	0	140
(b) By other jurisdiction .....	14	44	8	3	3	72
(c) Otherwise .....	12	43	5	0	0	60
Percentage of recovery ..	90.0	92.6	95.8	87.5	100.0	92.5
Automobiles recovered for other jurisdictions (except Wilmington) ....	7	28	2	4	8	49
Automobiles recovered for Wilmington .....	14	30	0	1	0	45

### HOMICIDE INVESTIGATIONS, BY TROOP

	Offenses		Cleared	
	1961	1960	1961	1960
Troop 1 .....	1	0	1	0
Troop 2 .....	3	4	3	2
Troop 3 .....	3	2	3	2
Troop 4 .....	4	7	3	7
Troop 5 .....	0	1	0	1
TOTALS .....	11	14	10	12

All homicides committed during 1961 were solved. However, Tilman Williams, who is responsible for the murder of Ezzie E. Fulse in the jurisdiction of Troop 4 has not been apprehended.

### BUSINESS PLACES CHECKED

	1961	1960
Troop 1 .....	78,429	30,068
Troop 2 .....	72,108	4,313
Troop 3 .....	15,132	18,314
Troop 4 .....	17,154	18,519
Troop 5 .....	14,537	14,492
TOTALS .....	193,360	85,706

## BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION

The Delaware State Police State Bureau of Identification criminal fingerprint files surpassed the 113,000 mark in the period ending December 31, 1961. During that year the bureau reports indicate a 9.5 percent decrease in the number of criminal fingerprints received from all contributors, for a total of 7,019 fingerprint cards as against 7,763 the year before.

Of all criminal fingerprint cards processed during the year 1961, 3,640 were identified with prior criminal record (51.8 percent recidivists, or repeaters). The criminal fingerprint cards submitted to the Bureau from the Troops of the Department decreased 10.4 percent over the previous year: 3,521 as compared to 3,930 received.

The Applicant and Personal Identification fingerprint cards received increased from 149 to 596 cards, an increase of 300 percent over the preceding year.

Palm prints contributed by the Troops increased 288 percent, a total of 400 palm print cards for 1961 as compared with 103 for 1960.

The criminal record checks, made either by name check only or a set of fingerprints, for other police agencies, Armed Service Recruiting Officer, probation offices, and the Delaware Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission, witnessed a 44.7 percent increase, there being requests for 7,071 checks in 1961 as against 4,886 the previous year. Of this total 6,186 were identified without any criminal record.

The photographic service of the State Bureau of Identification decreased by 1.3 percent during the year. A total of 17,972 photographs and photostats were processed as compared to 18,209 the preceding year.

Sixteen fugitives who were identified as a result of arrests made in this state were wanted by other jurisdictions for various offenses including bad checks, escape, removal of mortgaged property, and violation of probation and parole.

Firearm registrations on file with the bureau on December 31, 1961, totaled 5,563; 318 being firearms registered during the year as compared to 270, a 17.7 percent increase, over the previous year.

During the year the Bureau received latent prints which had been developed and lifted at 8 separate crime scenes for comparison purposes and were identified as those of the perpetrator. The following cases illustrate their value.

On August 6, 1961, the Lynnhaven Inn, DuPont Highway, New Castle, was burglarized, the safe forced open, and approximately \$250.00 in currency removed. Latent prints on an exhaust fan were developed and photographed by the investigating officer from State Police Troop #2. On November 16, 1961, these prints were compared with those of a suspect who had been interrogated without results about this offense; the latent prints were identified as his. The suspect, when confronted with this evidence, readily admitted the crime and approximately 40 additional burglaries. On March 2, 1962, the suspect received a one year imprisonment sentence.

Identification of an unknown colored male who had been removed while unconscious from a rural labor camp to the Kent General Hospital was made on August 22, 1961, from a set of his fingerprints submitted to the Bureau. Search of the bureau's file revealed his identity, age, and address. Subject had been arrested by State Police on July 6, 1960, on a charge of drunk on the highway; records made at this time thus made possible a valuable humanitarian service.

Identification of an unknown white male found dead in a ditch along US Rt. #13, Wilmington Manor, New Castle, was made on April 3, 1961, from a set of fingerprints of the deceased. Search of the bureau's files revealed his identity and address. Subject had a prior criminal record on file.

**IDENTIFICATION SUMMARY FOR 1961**

1. Applicants .....	310
2. Personal identification fingerprint cards received .....	286
3. "Wanted" circulars received .....	1,465
4. "Wanted" circulars cancelled .....	1,652
5. Source of criminal fingerprint cards:	
Headquarters .....	1
Troop 1 .....	533
Troop 2 .....	1,341
Troop 3 .....	527
Troop 4 .....	738
Troop 5 .....	382
Delaware Memorial Bridge Police .....	88

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**IDENTIFICATION SUMMARY (Continued)**

Dover Police Department .....				299
Harrington Police Department .....				15
Laurel Police Department .....				36
Milford Police Department .....				17
Newark Police Department .....				226
New Castle County Police Department .....				216
Kent County Correctional Institution .....				1,627
New Castle County Correctional Institution .....				575
Sussex County Correctional Institution .....				105
Newport Police Department .....				1
Seaford Police Department .....				234
Smyrna Police Department .....				2
New York State Police .....				1
Pennsylvania State Police .....				44
Philadelphia Police Department .....				6
Salem, New Jersey, Police Department .....				4
Trenton, New Jersey, Police Department .....				1
			<b>TOTAL</b> .....	7,019
6. Palm fingerprint cards received .....				400
7. Previous Arrests:				
Delaware State Police .....	1	714		
All Other Agencies .....	1	926		
			<b>TOTAL</b> .....	3,640
8. Indices checked for Other Investigating Agencies:				
Without record .....	6	186		
With record .....		885		
			<b>TOTAL</b> .....	7,071
9. Photographic Service:				
	<b>Departments</b>	<b>Negatives Developed</b>	<b>Photos Printed</b>	<b>Photostatic Copies Printed</b>
	Headquarters	702	224	11,245
	Troop 1	405	481	.....
	Troop 2	697	588	.....
	Troop 3	342	195	.....
	Troop 4	342	266	.....
	Troop 5	387	78	.....
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,875</b>	<b>3,852</b>	<b>11,245</b>
			<b>TOTAL</b> .....	17,972
10. Rogues Gallery:				
White Race .....			867	
Other Races .....			747	
			<b>TOTAL</b> .....	1,614
11. Firearms registration:				
Revolvers and pistols .....			261	
Shotguns .....			7	
Rifles .....			50	
			<b>TOTAL</b> .....	318
12. Stolen firearms .....				15
13. Outboard registrations .....				0
14. Stolen outboards .....				5

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**TOTAL IDENTIFICATION ON FILE**  
as of December 31, 1961

	1960	1961
Criminal fingerprints .....	106,443	113,462
Criminal with previous records .....	48,759	52,399
Personal identification and applicant fingerprints .....	17,069	17,665
Firearms registrations .....	5,245	5,563
Outboard registrations .....	175	000
Rogues gallery:		
White .....	16,936	17,803
Other .....	14,308	15,055

**COMPARISON OF 1960 & 1961**

	1960	1961
Applicants .....	124	310
Personal identification fingerprints .....	25	286
"Wanted" circulars received .....	1,432	1,465
"Wanted" circulars cancelled .....	1,055	1,652
Criminal fingerprints .....	7,763	7,019
Previous arrests .....	3,923	3,640
Indices checked for other agencies .....	4,886	7,071
Photographic service .....	18,209	17,972
Rogues gallery .....	2,046	1,614
Firearms registrations .....	270	318
Firearms stolen .....	10	15
Outboard registrations .....	24	00
Stolen outboards .....	5	5
Palm prints .....	103	400

**FINANCE DIVISION**

**PERSONNEL**

At the end of 1961 there were 176 uniformed and plainclothes members of the Division, including three on military leave and one on temporary retirement. In addition, there were 47 civilian employees such as secretaries, clerks, mechanics, custodians, radio operators, and teletype operators.

Overtime amounted to 26,688 hours, for which there is no monetary compensation but extra time is granted as circumstances permit. During last year 4,117 hours of time off was granted, leaving a net of 22,571 overtime hours

without repayment. The table below shows the distribution of overtime worked by the troops.

	Gross	Compensated by Hours	Net
Troop 1 .....	5,740½	692½	5,048
Troop 2 .....	7,212½	1,454½	5,758
Troop 3 .....	4,424	609½	3,814½
Troop 4 .....	3,114½	303½	2,811
Troop 5 .....	1,969½	468	1,501½
Headquarters .....	4,226½	589	3,637½
Total .....	26,687½	4,117	22,570½

### MOTOR VEHICLES

During the year 2,920,310 miles were traveled at a total cost of \$71,222.59. This represents an average cost of 2.43 cents per mile.

Number of passenger vehicles .....	99
Maintenance Cost (including mechanics' salaries) .....	\$37,868.06
Operating Cost .....	\$33,354.53
Total Cost .....	\$71,222.59
Gallons of gasoline .....	223,413
Quarts of oil .....	6,904
Miles operated .....	2,920,310
Maintenance cost per mile .....	\$ .0125
Operating cost per mile .....	\$ .0118
Total cost per mile .....	\$ .0243*
Miles per gallon (average) .....	13

\*Does not include the original cost of vehicle nor the trade-in value.

There are also seven trucks in the motor fleet, including a wrecker. During the year a snowplow was designed to be attached to the wrecker for cleaning the area around the headquarters building.

### MISCELLANEOUS

Arctic fur caps became a part of the Delaware State Police uniform during February 1961. This cap is carried in the patrol cars and used when the officers are exposed to cold weather. The new summer straw campaign hat was first worn during the month of May 1961.

In April 1961 the Highway Department put into effect a longevity pay scale for members of the Delaware State Police Division.

## TRAINING DIVISION

### IN-SERVICE TRAINING

The 20th Annual In-Service Training School was conducted in two one-week sessions during the weeks of October 23, 1962, and November 6, 1961, at the Army Reserve Training Center in Dover. The highlight of the school was a four-hour lecture presented by Special Agent Walter McLaughlin, of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, on "The Sex Offender in the Community." Other topics covered were "Transportation of Atomic Weapons and Accident Hazards" and "Survival of Attack," by Lieutenant Andrew Thompson, Disaster Officer at Dover Air Force Base; "Crime Scene Searches" by Special Agent Louis Ghecas, of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; "Use, Effects, and Identification of Barbiturates," by Mr. Joseph Belson, of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration; "Insulin Shock and Reaction," by Dr. Charles Levy, of the Academy of Medicine; "The Fugitive Search Plan," currently in use by this division; "Death by Asphyxia" by Dr. Phillip Quigley, State Medical Examiner; certain aspects of traffic work, (such as Manual Control of Traffic," "Hit and Run Investigations," and "Determining the Time of Death").

### SPECIAL TRAINING

Several members attended advance police schools in other states. Detectives Frederick Harlburt, John VanSant, and Charles Vaughn, and Sergeant Robert Stuart attended a seminar in "Homicide Investigation" at the Harvard University Medical School.

Sergeant Richard Flynn and Sergeant Leslie Logue attended a two-week traffic course at the University of Maryland.

Lieutenant Hugh Collins and Corporal John Walls attended a one-week course on crime and delinquency at the Frederick Moran Institute, St. Lawrence University, Canton, New York.

Lieutenant George Bullen attended a two-week seminar at the Federal Narcotics School in Washington, D.C.

Again, the Division took advantage of the extension studies offered by the University of Delaware: four members participated in the public speaking course.

With the cooperation of the State Board of Education, on February 16, 1961, twenty-two members started a class on basic Spanish taught by Mrs. Annette Emgarth, Supervisor of the Foreign Language Department for the State Board of Education. The classes were held two hours a week, once a week, throughout the year, with the exception of three summer months.

## **RECRUITS**

On April 29 and 30, 1961, the Division processed 160 applicants for recruit training. As a result of these examinations, 18 recruit troopers were selected for the class starting January 15, 1962.

## **FIREARMS DIVISION**

### **TRAINING**

The Delaware State Police troopers are required to qualify once each month in the use of their firearms. The winter firearms training program for all personnel was held in the new ranges at each Troop throughout the State. In April instruction was conducted in the use of the riot gun, machine gun, the tear gas gun and tear gas grenades. The summer firearms training program was conducted at the ranges in each county.

The Delaware Memorial Bridge Police participated in both the winter and summer qualification programs.

### **COMPETITION**

The Annual Intra-Troop Match was conducted on the Practical Pistol Course with all Troops participating. The trophy for first place was won by the team representing Troop #4, Georgetown.

The Twelfth Annual Delaware State Police Pistol Match was conducted in August for two days, with over 360 individual police entrants from various states. The Wilmington Police Team won the Colonel William A. McWilliams Trophy.

The State Police Pistol Team attended twelve pistol matches held in neighboring states. The team won 5 four-man team trophies and 4 two-man team trophies. Individual members received three trophies.

## MAINTENANCE

During the year, 54,000 rounds of .38 caliber ammunition were used. All shotgun and factory-loaded .38 caliber ammunition was replaced with new ammunition.

The Firearms Division tested 33 rifles, 3 revolvers and a shotgun, all used in the commission of crimes.

Repairs were made to 49 revolvers and 14 shotguns during the year. Four demonstrations and four speeches in the use of firearms were given at the request of civilian organizations.

## PUBLIC INFORMATION, SAFETY EDUCATION, AND YOUTH DIVISION

Officers assigned to the Public Information, Safety Education and Youth Division, along with officers from all other divisions, reached a greater number of persons than in any previous year. The greatest increase was in the number of school children addressed at elementary and secondary levels in parochial, private, and public schools throughout the state. A total of 1,241 hours was devoted to these programs, not including time expended in preparation and travel. A table listing the type of presentations and attendance figures is shown below:

### SPEECH ASSIGNMENTS

	Assignments	Number in Attendance
Canine Corps .....	63	7,315
Criminal and polygraph .....	28	1,147
*Delinquency and Crime .....	74	9,097
*Driver education .....	199	6,586
*Operation Abolition .....	175	15,955
Signal 30 (film) .....	38	4,369
Traffic .....	81	21,311
Miscellaneous .....	55	3,694
	713	69,474

\*Youth Division officers only

During 1961 there were several articles in national publications on functions of the Youth Division. *Parade Magazine* and the *Catholic Digest* carried articles on the "Letter to Parents" program; and the *Wilmington Journal Every Evening* printed an article describing the function of the Youth Division and its success with the "Letter to the Parents" Program.

More than 50 police departments throughout this nation and the Dominion of Canada have requested procedures on the operation of this division. The five officers assigned to the field in this division worked a total of 1,619 hours overtime.

A total of 1,742 children, not involved as pedestrians or motor vehicle operators, and *not arrested*, were brought to the attention of the State Police. Of these, 823 required additional follow-up investigations which were conducted by officers of this division.

Information in the Youth Division files includes :

1,725 Contacts (not arrested)  
553 Pedestrians (not arrested)  
444 Motor vehicle reprimands (1,261 violations)  
911 Motor vehicle arrests (1069 violations)  
777 Criminal arrests (966 violations)

4,410 Number of children

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24% of children arrested by State Police for a **motor vehicle** violation had been arrested previously for either a motor vehicle violation or a criminal violation.

32% of children arrested by State Police for a **criminal** violation had been arrested previously for a motor vehicle violation or a criminal violation.

176 Number of times Youth Division could furnish background information other than arrest or reprimand record on children petitioned before the Family Court or Juvenile Court.

570 Letters to Parents

410 Answers (71%)

Above were matters of:

166 Motor vehicle operators  
130 Motor vehicle passengers  
142 Pedestrians  
18 Bicycles  
73 Welfare (A number of these were also passengers in a motor vehicle.)  
41 Morals

## COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

The Communications Division experienced an increase in communication traffic in both teletype and radio messages during the past year. There were changes in procedures and methods of message handling to expedite the increased message load.

To increase the reliability of radio communication in the southern part of Sussex County, a 100-foot self-supporting tower and antenna were installed at the substation at Dewey Beach, Delaware.

The Communications Division was host to the Annual Police Teletype Network Conference which was held at the Atlantic Sands Hotel in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, in May.

The Communications Officer was appointed by the Highway Department to serve as a Director to the State Communications Division. He attended the annual conference of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) in Montreal, Canada, to aid in the preparation of the Communications Committee Report of that organization. The President of the Associated Police Communications Officers appointed Lt. George J. Bundek as Chairman of the Teletype Committee and since that time he has attended numerous meetings to help in the planning of a modern, automatic relay type of interstate teletype communications system.

Studies are being made with the objective of compiling a new Communications Manual to cover all phases of communications within the Department.

### STATISTICAL RECORDS OF THE COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION PERTAINING TO MESSAGE TRAFFIC AND EQUIPMENT RADIO AND TELETYPE MESSAGES

Total	All Troops and Headquarters	Year Ending Dec. 31, 1961
<b>Radio</b>		
Radio messages sent .....		32,488
Test message sent .....		69
Radio messages received .....		228,514
	Total Messages Traffic .....	261,071
<i>Continued</i>		

**STATISTICAL RECORDS (Continued)**

**Teletype**

**Intrastate teletype (private line)**

Sent Messages ..... 58,250

**Police Teletype Network (17 states)**

General alarm messages sent ..... 1,244

Miscellaneous messages sent ..... 974

Teletype messages received ..... 43,600

Total Messages Traffic ..... 45,818

**RADIO EQUIPMENT**

Base stations ..... 6

Mobile base station (emergency field unit) ..... 1

Radio equipped cars ..... 107

Radar sets ..... 5

**Memorial Bridge**

Base station ..... 1

Radio equipped cars ..... 9

Services rendered to other agencies having radio equipped cars operating on the Delaware State Police Radio Network are listed.

	<b>Cars</b>
Governor .....	1
State Highway Department .....	3
Attorney General's Office .....	1
Medical Examiner .....	1
State Department of Civil Defense .....	2
Federal Bureau of Investigation .....	2
New Castle County Police Department .....	7
Town police departments .....	23
Ambulances, fire companies, the American Legion, and the City of Dover .....	26
Total coordinated services .....	66